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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Easter Ross Local Area Committee

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Report Title: Ross & Cromarty Educational Trust Report

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1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This paper reports on the key points of work and allocations from The Ross & Cromarty Educational Trust for the 2022-2023 financial year.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

1. review and note the content of the report; and
2. delegate authority to Education officers to explore options to improve investment income and report findings back to the Committee.

3. Implications

Awards levels are based on annual investment income. Those in receipt of bursaries have the priority for annual awards for the duration of their course.

3.1 Resource

All work will be managed within budget allocations.

3.2 Legal

Statutory requirements are met as necessary.

3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)

There is no identified impact.

3.4 Climate Change / Carbon Clever

There is no identified impact.

3.5 Risk

There are the usual associated risks of trust funds held in investment accounts, where income varies from year to year.

3.6 Gaelic

There is no identified impact.

4. The Ross & Cromarty Educational Trust Scheme

4.1 The capital sum of £754,000 is invested in shares held by The Highland Council. The income for year ending April 2023 was £9963. Grants of £9652 were paid out. The income is broadly in line with expectations, given the current economic climate.

4.2 Awards were made for a variety of purposes including:

- Tain Royal Academy £50 Brownie Memorial Prize
- Tain Royal Academy £110 John Ferguson Prize
- Dingwall Academy £60 Elizabeth Grigor Prize
- Tarbat Old Primary £50 Donald MacDonald Prize
- Dingwall Academy £100 Peter Glass Mackenzie Memorial Prize
- Tain Royal Academy £50 Helen Munro Prize
- Tain Royal Academy £100 Helen Munro Class Prizes
- Dingwall Academy £180 Port Elizabeth Society Major General Sir Hector MacDonald Memorial Prize
- Ben Wyvis Primary £280 George Urquhart Prize
- Knockbreck Primary £25 Margaret Mowat Williams Prize
- EM £1000 Rosehaugh Bursary
- CF £1000 Rosehaugh Bursary
- MW £800 Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursary
- IR £400 George Macleod, Ross & Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursaries
- IM £400 George Macleod, Ross & Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursaries
- Comhairle nan Eilean Siar £5047 Annual Payment for Western Isles distribution

4.3 The priority for awards are:

1. Prize funds to schools
2. Bursaries to individuals (with continuing students having priority for the duration of their course) Other grants to support sports, educational travel, visual arts, music, drama and research.

4.4 In the last financial year, as in the previous few years, there was insufficient income to make awards in category 3, and there were no applications to this category.

- 4.5 Appendix 1 outlines the prize and bursaries amounts which may be expended, subject to sufficient investment income. It is noted that the income available last year was 58% of the potential maximum awards.
- 4.6 In the light of low income from a significant capital investment, members are asked to give delegated authority to the education service to explore financial options for improving income.

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Appendix 1: Prize and Bursary Amounts

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PRIZES

Schools Within Mid Area, The Highland Council
Schools Within Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar

Name	Number to be awarded each year	Total Value 1961	Total Current Value 2018 (rounded)	Beneficiaries	Special conditions
Brownie Memorial Prize	-	£2 10s	£50	Pupils at Tain Royal Academy	-
Roderick Campbell Prize	-	£5	£100	Pupils at Cross Primary school, Lewis & Lionel Junior Secondary school, Lewis	-
John Ferguson Prize	-	£5 10s	£110	Pupils at Tain Royal Academy	-
Gibson Dux Medal & Prize	one	£6	£120	Pupils at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway	Medal & a book for dux pupil
Elizabeth Grigor Prizes	-	£3	£60	Pupils at Dingwall Academy	For pupils of good character & behaviour
Alexander Jack Prizes	-	£1 15s	£25	Pupils at Culbokie Primary School	-
Donald MacDonald Prizes	-	£1 15s	£25	Pupils at Tarbat Old Primary School	For most meritorious pupils
Donald MacDonald Prizes	-	£1 15s	£25	Pupils at Tarbat West Primary School	For most meritorious pupils
Dr Agnes Mure Mackenzie Memorial prize	one	£1 15s	£25	Pupils at Lewis Castle College, Stornoway	For most proficient in social studies
Dr Donald Mackenzie Memorial Prize	two	£7 7s	£150	Pupils at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway	For pupil in highest classes most proficient in Greek

					and religious knowledge and for the pupils in highest classes most proficient in Gaelic and religious knowledge
Edward B D Mackenzie Memorial Prize	one	£1 10s	£25	Pupils at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway	For pupil in highest classes most proficient in technical subjects
Peter Glass Mackenzie Memorial Prizes	-	£5	£100	Pupils at Dingwall Academy	Can be medals. For proficiency in art, technical subjects, commercial subjects and domestic subjects provided pupil gains a Scottish qualification pass certificate in that subject. Inscription – “In memory of Peter Glass Mackenzie of Dingwall & the Eastern Telegraph Co”
Colonel John Macsween Memorial Prize	two	£5 5s	£100	Pupils at Aird Junior Secondary School, Lewis & Lews Castle College, Stornoway	For best pupil in navigation at each school
Hugh Martin medal	one	£3 5s	£65	Pupils at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway	For best pupil in commercial subjects
Helen Munro Prizes	-	£2 10S	£50	Pupils at Tain Royal Academy	On Rectors recommendation for excellence in music, art, domestic science and PE
Helen Munro Class Prizes	five	£5	£100	Pupils at Tain Royal Academy	Prize of £1 to best pupil in each of 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th year classes of secondary dept
Port Elizabeth Highland	-	£9	£180	Pupils at Dingwall	-

