

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

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the **Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee** held in the 1st Floor Committee Room, Town House, Inverness on Monday 9 April 2018 at 12.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr B Boyd
Miss J Campbell
Mrs H Carmichael
Mr A Graham

Mr A Jarvie
Mr R Laird
Mrs E McAllister
Mr G Ross

Officials in Attendance:

Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager
Mrs H Tolmie, Administrative Assistant, City Manager's Office
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Chief Executive's Service

Mr G Ross in the Chair

Business

Preliminaries

The Chairman thanked Members for attending this Special Meeting of the Grants Sub Committee which had been called to deal with some late applications for funding which could still be dealt with from the 2017/18 budget.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr I Brown and Mrs C Caddick.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Exclusion of Public

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

4. Requests for Financial Assistance 2017/18

There had been circulated Report No GSC/04/18 dated 4 April 2018 by the Inverness City Area Manager which listed the applications received for financial assistance from the Inverness Common Good Fund. A copy of the applications and supporting documentation had been circulated in Booklet A.

It was confirmed that the balance of funds remaining available for allocation from the 2017/18 budget was £26,543 for Grants.

It was explained that the applications formed two separate elements of the ARCHIE Foundation's Fresh Air Project in the Highland Children's Unit, Raigmore Hospital, namely, for the provision of eye-catching and protective PVC sails and the creation of a wildflower garden, applications representing 50% and 6% respectively. As well as competent the proportion of children from Inverness who would benefit from these projects was acknowledged. In so doing, in recognising the exceptional nature of the application, it was hoped that other applicants would not sub divide projects to qualify for grant support.

Booklet A

The Sub-Committee determined applications for funding of up to £10,000 as follows:-

The Archie Foundation – Fresh Air Project (PVC Sails for year round shelter)
(£10,000 sought) **APPROVED £10,000**

The Archie Foundation – Fresh Air Project (Wild Flower Garden)
(£5,000 sought) **APPROVED £5,000**

5. Homologation of Grant Awards

The Sub Committee **Homologated** the following awards:-

- Polish Saturday School – £2,000 towards Polish Community Celebrations
- Inverness Shinty Club - £330 towards Inverness Primary Girls Shinty Festival
- City of Inverness Pipe Band - £10,000 towards Community Pipe Band

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Sub-Committee **NOTED** that the next meeting would take place on Monday 14 May, 2018 at 9.30 am.

7. AOCB

End of First World War Commemorations – an update on the arrangements would be circulated to Members.

The meeting ended at 12.40 p.m.