

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	5b
Report No	NC/09/25

Committee: Nairnshire Area

Date: 26 May 2025

Report Title: Common Good Fund Allocation – Over £10,000

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive – Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposal for the allocation of monies from the Nairn Common Good Fund to support the Nairn Highland Games.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to **agree** £12,000 from the Nairn Common Good Fund to support the Nairn Highland Games as per application in Appendix 1 of this report.

3 Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** – In previous years, a £3,500 grant to support the Games has been made from the Events budget. Given the funding shortfall to support set up, it is proposed to allocate £12,000 to support the Games from the 2025/26 NCGF budget. This is not currently budgeted for, but it is proposed that this is funded from the NCGF income budget. There are sufficient funds to meet this.
- 3.2 **Legal** – There are no Legal implications as a result of the report.
- 3.3 **Risk** – the request for funding while not approved in the current budget will be covered through income generated from the Nairn Highland games from letting charges.
- 3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – Consideration will be given to ensuring that all projects approved for grant support adhere to the appropriate standards in accordance with Council policy."
- 3.5 **Gaelic** – No implications.

4 Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 A separate screening for impact for each project is not required however, applications applying to the NCGF must specifically show how their project or activity will help the Council meet its public sector equality duty, including how it may address any barriers and promote social inclusion. This supports the decision-making process.

5 Background

- 5.1 The Nairn Highland Games is one of the largest and most popular amateur gatherings in the North of Scotland. First held in 1865, the Games have been an annual feature on Nairn's summer calendar for over 150 years, with interruptions only during the World Wars and the pandemic in 2021/22.
- 5.2 The event includes a variety of traditional Highland activities such as solo piping, Highland dancing, track and field events, heavy events, and the tug of war.
- 5.3 The Highland Council has played a significant role in supporting the Nairn Highland Games over the years. The Council has been involved in various capacities, including providing logistical support, facilitating local trader participation, and contributing to the overall organization and success of the event.
- 5.4 By supporting events like the Nairn Highland Games, the Common Good Fund helps preserve local traditions, promote tourism, and foster community spirit, aligning perfectly with its mission to benefit the community.
- 5.5 In the past, resourcing in kind has supported the set-up of the Games. Due to resourcing pressures, this is not possible this year. This has left a resourcing gap of £8,500 which now requires funding to support the Games set up by a Contractor.
- 5.6 Over the last two years, the Nairn Common Good Fund provided up to £3,500 per year from the Events and Festivals budget to support the Games. With the resourcing gap highlighted in paragraph 5.5, a total sum of £12,000 has been requested from the NCGF to support the Games for 2025/26 which will allow the games to be supported with regards to the setup of the arena.
- 5.7 Events like the Nairn Highland Games align well with the objectives of the Common Good Fund. The Common Good Fund is designed to support local community activities that benefit the public and enhance community well-being.
- 5.8 The Games Committee do not have the funds which allows them to take ownership of the setting up of the games and fund it for the 2025 event.

- 5.9 The Council currently provides support to the Game's Committee by organising the food stands, fair and trader's village to enable the Games to take place. Work is ongoing with the Game's Committee to enable the Committee to take full organising control for the Games.

6 Grant Application

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider an application detailed in **Appendix 1** towards the Nairn Highland Games.

£12,000 has been requested. It is proposed that this is funded from the income from NCGF assets. Whilst not currently budgeted for, there are sufficient funds within the budget to meet this.

- 6.2 For funding applications over £10,000, the area committee must approve all applications.

