

MINUTES of MEETING of CAMPBELTOWN COMMON GOOD FUND held in the BURNET BUILDING, ST JOHN ST, CAMPBELTOWN WITH A VC LINK TO HILL ST, DUNOON AND DALRIADA HOUSE, LOCHGILPHEAD on TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2012

Present:

(Chair)
Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Donald Kelly
Alison Younger
Councillor John Semple
Central Governance Manager

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 13 DECEMBER AND 23 DECEMBER 2011

The Minute of the previous meetings held on 13 and 23 December 2011 were approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment in regards the meeting held on 23 December 2011:-

Members had a further discussion in regards the use of the £20,000 loan refund which had been placed on deposit and had requested a further report from the Head of Strategic Finance advising on possible uses for this.

3. STOCKBROKERS QUARTERLY REPORT

The current position of the report for the period 1 January 2012 to 26 February 2012 was noted.

(Ref: Report by the Head of Strategic Finance, dated 27 February 2012, submitted).

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT - ACCOUNTANT

Members reviewed the statement and noted the balance of income available until the end of the financial year.

Discussion ensued between Members in regards to the use of the £20,000.00 which has been placed on deposit following the repayment of the historical loan to Argyll and Bute Council.

Motion:

- 1) That over the next 3 years, where there is a shortfall in annual income available for the Common Good Fund to distribute, the capital may be drawn and distributed as funding for key events and festivals which bring economic benefits to the area.
- 2) That the funds available may be used as a limited 'smoothing fund' in the following circumstances: Where the Common Good Fund

does not have sufficient funding available at a given application round to meet all the intended awards it may decide, in exceptional circumstances, to advance funding from the Deposit Account so that the awards may be paid in full, without delay. This is only to be agreed on the basis that the sum of any advanced funds must be repaid in full at the next application round to the deposit account.

Moved by Councillor Donald Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Semple.

Decision:

The Motion was carried by 2 votes to 1 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

It was agreed by all parties to note that Councillor Colville's dissent lay with part (1) of the Motion, but that he was in agreement with part (2).

It was agreed that a Minute of Agreement should be drafted as to the use of the monies held within the Deposit Account and that this should be held alongside the Terms of Reference for the Campbeltown Common Good Fund. It was also noted that no report from the Head of Strategic Finance (as per Minute of 23 December) was now required.

5. COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATIONS - NEW

(a) KINTYRE SCHOOLS JUNIOR BAND

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £1000.00

(b) ARGYLL VOLUNTARY ACTION

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed that Theresa McLetchie would write to Argyll Voluntary Action explaining the limited funding available for consideration of applications and that the operation of a charity shop was not something that the Common Good Fund could support.

(c) CAMPBELTOWN CINEMA

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £500.00

(d) CAMPBELTOWN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £700.00.

Theresa McLetchie would write to the club, stating that future funding applications would be welcome.

(e) SOUTH KINTYRE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £2030.00.

(f) **MULL OF KINTYRE HALF MARATHON AND 10K**

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £1000.00.

As a key event delivering economic benefit to the area, it was agreed that this funding would come from the Deposit Account, leaving a remaining balance of £19,000.00 within that Account.

(g) **KINTYRE DISTRICT AYRSHIRE BREEDERS CLUB**

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to continue this for consideration at the next meeting.

Theresa McLetchie would write to Kintyre District Ayrshire Breeders Club explaining that Members were supportive of the application in principle. However, no guarantees could be given in respect of the level of any support.

The total amount awarded by Members equated to:

£5,230.00

As stated at Item 5 (f) – it was agreed that the award to the Mull of Kintyre Half Marathon and 10K would be taken from the Deposit Account. This would leave a balance of £19,000.00 within that Account.

It was further agreed that, in light of exceptional circumstances surrounding the previous award to the Music Festival which had depleted the Common Good Fund available, an advance of:

£1,870

would be utilised from the Deposit Account to pay the grant awards in full and that this would be repaid from income available at the next round of applications.

6. KINTYRE YOUTH FUND APPLICATIONS - NEW

Members considered the following applications.

(a) **CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £150.00.

(b) **CASTLEHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £150.00.

(c) **CARRADALE PRIMARY/DRUMLEMBLE PS**

Members considered the funding application and it was agreed to award the group £150.00.

7. THANK YOU LETTERS

Members noted letters received from:-

Campbeltown Grammar School
Scottish Community Drama Association
Argyll Federation

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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) **KINTYRE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

Members agreed to ratify the request from Kintyre Environmental Group, in regards amendments to their original application.

(Ref: A letter dated 23 December 2011, submitted).

(b) **MACHRIHANISH AIRBASE COMMUNITY COMPANY**

Members agreed to ratify the request from Machrihanish Airbase Community Company to underwrite the shortfall, as agreed at the meeting held on 13 December 2011.

(Ref: A letter dated 9 January 2012, submitted).

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No meeting date was decided upon by Members and it was agreed that a subsequent date would be scheduled after the forthcoming elections in May.

