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Report no	SCC/25/17

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 29 November 2017

Report Title: Dornoch Common Good Fund
Quarter 2 Monitoring Report

Report By: Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
Head of Policy and Reform

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information on income and expenditure in relation to the Dornoch Common Good Fund for the period April to September 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- 2.2 Note the position of the Dornoch Common Good Fund, as shown in the Quarter 2 monitoring statement against budget.

3. Quarter 2 Monitoring Statement

- 3.1 A monitoring statement showing transactions to the end of September 2017 against budget and estimated year end position is attached at Appendix One.
- 3.2 **Income** – All invoices have been issued for rent in October and do not show during this period. Members will be updated in third quarter. As reported previously, the income for 2017/18 is due from interest of £1,000 and rental income of £21,530 from the following:
- Dornoch Caravan Park;
 - Dornoch Water Treatment Works;
 - Dornoch Firth Salmon Netting Rights;
 - Dornoch Golf Course (part);
 - Coastguard Station;
 - Land at Well Street;
 - and History Links, Dornoch.

3.3 **Expenditure** - Spend to date includes - a valuation fee in respect of Dornoch Caravan Park; a grant payment made to Dornoch & District Community Association for replacement of hanging baskets; property insurance costs; a grant for renewal of interpretation panels; and Dornoch CGF's proportion of the CGF officers' costs.

As advised previously, the project to build a new Dornoch Community Hall will not now be going ahead and the planned £25k contribution from the Common Good Fund is no longer required. The anticipated outturn for the Grants payments is therefore reduced to reflect this. However, Members are advised that, going forward, there is an anticipated commitment to the new build Dornoch Sports Centre of £100,000 which has been a long standing arrangement. Further detail will be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.

3.4 Dornoch Caravan Park – The current lease for Dornoch Caravan Park was automatically passed to the Executors of the Late Billy MacRae on his death.

A lease assignation is on hold whilst a current rent review is ongoing. There are other ongoing legal matters which will report in due course and appropriately to Members.

4. Implications

4.1 **Usable Reserves** stood at £223,593 as at 31 March 2016 rising to £223,899 as at 31 March 2017.

4.2 **Resource** – Members will note that a surplus of £3,348 is now anticipated at the end of 2017/18, greater than anticipated, and due to the estimated underspend in Grants, but marginally offset by the CGF officers costs. Expenditure is being kept to a minimum in order to build reserves for future for projects for protection or development of Common Good assets. Any future Capital Projects will be brought to Committee for consideration.

4.3 **Legal** - none.

4.4 **Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural)** – None. Any future major project for the protection or refurbishment would seek to improve equality of access.

4.5 **Climate Change/Carbon Clever** – None. Any future project for protection or refurbishment would seek to increase energy efficiency where possible.

4.6 **Risk** – none.

4.7 **Gaelic** – none.

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Dornoch Common Good Quarterly Monitoring	Actual to date £	Budget £	Year End Estimate £	Estimated Variance £
INCOME				
Rents	-	21,530	21,530	-
Interest and Investment Income	-	1,000	1,000	-
TOTAL INCOME	-	22,530	22,530	-
EXPENDITURE				
Common Good Fund Officer	545	-	2,182	2,182
Grants and Contributions	4,412	37,000	12,000	(25,000)
Miscellaneous Costs	1,073	5,000	5,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,030	42,000	19,182	(22,818)
Income less Expenditure	6,030	(19,470)	3,348	(22,818)