Designation: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

Date: 13 May 2025

Author: Mark Greig, Community Development Manager

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Application for support for Nairn Highland Games



**APPLICATION FORM FOR WARD DISCRETIONARY GRANT
FROM THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL - OVER £1,000**

Applicant organisation:	Nairn Highland Games Committee
Project title:	Organisation of Nairn Highland Games
Project location <i>(inc. postcode):</i>	The Links, Nairn, Nairnshire, IV12 4NH
Contact name:	[REDACTED]
Applicant Address <i>(inc. postcode):</i>	[REDACTED]
Email address:	gamesnairn2024@gmail.com
Contact telephone:	[REDACTED]
Council Ward: <i>(check guidance for link)</i>	Nairn & Cawdor Council Ward
Does the main contact have any communication needs? E.g., textphone, sign language, large print?	
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

What type of organisation are you? *(Please tick all that apply)*

Third Sector (voluntary or community) organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered Charity If yes – Registration number SC054108	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Company Limited by Guarantee If yes – Company Number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other - please specify			

Start date of project:	01/08/2025
End date of project:	18/08/2025

<p>Project summary – please provide a brief outline of your project and the outcomes it will deliver. <i>example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims of the project and how you are going to do it • Help with running costs or for a specific project or activity? • Who will benefit? • How your project or activity will help the Council to meet its Public Sector Equality Duty
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Please note that the Council will be unable to provide any resources not specified on this form or supporting information.

The Organisation has been formed with the following purposes to be exercised following the principles of sustainable development (where sustainable development means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs):

1. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science

To preserve the best of Highland culture in sports, piping and dancing, by convening an annual Highland Games in Nairn, showcasing these elements in a traditional format to the widest possible audience, through the demonstration and promotion of best practice

2. The advancement of public participation in sport

The advancement of public participation in sport, by providing an annual Games meeting to include young people from the North of Scotland

3. Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes

To advance a sense of place and identity for the Nairnshire Community, by providing a homecoming event for ex-patriots, an iconic heritage event for locals and a way to invite the international community to enjoy and understand our cultural background

Please state a summary of outcomes from your project.

1.	To continue making Nairn Games available for the people of Nairnshire
2.	To continue providing a platform for local businesses and charities to raise income
3.	To support local sport, music, dance and culture

Please provide a breakdown of how much your activities/project will cost, listing the items requested from Ward Discretionary Funding:	Amount (£)
To fully fund the Nairn Highland Games annually, including all activities, fencing and temporary structures required and for the first time, additional funds for field setup	£42,000
Total Project Cost	£42,000
Total Requested Amount	£12,000

How will the project be funded? (What other organisations have you applied to?)	Amount (£)	Confirmed
Local businesses and general public within Nairn	£30,000	Yes
Total Requested Funding	£12,000	
Total Match Funding	£30,000 See above	Yes
Total Project Costs	£42,000	

Your Bank Details:	
Name of Bank:	██████████
Account Name:	██
Account Number:	██████████
Sort Code:	██████████

Checklist And Declaration - To ensure that the Highland Council can consider your application, please tick boxes to show what you have enclosed. Please ensure that you have enclosed the following information:

Externally verified Statement of Accounts as presented to your latest AGM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR	
For new organisations which have been established less than 12 months, please give an estimate of first year's income and expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/>
AND	
A copy of your organisation's last 3 months bank statements (for very new organisations a single bank statement will be sufficient)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AND	
A copy of your organisation's constitution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Declaration: We confirm that we are allowed to submit this application on behalf of:

Name Of Organisation: Nairn Highland Games Committee

We undertake to ensure that all the necessary enclosures are included, that the information is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate and that this application complies with the Highland Council's Conditions of Award. The data you have provided in the application and claim forms will be recorded on an electronic data base and are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) Act 2002, the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please provide 2 signatures. Signatory 1 should be the Chairperson of the Organisation and signatory 2 should be the person who has filled out the form. If these two people are the same, signatory 2 should be another member of your organisation's committee.

