

**The Highland Council
Inverness City Committee Donations Working Group**

Minutes of Meeting held in the Ground Floor Committee Room, Town House, Inverness on Monday 25 May 2009 at 2.00pm.

Present

Mr J Gray
Miss J Campbell
Mr P Corbett
Mr D Kerr

In attendance:

Mr D Haas, Inverness City Manager
Miss M MacLeod, Administrative Assistant

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf on Mrs E McAllister.

2. Requests for Financial Assistance 2009/10

Following discussion on the applications submitted, the Working Group **AGREED:-**

- (i) to recommend the donations detailed below to the City Committee on 8 June 2009; and
- (ii) that the standard conditions be attached to all applications granted an award.

2.1 Applications up to £5000

| Item | Name of Group | Amount Requested | Recommended Donation (from CGF unless indicated) |
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| 2.1.1 | Clachnacuddin F.C. Youth Development Section Towards the cost of travel for U14 and U15 squads to football tournament in Denmark in July 2009. | £1,500 | £1,500 |
| 2.1.2 | Comunn Gaidhealach – Meur Inbhir Nis Towards the cost of Inverness Provincial Mod – 19 & 20 June 2009 | £3,000 | £2,000 |
| 2.1.3 | Highland Canine Association | £250 | £250 |

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| | Towards the cost of Annual Dog Show | | |
| 2.1.4 | <p>Ballifeary Community Council</p> <p>Towards the cost of purchasing and installing a riverbank bench beside the General's Well.</p> <p>Subject to the Angling Club confirming no objection to disabled platform being removed.</p> | £1,500 | £1,000 |
| 2.1.5 | <p>Parachute Regimental Association Inverness & Highland Branch</p> <p>Towards the cost of travel to Arnhem, Holland for Memorial Ceremony in September 2009.</p> | £1,500 | £1,500 |
| 2.1.6 | <p>BTVC (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers)</p> <p>Towards the cost of an Inverness Green Gym, hosted by Merkinch Geenspace.</p> <p>Subject to all match funding being confirmed.</p> | £5,000 | £5,000 |
| 2.1.7 | <p>Royal British Legion Scotland (Inverness Branch)</p> <p>Towards the cost of purchasing street banners for the Armed Forces Weekend on 25 & 26 July 2009.</p> | £2,000 | £1,000 |
| 2.1.8 | <p>Merkinch Primary School</p> <p>Towards the cost of a day trip to Abernethy Outdoor Centre for Primary 7s.</p> | £400 | £400 |
| 2.1.9 | <p>Inverness Free North Church</p> <p>To support the Road to Recovery programme based in the Madras Street Mission Hall in Merkinch.</p> <p>A one off payment.</p> | £5,000 | £2,500 |
| 2.1.10 | <p>Morning Call</p> <p>Towards the cost of telephone calls.</p> | £4,500 | £1,000 |

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| | Restrictd award subject to receipt of more information regarding the sustainability of the project. | | |
| 2.1.11 | Arts in Merkinch Towards the cost of the Arts in Merkinch Summer Festival in July 2009. | £3,000 | £1,000 |
| 2.1.12 | Central Soccer 7s Towards the cost of travel to Liverpool to compete in charity football match. | £1,000 | £1,000 |
| 2.1.13 | Inverness United FC Towards the cost of travel for U17 squad to football tournament in Denmark in July 2009. | £2,000 | £2,000 |
| 2.1.14 | Inverness Blitz Towards the cost of travel to American Football tournaments in Germany and Holland in July 2009. | £4,200 | £1,600 |
| 2.1.15 | Royal British Legion Inverness Pipes & Drums Towards the cost of 90 th Anniversary Celebrations in the Northern Meeting Park on 25 July 2009. Final project costs not yet finalised but applicant can re-apply if expenses increase. The DWG recognised that the event would be of significant benefit to the Burgh. | Undefined | £5,000 |

The Working Group **DECLINED** to make donations to the following organisations for the reasons given:

Scottish Community Drama Association – Highland Division

£1,500 sought. **REFUSED** on the grounds that this is a Highland-wide organisation and there was no evidence of any real community benefit within Inverness.

Highland Print Studio

£3,016 sought. **REFUSED** on the grounds that the Common Good Fund had previously provided substantial financial support to the organisation towards the cost of converting the Bank Street premises into a permanent home.

2.2 Applications for funds over £5,000:

The following groups requested sums over £5,000. The Working Group scrutinised these applications, noting that any sums recommended would require to be approved by the City Committee.

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| 2.2.1 | Inverness Tattoo Committee Requested £6,000 towards the cost of the annual Inverness Tattoo in August 2009 | £6,000 | £4,000 |

The Working Group **DECLINED** to make donations to the following organisations for the reasons given:

Relationship Counselling Highland

£11,000 sought. **DEFERRED** – as the Common Good Fund does not provide core funding for an organisation, the Donations Working Group deferred the decision, requesting further clarification of the organisation's current financial situation based on updated information provided by Social Work.

Inverness & District Friends of ARMS Ltd (Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre)

£25,000 sought. **DEFERRED** – The Donations Working Group recognised the excellent work carried out at the Centre but deferred the decision, requesting current financial information and a Business Plan, clearly showing sustainability in future years without the support of the Common Good Fund.

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| Total DWG/CGF budget 2009/10 | £ 99,366 |
| Less previous donations | £ 14,880 |
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| | £ 84,486 |
| Less Items 2.1.1 - 2.1.15 & 2.2.1 | £ 30,750 |
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| Remaining balance in DWG/CGF budget 2009/10 | £53,736 |

The meeting ended at 3.30pm

