

**The Highland Council
City of Inverness Area Committee**

Minutes of Meeting of the **Inverness Common Good Fund Grants Sub-Committee** held in the 1st Floor Committee Room, Town House, Inverness on Monday, 29 July 2013 at 9.15 am.

Present:

Mr A Christie
Mr R Laird
Mrs E McAllister
Mr T Prag
Mr G Ross
Mrs G Sinclair
Mrs J Slater

Officials in Attendance:

Mr D Haas, Inverness City Manager/Clerk
Mrs H Tolmie, Administrative Assistant, Business Support

Mr A Christie in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs H Carmichael

2. Declarations of Interest

The Sub-Committee **NOTED** the following declarations of interest:-

Item 4 Booklet A (3) – Mr T Prag (non-financial)
Item 4 Booklet B (1) – Mr T Prag (non-financial)
Item 4 Booklet B (1) – Mrs G Sinclair (non-financial)

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** that, under Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 and 9 of Part 1 of schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Requests for Financial Assistance 2012/13

There had been circulated Report No. GSC/07/13 dated 22 July 2013 by the Inverness City Manager. In this connection, there had been circulated separately a copy of the applications and any supporting documentation as Booklets A and B.

The Sub Committee **NOTED** the Financial Monitoring information contained in Appendices 1- 5. The Inverness City Manager brought to the Sub-Committee's attention that Appendix 5 would be revised to clarify that the Archie Foundation was awarded £150,000 to be paid out over two years. .

Following consideration of the applications submitted, the Sub-Committee **AGREED** to make the decisions regarding, disbursement of funds from the Grants Budget within the City of Inverness Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2013/14 as detailed in the attached schedule.

5. MacDonald Park Play Area Improvement Project

There had been circulated Report No GSC/08/13 dated 19 June 2013 by the Area Roads and Community Works Manager which requested a grant of £20,000 to complete a funding package for re-commissioning the play area in MacDonald Park in Lochardil, Inverness.

After discussion the Sub-Committee **AGREED** to recommend to the City of Inverness Area Committee that funding of £20,000 be committed towards the project.

6. Partnership for Wellbeing

There had been circulated Report No GSC/09/13 dated 19 July 2013 by the Inverness City Manager which requested payment of the grant for 2013/14 to Partnership for Wellbeing.

The Sub-Committee **AGREED** full payment of the grant should be made.

7. Inverness City Football Club

There had been circulated Report No GSC/10/13 dated 19 July 2013 by the City Manager requesting an amendment to the terms of the grant to Inverness City Football Club.

The Sub- Committee **AGREED** that the amendment be granted and full payment of the grant be made.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The Sub-Committee **NOTED** that the next meeting will take place on Monday 30 September 2013 at 9.15am.

The meeting ended at 9.50am.

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	Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Project Costs	%	Previous Beneficiary	Capital or Revenue Project	Comments	Decision
BOOKLET A - Applications Under £10,000									
2	Samaritans of Inverness	External Repairs to Samaritans building	£ 5,000.00	£ 15,000.00	33%	No	Capital	Subject to confirmation of the decision by the City Heritage Trust. The Committee also requested the applicants submit their Annual Report	AGREED up to a maximum of £5,000 dependant on the size of the award from the City Heritage Trust
3	The Green Drive Hall Committee	Installation of upgraded and energy efficient windows and curtains at the Green Drive Hall	£ 4,988.00	£ 14,250.00	35%	£3,000 approved from Ward 16 Discretionary Budget	Capital		AGREED
4	Inverness Polish Association	Employability Skills Pilot Project	£ 4,160.00	£ 4,160.00	100%	Yes	Revenue		£2,500 AGREED
5	Inverness Presbytery	Direct Access Accommodation	£ 9,500.00	£ 24,500.00	39%	Yes	Revenue	Deferred for report from H&PS with delegated authority in consultation with the Sub Committee given to the City Manager	The Sub Committee were minded to REFUSE but DEFERRED with Delegated Power to the Inverness City Manger to decide in consultation with the Sub Committee
6	Sight Action	Purchase of a Clear Reader	£ 2,095.00	£ 2,095.00	100%	No	Revenue		AGREED
Booklet B - Subvention Funding									
2	Soc Veterinary Epidemiology Preventative Medicine	SVEPM Annual Conference March 2016	£ 17,500.00	£ 17,500.00	100%	No	Revenue	Subject to Conference being held in Inverness	£8,250 AGREED
Applications Deferred									

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1	Libertie Project	Assistance with core costs towards a paid position	£ 2,025.00	£ 34,300.00	6%	No	Revenue	Clarification on project costs and funding, submission of up to date accounts and an exit strategy	
2	Scotland's Towns Partnership	Scotland's Towns Annual Conference at Eden Court Theatre November 2013	£ 20,000.00	£ 29,947.50	67%	Civic Reception Granted	Revenue	Submission of Annual Accounts	