

Agenda Item	9
Report No	SCC/14/20

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 5 November 2020

Report Title: Dornoch Common Good Q2 Monitoring

Report By: ECO Communities and Place
ECO Resources and Finance

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information on income and expenditure in relation to the Dornoch Common Good Fund for the first two quarters of 2020/21.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:

Consider the position of the Dornoch Common Good Fund, as shown in the Q2 monitoring statement.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource – The quarter two monitoring statement highlights predicted income and expenditure against the budget.
- 3.2 Legal – The application of funds will fall within the competency guidelines set out both in statute and in common law in relation to Common Good Funds. The application of funds will comply with all financial regulations.
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) – Grants from Dornoch Common Good Fund are awarded in consultation with Dornoch Community Council.
- 3.4 Risk, Gaelic and Climate Change / Carbon Clever – none

4. Monitoring Report Q2 2020/21

- 4.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of September 2020 against budget and estimated year end position is attached at Appendix One.
- 4.2 Income
The income reflects the rent invoiced and paid to the end of Q2. All rent is up to date and it is expected that the full rent due for the year will be paid. COVID has had no impact on rental income. Following recent rent reviews for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Scottish Water total rental income has increased to £45,600 giving an expected year end variance of £2,510
- 4.3 Members will note the (unaudited) balance of usable reserves at 31 March 2020 was £314,995.
- 4.4 Expenditure
Grants and Contributions (See Appendix Two) – £14,638 had been paid by the end of Q2 against a grants budget of £25,000.
- 4.5 Members will recall at 9 July 2020 Sutherland County Committee, Members agreed grants (additional to the £25,000 Grants and Contributions budget) to Dornoch Area Community Interest Company (£39,760) and to Dornoch Heritage Society (£27,365) totalling £67,125. This is being funded from usable reserves. DACIC has not yet drawn down its funding. The grant to Dornoch Heritage Society is being paid in 4 instalments and the first of these was drawn down before the end of Q2
- 4.6 At this stage it is not possible to estimate the expected outturn for 20/21 as this will depend on the timings of those additional grants being drawn down, however an accurate estimated outturn should be available in the next monitoring report (Feb 2021). The 21/22 budget will be adjusted to account for any grant still to drawn down.

Designation: **ECO Communities and Place**
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Appendix One

Dornoch Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring Period to Sept 2020

	Actual to date	Budget	Estimated Outturn	Variance
INCOME	£	£		£
Rents	26,328	43,090	45,600	2,510
Interest and investment income	0	1,000	1,000	0
TOTAL INCOME	26,328	44,090	46,600	2,510
EXPENDITURE				
Staff Costs	361	1,500	1,500	0
Grants & contributions	14,638	25,000	25,000	0
Miscellaneous Costs	865	7,500	7,500	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,864	34,000	34,000	0
Income less Expenditure	10,465	10,090	12,600	2,510
Unaudited Usable Reserves 2019/20		£314,995		

Appendix Two - Grants and Contributions

Project	Amount
Dornoch Beach Wheelchairs – Beach Wheelchairs	£5,693.00
Dornoch Heritage SCIO (Historylinks)- Extension project - Phase 2	£6,365.00
Dornoch Beach Wheelchairs Let's Get Us All to The Beach	£2,579.90
Total	£14,637.90