



## **Agenda Item 4**

**Application for Financial Assistance,  
Archaeology Scotland**

Falkirk Council

**Title:** Application for Financial Assistance,  
Archaeology Scotland

**Meeting:** Falkirk Common Good Committee

**Date:** 26 June 2019

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

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 An application has been received from Archaeology Scotland for funding towards creating a replica Roman milestone at Callendar House.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to consider the application for an award of £800 from Falkirk Common Good Fund towards the cost of creating a replica Roman milestone to be carved at the Scottish Living History Festival being held at Callendar House on 31 August and 1 September 2019.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Archaeology Scotland is a Scottish charity that has been in existence for 75 years.
- 3.2 The ethos of the charity is that archaeology should be a benefit to society and be inclusive and available to all. Over 4000 children and young people engaged in their activities last year.
- 3.3 Archaeology Scotland have been directly involved in numerous successful events all over Scotland, providing successful exhibitions and activities. At The Royal Highland Show in 2017 Archaeology Scotland ran an activity where young people tried out stone carving under expert supervision. This proved very popular and the finished stone was erected as a permanent 'Standing Stone'.

**4. Considerations**

- 4.1 As part of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations Archaeology Scotland is planning a special two-day family orientated free event, the Scottish Living History Festival. This event will take place on Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September 2019 in and around Callendar House.

- 4.2 Two full days of interactive hands-on activities, digital experiences, period musicians, talks from experts, ancient craft workshops, re-enactment groups and guided walks are planned.
- 4.3 Archaeology Scotland is looking for funds to create a replica Roman/Celtic standing stone on which young people can try out stone carving under expert supervision. This activity proved very popular at The Royal Highland Show in 2017. The finished stone will then be a permanent legacy from the weekend, being erected in the grounds of Callendar House.
- 4.4 The total cost of the standing stone is £1,500. The cost of the stone itself is £700, however, this is being donated by Dunedin Stone. The £800 grant applied for is to cover the installation/erection of the stone and supervision/training costs.
- 4.5 The balance on Falkirk Common Good Fund noted in Falkirk Council Annual Report and Accounts at 31 March 2019 was £767,996. However, a grant has been approved potentially to the value of £100,000 to Friends of Falkirk War Memorial, and this is not reflected in this figure. It is prudent to include this in the available balance when considering further funding awards. A payment of £6,410 was made in April 2019 to Falkirk Council in respect of funding for Falkirk Steeple, the second and final payment of the award granted. Rents and interest received by the Fund for the financial year 2018/19 were £28,484 and are anticipated to be around the same amount for 2019/20. The available balance is therefore £690,070.

This is summarised in the following table:

|   | £              |
|---|----------------|
|   |                |
| Balance at 31 March 2019 per the Accounts                   | 767,996        |
|   |                |
| Grant paid to Falkirk Council in respect of Falkirk Steeple | (6,410)        |
|   |                |
| Grant approved to Friends of Falkirk War Memorial           | (100,000)      |
|   |                |
| Rents and interest anticipated for 2019/20                  | 28,484         |
|   |                |
| <b>Projected available balance</b>                          | <b>690,070</b> |

- 4.6 In the financial year 2018/19 £29,910 was paid in grants (£15,500 to Falkirk TUC Workers Memorial, £8,000 to CATCA for a Trishaw and £6,410 to Falkirk Council for running costs of a local heritage space at the Steeple).

## **5. Consultation**

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

## **6. Implications**

### **Financial**

- 6.1 The only financial implication is the awarding of the grant and the subsequent reduction in the fund balance.

### **Resources**

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

### **Legal**

- 6.3 The stone will be erected on land owned by Falkirk Council. Verbal permission has been given as to the location of the stone in the grounds of Callendar House.

### **Risk**

- 6.4 There are no risk implications 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 by Archaeology Scotland is £800 from Falkirk Common Good Fund and the Committee should consider if it wishes to reduce the fund balance by awarding this grant.

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## **Appendices**

None

## **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 Mr David Gilchrist, Events Co-ordinator and Fundraiser, Archaeology Scotland on 13 May 2019.