

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>9a</b>
<b>Report No</b>	<b>BIDS/006/21</b>

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Committee

**Date:** 13 January 2021

**Report Title:** Dingwall Common Good Fund –  
Quarter Two Monitoring Report

**Report By:** Executive Chief Officer – Finance and Resources  
Executive Chief Officer – Communities and Place

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report presents the Quarter Two monitoring statement for the Dingwall Common Good Fund. Income and expenditure are as agreed as part of the budget setting process.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- scrutinise and note the Quarter Two monitoring statement for the Dingwall Common Good Fund.

### 3. Implications

3.1 Resource: The Quarter Two monitoring statement highlights predicted income and expenditure against the budget which is on target.

3.2 Legal: Application of funds will fall within the competency guidelines set out both in statute and in common law in relation to Common Good Funds.

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural): Two special projects are currently underway funded jointly by the Dingwall Common Good Fund and Town Centre Fund. Dingwall Town Hall lift installation and disabled toilet and the repurposing of the former Cromartie car park building are both related to improving the accessibility of Common Good assets. There are no other equality, poverty or rural implications as a result of the report.

3.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever: Any future major projects for protection or refurbishment of Common Good assets would seek to increase energy efficiency where possible.

3.5 Gaelic: None

#### **4. Quarter Two Monitoring Statement**

4.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of September 2020 against budget and the estimated year end position is attached at Appendix 1.

#### **4.2 Income**

4.2.1 The income to date is in relation to the rental of the Jubilee Park Caravan site. Dingwall Town Hall rental will show as received in Quarter 3. Income for the year is on budget.

#### **4.3. Expenditure**

4.3.1 There has been a small expenditure on staff costs within Quarter Two budget.

#### **5. Special Projects**

5.1 **Dingwall Town Hall – lift installation:** Following the contract award the pre-start meeting for the project has taken place and initial internal alternation works are progressing by contractor McGregor Construction (Highlands Ltd) and will continue after the Christmas break.

5.2 **Community Hub - repurposing of former Cromartie carpark toilet building:** Following the contract award the pre-start meeting has taken place with local contractor Graham MacGregor Ltd who are currently finalising the necessary pre-construction information with a view to starting works on site in the New Year.

#### **5.3 Dingwall Town Hall – Newton Room:**

5.3.1 The Dingwall Newton Room is in the Town Hall, where the lower ground floor has been refurbished to house a laboratory, large activity area and an auditorium. The refurbishment is now complete and provides a state of the art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) facility.

5.3.2 The rooms are now operational and will be officially launched in 2021. The catchment area includes Alness Academy, Dingwall Academy, Dornoch Academy, Fortrose Academy, Gairloch High School, Golspie High School, Invergordon Academy, Tain Royal Academy, Ullapool High School and their feeder Primary Schools.

5.3.3 The project is funded and supported by the City Region Deal, the Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, The Highland Council and Dingwall Common Good Fund.

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**Dingwall Common Good - Quarterly  
Monitoring  
Period to Sept 2020**

	<b>Actual to date £</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Year End Estimate</b>	<b>Variance £</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Rents	3,750	28,564	28,564	0
Interest and investment income	0	700	700	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>29,264</b>	<b>29,264</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Staff Costs - CGF Officer and Central Support	120	1,200	1,200	0
Property costs	0	6,000	6,000	0
Community Grants and Donations	0	1,000	1,000	0
Special Project Grants - CG Assets	0	3,000	3,000	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>				
DCGF Contribution to projects	0	8,000	8,000	0
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>10,064</b>	<b>10,064</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Town Centre Fund Grant	0	201,402	201,402	0
Dingwall Common Good Contribution	0	8,000	8,000	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>209,402</b>	<b>209,402</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Property Special Projects TCF	4,479	209,402	209,402	0
	<b>4,479</b>	<b>209,402</b>	<b>209,402</b>	<b>0</b>

Unaudited Usable Reserves  
2019/20

£236,017

Town centre fund will offset the project costs  
as per agreed