Society Major General Sir Hector MacDonald Memorial Prizes				Academy	
Dr Alexander Robertson Prize	one	£3	£60	Pupils at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway	Books. For best pupil leaving to go to a Scottish University to study in Faculty of Medicine
Rev. Charles Robertson Memorial Prize	one	£4 6S	£80	Pupils at senior secondary schools in Ross & Cromarty area	For pupil getting highest mark in Higher Greek. If no such pupil then for highest mark in Lower Greek, Higher Latin or Lower Latin
Ross-shire Victoria Jubilee Prize & Bisset Memorial Prize	-	£8	£160	Pupils at public schools in Easter Ross	For most meritorious pupils in final year of primary course based on head teachers reports of outstanding pupils
George Urquhart Prizes	-	£14	£280	Pupils at Conon Primary school	-
Margaret Mowat Williams Prizes	two	£1 10S	£25	Pupils at Tain Primary school	Prize for winner of medal for best girl in the school. Balance of money for prize at head teacher's discretion
Ross & Cromarty Total			£1245		
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Total			£670		
Total Prize Money			£1915		

Ross & Cromarty Educational Trust: Fourth Schedule- Bursaries to be Awarded

BURSARIES

Name of Bursary	Maximum Sum which may be expended annually (1961)	Maximum sum which may be expended annually (2018)	Description of persons entitled to a preference	Special conditions
George Denoon Bursary	£25	£500	Natives of Burgh/Parish of Cromarty or ordinarily resident for at least 5 years immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available for any university or educational establishment. Council to be satisfied of good moral character of candidate
William Denoon Bursary	£25	£500	As above	Available for any Central Institution. Council to be satisfied of good moral character of candidate
Donald Mackenzie (Bernera) Bursary	£16 10s	£330	Persons at any time in regular attendance at Bernera School, Lewis	Available at Nicolson Institute during 4 th , 5 th & 6 th years – Scottish Leavers Certificate no longer applicable.
George Mackenzie Bursary	£20	£400	Natives of Burgh/Parish of Dingwall who have been in regular attendance at Dingwall Academy immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available for any university, Central Institution, College of Education or other FE Centre approved by Council
Ex-Provost Alexander MacIennan Bursary	£26 10s	£530	Persons of Park district of Parish of Lochs	Same as for Donald Mackenzie (Bernera) Bursary
George Macleod Bursary	£20	£400	Pupils in regular attendance at Tain Royal Academy for at least 2 years immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available for any University or Central Institution
Dr Malcolm Macleod Balallan Bursary	£40	£800	Persons belonging to Balallan	Same as for Donald Mackenzie (Bernera) Bursary
Helen Munro Bursary	£30	£600	Pupils in regular attendance at Tain Royal Academy for at least	Available at any university

			4 years immediately prior to the bursary competition	
Kenneth Murray Memorial Bursary	£40	£800	Pupils in regular attendance at Tain Royal Academy for at least 1 year immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available at any university
Nicolson Bursary	£150	£3000	Pupils in regular attendance at Nicolson Institute, Stornoway for at least 2 years immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available at any university
Dr J L Robertson Bursary	£60	£1200	Pupils in regular attendance at the Nicolson Institute, Stornoway immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available at any university
Dr J L Robertson Bursary	£90	£1800	Pupils in regular attendance at secondary school in the area other than the Nicolson Institute, Stornoway immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available at any university
Rosehaugh Bursary	£150	£3000	Persons who have at any time prior to the bursary competition been in regular attendance for not less than 1 year at Avoch Junior Secondary school or Killen Primary school	Available at any university
Ross Bursary	£40	£800	Natives of Burgh/Parish of Tain who have been in regular attendance at Tain Royal Academy for at least 4 years immediately prior to the bursary competition	Available in Faculties of Arts or Medicine at any university
Thomson Memorial Bursary	£25	£500	Natives of Burgh/Parish of Cromarty or persons whose parents have been ordinarily resident in said Burgh/Parish for	Available in Faculty of Arts at any university

			2 years immediately prior to the bursary competition. To Qualify said natives/persons must also have been in regular attendance at any time at a school in Burgh/Parish for at least 3 consecutive years	
Total Ross & Cromarty Bursaries		£6900		
Total Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Bursaries		£8260		
Combined Total Bursaries		£15160		