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HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Black Isle Committee

Date: 5 August 2021

Report Title: Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good – Quarter 1 Monitoring Report

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

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund quarter one monitoring statement for 2021/22.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to scrutinise and note the quarter one monitoring statement for the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Legal, Risk, Gaelic Implications – None.
- 3.2 Resource Implications: The quarter one monitoring statement highlights predicted income and expenditure against the budget.
- 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) Implications – Any future major project for the protection or refurbishment of Common Good assets would seek to improve equality of access.
- 3.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever Implications: Any future major projects for protection of Common Good assets would seek to increase energy efficiency where possible.

4. Quarter One Monitoring Statement

4.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of June 2021 against budget and estimated year end position can be found at **Appendix 1**.

4.2 Rental Income -

Rental income to the Common Good comes from rental of Fortrose Town Hall, Fortrose Bay Caravan Park, Rosemarkie Caravan Park and Fortrose Golf Club Car Park. Income received to date is £3,107. The total amount of income for 2021/22 for these properties will show in Quarters 2, 3 and 4 monitoring statements along with income of £500 interest for the year. A change to the way in which the King George V Playing Fields has been accounted for means that this rental income will now no longer be accounted for within Common Good account and this is reflected in the end of year estimated budget. This is explained further at section 5.

4.3 **Expenditure** - There has been no expenditure in the Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good Fund's Quarter One.

5. King George V Playing Field Fortrose

5.1 Following the coming into force of Part 8 of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 regarding Common Good, local authorities are required to establish Asset Registers. During a review of the titles in respect of Fortrose Common Good property, it was identified that the King George V Playing Field was held subject to a Trust. This Trust was established on 19 December 1949 when The Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Fortrose transferred the playing field now known as King George V Playing Field to themselves as Trustees for the inhabitants of the Royal Burgh of Fortrose and the public generally.

5.2 After careful consideration of the circumstances, it was considered that the circumstances necessary to establish the creation of a Trust (including delivery by registration) had been satisfied. As Trust property and Common Good property are mutually exclusive, the King George V Playing Field can no longer be considered to be a Common Good asset and it is no longer included in the Common Good Asset Register that was published in February 2020. It should be held in the same way as the other Trust properties and funds administered by the Council.

5.3 The income for rental of Fortrose King George V Park will now be held in Trust for maintenance of the park and any buildings erected thereon. The year end estimated budget has been amended to reflect this change.

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Fortrose and Rosemarkie Common Good - Quarterly Monitoring				Appendix 1	
Period to June 2021					
	Actual to date	Budget	Year End Estimate	Variance	
	£	£		£	
INCOME					
Rents	3,107	14,997	13,797	1,200	
Interest and investment income	0	500	500	0	
TOTAL INCOME	3,107	15,497	14,297	1,200	
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs - CGF Officer	0	1,000	1,000	0	
Grants and Donations	0	3,000	3,000	0	
Property costs	0	4,000	4,000	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0	8,000	8,000	0	
Income less Expenditure	3,107	7,497	6,297	1,200	
Unaudited Usable Reserves 2020/21		£142,351			