

**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, 30 September 2013 at 9.15 am.

Present:

Mrs H Carmichael
Mr A Christie
Mr A Graham
Mr R Laird
Mrs E McAllister
Mr T Prag
Mrs G Sinclair
Mrs J Slater

Officials in Attendance:

Mr C Stephen, Ward Manager
Mr S Wardlaw, Ward Manager
Mrs T Bangor-Jones, Administrative Assistant, Chief Executives Office
Miss J Green, Administrative Assistant, Chief Executives Office
Mrs A Swanson, Secretary to Provost and Leader

Mr A Christie in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr G Ross

2. Declarations of Interest

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

Item 4 Booklet B – Mr A Graham (non-financial)
Item 4 Booklet B - Mrs J Slater (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 2013/14

There had been circulated Report No. GSC/13/13 dated 17 September 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.

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 Appendix 1.

5. Operation Respect – City Centre

There had been circulated Report No GSC/14/13 dated 19 September 2013 by the Inverness City Manager which

After discussion the Sub-committee **AGREED** to approve funding of £7,881 for Operation Respect from the Inverness Common Good Fund.

6. Blythswood Care – Highland Food Bank

There had been circulated Report No GSC/15/13 dated 18 September 2013 by the Inverness City Manager which detailed the background of a revised application for £20,000.

During discussion Members were supportive of the application and that they anticipated that Blythswood would apply on an annual basis for Highland Food Bank project funding.

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

7. Scotland's Town Partnership

The Sub-committee **Homologated** the decision to award Scotland's Town Partnership £5,000 towards their Annual Conference at Eden Court Theatre in November.

Mr C Stephen and Mrs A Swanson joined the meeting.

8. Requests for Civic Hospitality 2013/14

There was circulated Report No. GSC/16/13 which detailed applications received for Civic Hospitality from the Inverness Common Good Fund.

Following consideration of the applications submitted, the Sub-committee **AGREED** to make the decisions regarding, disbursement of funds from the Civic Hospitality Budget within the City of Inverness Common Good Fund Revenue Budget for 2013/14 as detailed in Appendix 1.

9. Delegated Authorisation

There had been circulated Report No. GSC/17/13 dated 11 September 2013 by the Inverness City Manager which invited Members to consider delegating the authorisation of small civic events up to £300, to the Inverness City Manager.

After discussion, the Sub-committee **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Inverness City Manager for small civic events up to £300.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The Sub-committee **NOTED** that the next meeting will take place on Monday 18 November 2013 at 9.15am.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am.

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Appendix 1

	Applicant	Project	Amount Requested	Project Costs	%	Previous Beneficiary	Capital or Revenue Project	Comments	Decision
BOOKLET A - Applications Under £10,000									
1	Destination Loch Ness Ltd	Tourism BID for Loch Ness & Inverness	£ 5,000.00	£39,092.00	13%	No	Revenue		AGREED
2	Libertie Project	Assistance with Core Costs towards a paid position in the Libertie Project	£ 2,750.00	£34,300.00	8%	No	Revenue	Delegated to Officers for discussion with the Head of Social Care	AGREED
3	Inverness YMCA "CYC"	Creating a training venue	£ 6,000.00	£41,000.00	15%	Yes - Ward Discretionary	Revenue		AGREED
4	Highland Homeless Trust	The "65 Bridge Challenge"	£ 2,934.00	£4,699.00	62%	Yes - £1,500 Sept '12	Revenue		REFUSED
5	Scottish Waterways Trust	Caledonian Canal Heritage Project	£ 8,000.00	£96,440.50	8%	Yes - Ward Discretionary	Revenue	Agreed dependant on matched funding from Robertson Trust	AGREED
6	Happy Mums Market CIC	Marketing Support	£ 3,000.00	£29,525.00	10%	No	Revenue	Suggested alternative funding streams including HOL and HISEZ	REFUSED
7	Everything Baby Highland	Capital costs of fitting out retail, stock processing and parenting ares of new social enterprise	£ 7,255.00	£7,755.00	94%	No	Revenue	Suggested alternative funding streams including HOL and HISEZ	REFUSED
8	EQ Sport	Sport For All	£ 4,960.00	£14,460.00	34%	No	Revenue		REFUSED
9	Inverness Town Twinning Committee	Funding of Town Twinning activities for 2013/14	£ 5,000.00	£7,150.00	70%	Yes	Revenue	Funding arrangements and governance to be reviewed	AGREED
10	Inverness Opera Company	2014 Productions and future productions	£ 10,000.00	£30,000.00	33%	No	Revenue		AGREED 50% £5,000
11	Coisir Ghaidhlig Inbhir Nis (Inverness Gaelic Choir)	To support Coisir Ghaidhlig Inbhir Nis's participation in "Aiseag" (the Ferryboat)	£ 8,000.00	£19,000.00	42%	Yes	Revenue		AGREED 50% £4,000
			£ 62,899.00						

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BOOKLET B - Applications Over £10,000									Recommendation
1	Inverness Tennis & Squash Club	Replacement of tennis courts	£ 14,000.00	£ 98,500.00	14%	No	Capital	On condition that funds are repaid if club moves location	APPROVAL
2	High Life Highland	Development of Inverness Floral Hall	£ 78,000.00	£ 127,000.00	61%	Yes	Capital	To next Sub-Committee	DEFERRED
3	Blythswood	Foodbank	£ 20,000.00	£ 51,620.00	39%	Yes	Revenue	NB Applications in future years	APPROVAL
			£ 112,000.00						

Civic Hospitality

	Organisation	Event	Estimated Cost	Decision
1	STUC	STUC Highlands and Islands Conference 2014	£ 441.66	AGREED
2	The Clan Chisholm Society	International Clan Chisholm Gathering 2014	£ 1,151.90	AGREED
3	The Highland Council	Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth	£ 97.20	AGREED