	Signatory 1:	Signatory 2:
Print Name:	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Signature:	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Date:	13/05/25	13/05/25

Please confirm you have read and understood the [Privacy Notice](#): Yes ☒ No ☐

Please confirm you have read and understood the Funding Terms and Conditions:

Yes ☒ No ☐

Completed forms should be emailed to: Policy6@highland.gov.uk

NAIRN HIGHLAND GAMES COMMITTEE

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Your Account

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TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 February 2025 to 28 February 2025

Money In	£3,000.00	Balance on 01 February 2025	£39,938.31
Money Out	£743.24	Balance on 28 February 2025	£42,195.07

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
20 Feb 25	██	FPI	3,000.00		42,938.31
26 Feb 25	██5	DEB		24.09	42,914.22
27 Feb 25	██	DEB		14.15	42,900.07
27 Feb 25	██	DEB		90.00	42,810.07
27 Feb 25	██	DEB		615.00	42,195.07

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TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 March 2025 to 31 March 2025

Money In	£10.00	Balance on 01 March 2025	£42,195.07
Money Out	£149.13	Balance on 31 March 2025	£42,055.94

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
03 Mar 25		FPI	10.00		42,205.07
04 Mar 25		DEB		95.14	42,109.93
10 Mar 25		CHQ		50.00	42,059.93
31 Mar 25		DEB		3.99	42,055.94

Transaction types

BGC Bank Giro Credit	BP Bill Payments	CHG Charge	CHQ Cheque
COR Correction	CPT Cashpoint	DD Direct Debit	DEB Debit Card
DEP Deposit	FEE Fixed Service	FPI Faster Payment In	FPO Faster Payment Out
MPI Mobile Payment In	MPO Mobile Payment Out	PAY Payment	SO Standing Order
TFR Transfer			

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TREASURERS ACCOUNT

01 April 2025 to 30 April 2025

Money In	£777.32	Balance on 01 April 2025	£42,052.78
Money Out	£711.85	Balance on 30 April 2025	£42,121.41

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
01 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		3.16	42,052.78
02 Apr 25	████████████████████	FPI	750.00		42,802.78
07 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		600.00	42,202.78
08 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		18.00	42,184.78
08 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		18.99	42,165.79
16 Apr 25	████████████████████	FPI	22.60		42,188.39
16 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		26.98	42,161.41
22 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		9.79	42,151.62
22 Apr 25	████████████████████	FPI	4.72		42,156.34
24 Apr 25	████████████████████	DEB		34.93	42,121.41

Transaction types

BGC Bank Giro Credit	BP Bill Payments	CHG Charge	CHQ Cheque
COR Correction	CPT Cashpoint	DD Direct Debit	DEB Debit Card
DEP Deposit	FEE Fixed Service	FPI Faster Payment In	FPO Faster Payment Out
MPI Mobile Payment In	MPO Mobile Payment Out	PAY Payment	SO Standing Order
TFR Transfer			

Nairn Highland Games Committee

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 December 2024

	2023	2024
	£	£
Operating Income		
Sponsorship	3060.00	10180.00
Donations	1590.00	6630.00
Entries	1679.50	988.00
Misc.	220.65	1525.45
Collection/Pay boxes/Parking	7419.50	7526.02
Council	1500.00	3500.00
Friends	890.00	995.00
	<u>16359.65</u>	<u>31344.47</u>
Total Receipts	<u>16,359.65</u>	<u>31,344.47</u>

Nairn Highland Games Committee

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31 December 2024

	2023	2024
	£	£
Payments		
Honorariums	435.00	435.00
Insurances/Licences	868.56	1456.14
Donations	50.00	150.00
Suppliers	7511.61	9036.60
On the day (prize money, miscellaneous)	3500.00	4956.04
Officials Fees	349.10	453.60
Massed Pipes & Drums	5020.00	4144.00
Stationery/Postage	39.00	202.31
Other Expenses	3500.00	3446.75
Media	491.00	491.00
Catering	1555.19	1999.31
Total Receipts	<u>23319.46</u>	<u>26770.75</u>
Total Payments for Charitable Activities:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Governance Costs:		
Hall Hire for AGM	-	-
Total Governance Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Payments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Uncashed cheques	0	0
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>(6,959.81)</u>	<u>4,573.72</u>
All funds are unrestricted		