

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FALKIRK WAR MEMORIAL
Meeting: FALKIRK COMMON GOOD SUB COMMITTEE
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Survey work carried out in 2014 highlighted a number of concerns regarding the overall condition of Falkirk War Memorial within Dollar Park. Following discussions with the War Memorial Trust regarding the condition of the memorial and possible funding support for a package of conservation works, a grant assistance pre application was submitted to the conservation team of the War Memorial Trust to establish the eligibility of grant funding from the Trust to support conservation works.

2.0 WAR MEMORIAL TRUST GRANT ASSISTANCE

- 2.1 The War Memorial Trust have subsequently indicated that they would be supportive of a full application for conservation works to the memorial, subject to detailed proposals being developed under the guidance of a Conservation Architect. Should the application for grant assistance be successful, funding of up to 75% of eligible costs could be made available. The costs of carrying out and supporting the conservation works are currently estimated at £55,000, subject to detailed proposals being developed and quotations being sought, work which is currently ongoing. The package of works is aimed at conserving and restoring the stonework, decorative metalwork and environs of the memorial. The potential grant assistance available to support the works is of the order of £40,000. It is anticipated that these works can be concluded in the summer months, and will completed prior to the Remembrance Service in November.

3.0 WAR MEMORIAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET

- 3.1 Whilst grant assistance would cover the bulk of the cost of the proposed works, the remaining balance of £15,000 would be required to be funded by the Council. The annual repairs and maintenance budget for all war memorials across the Council is relatively small (approximately £20,000 per year to cover all works to all memorials) and is unable to support the balance of funding, therefore financial assistance is sought from the Falkirk Common Good Fund to allow the conservation works to be undertaken.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The value of the Falkirk Common Good Fund at the start of the financial year was £812,232 after deduction of the funding approval for Dollar Park Tennis Courts, which has still to be distributed. An application of £20,000 was approved on 29 April for Camelon War Memorial, whilst income of £24,000 is expected to be generated from rentals and interest throughout the year.
- 4.2 Two other applications are likely to come before members during the current financial year for Dollar Park Walled Garden Project and Falkirk Steeple Repairs.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

Members consider awarding £15,000 from the Falkirk Common Good Fund towards the conservation and restoration works to Falkirk War Memorial.

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