

**MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE (FALKIRK) held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015 at 9.15 AM.**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Craig R Martin  
Cecil Meiklejohn  
Provost Pat Reid

**OFFICERS:**

Hilary McArthur, Accountancy Services Manager  
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager

**CGF9. APOLOGIES**

An apology was submitted on behalf of Depute Provost John Patrick.

**CGF10. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Provost Reid declared a financial interest in item CGF 14 as Hon. Vice President of Falkirk District Scouting and took no part in the discussion or decision making on this item.

**CGF11. MINUTE**

Minute of the meeting held on 19 June 2015.

**Decision**

The minute was agreed.

**CGF12. PROGRESS REPORT CAMELON WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services providing an update on the Camelon War Memorial Fund project.

The sub-committee had awarded, on 29 April 2015 (ref CGF4), £20,000 to the Camelon War Memorial Fund Committee for the erection of a war memorial at Lock 16 in Camelon.

The award had been made in principle subject to the following conditions being met:-

- due diligence being satisfied in terms of Camelon War Memorial Fund Committee constitution, approved accounts and committee meeting records
- all four local members are appraised regularly on progress
- payment of the £20,000 funding being met by payment of accounts in relation to the work

The due diligence has now been completed. To date the foundations have been completed. A deadline was set for names to be determined. However further names were provided after the deadline. A further search was carried out and the committee is able to instruct the steel contractor to proceed. Erection is likely to be in January or February 2016.

### **Decision**

**The committee noted the report.**

## **CFG13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following item of business on the ground that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6&9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

## **CFG14. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STEEPLE RESTORATION**

The sub-committee considered a report by the Head of Economic Development and Environmental Services detailing an application for funding for assistance towards the restoration of Falkirk Steeple.

The report gave details of the Falkirk Steeple restoration project and provided background to a shortfall in funding of £98,700. The overall cost of the conservation and maintenance costs, £637,700 will be met from the Falkirk Townscape Heritage Initiative and Falkirk Council. It was recommended that the shortfall is met by a special contribution from the Common Good Fund in recognition of the historical significance of the steeple.

### **Decision**

**The sub-committee agreed to award £98,700 from the Falkirk Common Good Fund over financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17 towards the cost of delivering the restoration of the Steeple as a Priority Project and Grade A listed asset of the Council, to be delivered through the Falkirk Townscape Heritage Initiative.**

In accordance with his declaration Provost Reid left the meeting following this item. In terms of Standing Order the quorum for the meeting is 3 members. Consequently the meeting was now inquorate. The following item was not considered.

## **CFG15. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO 1ST FALKIRK SCOUT GROUP**

This item was not considered as the meeting was inquorate.