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Agenda Item 4

**Application for Financial Assistance,
Communities Along The Carron
Association (CATCA)**

Falkirk Council

Title: **Application for Financial Assistance, Communities Along The Carron Association (CATCA)**

Meeting: **Falkirk Common Good Committee**

Date: **17 January 2019**

Submitted By: **Director of Corporate & Housing Services**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The committee considered an application for funding from Communities Along The Carron Association (CATCA) for funding to purchase a Trishaw bike at its meeting on 21 September 2018 and asked for further information to allow it to make a decision.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider:-

- (1) The further information provided to support the application from Communities along the Carron Association to purchase a Trishaw.**
- (2) The application from Communities along the Carron Association for £8,000 to purchase a Trishaw.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The committee considered a report on an application for funding from the Communities Along the Carron Association for £8,000 from the Falkirk Common Good Fund on 21 September 2018. The decision on funding was continued until further information on the project, in particular in regard to the location of the Trishaw in question and its likely usage was received from CATCA. Appendix 1 sets out the response from CATCA. The report from 21 September 2018 is also attached.
- 3.2 Appendix 2 sets out additional information received from CATCA following the recent launch of the TSB funded Trishaw. The report to the meeting on 21 September 2018 is attached as appendix3.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The balance of the Falkirk Common Good Fund is £769,421 at 31 March 2018. Rents and interest received for the financial year 2018/19 are anticipated to be around £27,000, thus giving a projected balance of £796,421. However, funding to the value of £83,796 was approved in principle at the last Committee meeting on 21 September. This would give a revised projected balance of £712,842.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation has been carried out on the report's proposals.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 The total cost of the project is £16,000 and funding of £8,000 is sought from Falkirk Common Good Fund.
- 6.1.1 CATCA is looking to purchase two Trishaws for this project. It has £8,000 in its bank account ring-fenced now to purchase one Trishaw.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications (such as staff and assets) which arise from the report recommendations.

Legal

- 6.3 There are no legal implications which arise from the report recommendations.

Risk

- 6.4 There are no risk implications which arise from the report recommendations.

Equalities

- 6.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment has not been required.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 A sustainability assessment has not been completed as part of compiling this report.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The sum requested is £8,000. The project is of community benefit.
- 7.2 The Falkirk Common Good Fund has a healthy balance, however, members will need to consider if they wish to reduce the fund balance by awarding the grant.

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Appendices

- 1) Response to questions raised by Committee
- 2) Further information
- 3) Report to the Committee on 21 September 2018

List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

- Application received from Miss Jean Weir, Secretary, CATCA on 25 July 2018.
- Email with additional information received from Christine Bell, Project Coordinator, CATCA on 10 October 2018.
- Letter providing a project update from Christine Bell, Project Coordinator, CATCA on 29 November 2018.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY CATCA TO CLARIFY QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING

How often will the Trishaw be used?

We predict that the Trishaw will be used daily as follows: A minimum of 40 volunteers will aim to provide up to 10 cycle rides a week of at least 30 mins for 2 residents at a time per funded Trishaw.

Total estimate = 40 passengers per week out for rides of between 30 mins – 2 hrs per ride.

At least 40 volunteers will be recruited from a cross section of Falkirk communities including, variations in ethnicity, backgrounds, current circumstances and abilities. We will focus on being inclusive and will aim to attract disadvantaged young people.

Where will the Trishaw be located?

We already have some flexibility for location of the Trishaws as we have storage which we rent from Falkirk Council in Calendar Park and Dollar Park and aim to utilise both of these locations to give passengers the full benefits of the fabulous area of Falkirk.

Additionally, if this application was granted, we have secured permission from the CEO of the Community Trust - Maureen Campbell (in principal) to also have storage at the Helix Park which can be used to help attract tourists and local people who are not capable of walking from their cars (some are perhaps elderly members of families who visit) and with the ability to pre arrange Trishaw shuttle they can experience the full use of this wonderful facility in Falkirk.

Exactly the same principal can apply to Dollar Park and Calendar Park.

What is the expected life of a Trishaw?

The Trishaws are expected to extend beyond 10 years of safe and reliable use. Given that the project only started in 2012 there is no firm evidence of lifespan of the trishaws which are bespoke to the project, but predictions are that they will last well into the future. All bikes worldwide are going strong many of them since 2012. Maintenance and spare parts will continue to be fundraised for throughout the life of the project.

Provide more details on how this would engage with the community and benefit the citizens of Falkirk.

The potential for growth of this project occurs daily as Cycling Without Age Scotland are receiving requests for setting up Scotland Wide. With Falkirk being hailed as the Centre of Excellence for the project since it was launched here in 2017 and the Official Capital of this flagship project in the UK, there is limitless potential for it to continue to benefit the citizens of Falkirk. Already CATCA and Cycling Without Age Scotland have attended promotional events and provided demo rides to various groups and had interest in the uptake of rides from the following:

*The Dementia Centre in Dollar Park,
The Sensory Centre,
The Enable group for young people with Down syndrome,
Falkirk Council Deaf and Blind Group,
In addition to all elderly care establishments in and around Falkirk.*

Have other organisations been approached for funding for this Trishaw?

