

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
CAMELON WAR MEMORIAL  
Meeting: FALKIRK COMMON GOOD SUB COMMITTEE  
Date: 29 April 2015  
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 An application has been received from the Camelon War Memorial Fund Committee for funding towards the creation of a memorial to honour the servicemen and women and civilians born or resident in Camelon, who died whilst in the service of their country.
- 1.2 It is proposed that the memorial be located in a prominent site near Lock 16 in Camelon.

**2. PROPOSED MEMORIAL**

- 2.1 The innovative design of the memorial by a Forth Valley College student, involves the name of the fallen being waterjet cut through Cor-ten steel, a durable all weather material. Prior to the final writing of the names of the fallen, these will be published in the local press to allow residents to check the list. The steel columns are expected to be 3 metres high.
- 2.2 The site is on land owned by Falkirk Council and planning consent and consent for land use for the monument has been approved. The site will be further enhanced by the provision of seating, trees, shrubs and additional planting. The group have taken care to ensure the memorial is environmentally friendly and minimal maintenance will be required due to the durable material used.

**3. PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING**

- 3.1 The total project cost is expected to be nearly £128,000. A large part of the expenditure, nearly £63,000, is being donated in kind with local businesses supplying labour and materials. The balance of £65,000 mainly covers the cost of the actual steel construction.
- 3.2 Funding of £36,000 has been applied for from Falkirk Environmental Trust. The group have undertaken a number of fundraising activities and have received various donations. They currently have £9,730 in the bank and are looking for funding from Common Good to cover the balance of £20,000.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Accounts for the Common Good Fund are in the process of being finalised for the financial year 2014/15. It is expected that the final value will be £812,230 after deduction for

the recent approval of the application from the Community Trust towards Dollar Park Tennis Court refurbishment.

- 4.2 Income of £25,000 is expected to be generated during 2015/16 from rentals and interest. Three other applications to the Falkirk Fund are likely to come before Members during the next financial year for Dollar Park War Memorial, Walled Garden Projects and Falkirk Steeple repairs.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 That Members consider granting funding of £20,000 towards the cost of erecting a war memorial at Camelon.

**Chief Finance Officer**

**Date: 8 April 2015**

**Contact Officer: Hilary MacArthur**

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter received 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 from M McIntyre, Secretary, Camelon War Memorial Fund Committee.
2. Background papers reviewed from FET Development Manager, Development Services.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 506354 and ask for Hilary MacArthur.