No other organisations have been approached for this particular "Community of Falkirk" Trishaw.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY CATCA TO CLARIFY THE POSITION ON THE LAUNCH OF THE TSB FUNDED TRISHAW

We are doing an official publicity shoot on 11 December 2018 in Dollar Park, for funding we received from the TSB in October 2017. This was awarded to CATCA to purchase a bike to take elderly people to Falkirk High Street to visit the bank and to get them out and about.

This project has taken some time to put together as we had to secure premises and storage for it etc, then to recruit volunteer pilots.

We did not want this launch to be misleading and the Committee to be misled into thinking that this was an alternative source for the Trishaw we are hoping to purchase with Common Good Funding.

This TSB donation was awarded when they agreed for us to be their community partner good cause in 2017.

The Common Good Fund Trishaw is to expand on the reach that we could have if we had more Trishaws. We have already lined up a client base for this Trishaw which includes the Dementia Centre, Dorrator Court, Summerford House, and the Sensory Centre should we be successful.

Falkirk Council

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Meeting: Falkirk Common Good Committee

Date: 21 September 2018

Submitted By: Director of Corporate & Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 An application has been received from Communities Along The Carron Association (CATCA) for funding to purchase a Trishaw bike. This is a three wheel bike which allows a driver/pilot to pedal and transport two passengers in the front seats.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to consider:-**

(1) The application for £8,000 from Falkirk Common Good Fund to purchase a Trishaw.

3. Background

- 3.1 CATCA was constituted in March 2010 after consulting with 16 communities along the River Carron as to their aspirations for the past, present and future of the river. There was a strong desire for environmental regeneration and maximising the potential of the river as a natural asset thus enabling it to become a valuable recreational resource to visit and enjoy. It was recognised that improvements to the river had huge potential to improve the quality of life for many.
- 3.2 Some of the key objectives of CATCA which are relevant to this application are:-
- developing the path network around the river making it accessible for walking and cycling;
 - enabling the river to become a vital part of Central Scotland's Green Network by linking communities, people and places along sustainable walking and cycling routes;
 - improving the health and wellbeing of people and place.

- 3.3 The funding applied for by CATCA will increase the recreational value of the River. The Trishaw will be used as part of an initiative called Cycling Without Age in partnership with Cycling Without Age Scotland (CWAS). Cycling Without Age is already active in over 40 countries around the world.
- 3.4 CWAS was successfully launched in Falkirk by CATCA in 2017 and is now being rolled out nationwide. The project aims to help isolated elderly people and people with mobility difficulties to get outdoors, socialise and feel good about themselves. It aims to transform the lives of these people by bringing them closer to the outdoor environment through trips on Trishaws with local volunteer pilots (Trishaw drivers). Slow cycling is a key principle and ensures pilots, passengers and other path users have the chance to interact when meeting on a ride.
- 3.5 The funding will allow CATCA to purchase one Trishaw to be used by the people of Falkirk. It has funding in place to purchase a second Trishaw.
- 3.6 The Trishaw will be used to give access to the outdoors by bike to Falkirk residents who may suffer from chronic or degenerative conditions through age or illness, which limits their mobility. The project will reach out to those socially isolated in their own homes and elderly people in local care homes. Consultation will take place with elderly people, care home staff, Falkirk Council Social Work Adult Services, GP practices, church membership, to shape the service to the needs of the community.
- 3.7 At least 40 volunteers will be recruited from a cross section of Falkirk communities on an inclusive basis and to attract disadvantaged young people. Volunteers will follow a structured training programme delivered by CWAS which will train them on how to cycle the bikes and interact and take care of the passengers.
- 3.8 The project will bring together the wider community to support the elderly population and help curtail social isolation and loneliness.
- 3.9 CATCA will consult with Falkirk Council Social Work Adult Services to identify the best area in Falkirk to use and store the Trishaws.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The balance of the Falkirk Common Good Fund is £769,421 at 31 March 2018. Rents and interest received for the financial year 2018/19 are anticipated to be around £27,000, thus giving a projected balance of £796,421.

- 4.2 The last grant funded by the Committee was in January 2017. There were no grants awarded in the financial year 2017/18 or in 2018/19 so far.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation has been carried out on the report's proposals.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 The total cost of the project is £16,000 and funding of £8,000 is sought from Falkirk Common Good Fund.

- 6.1.1 CATCA are looking to purchase two Trishaws for this project. It has £8,000 ring-fenced now to purchase one Trishaw.

- 6.1.2 There are a total of 5 applications for funding from Falkirk Common Good to be considered today. These total £90,386, however, it should be noted that one of these applications is for recurring funding of £6,410 per annum.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications (such as staff and assets) which arise from the report recommendations.

Legal

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Risk

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Equalities

- 6.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment has not been required.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 A sustainability assessment has not been completed as part of compiling this report.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The sum requested is £8,000. The project is of community benefit.
- 7.2 The Falkirk Common Good Fund has a healthy balance and no grants were approved in the financial year 2017/18 or in 2018/19 so far. Members will need to consider if they wish to reduce the fund balance by awarding the grant.

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Appendices

None

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