



## **Agenda Item 4**

**Application for Financial Assistance -  
Bainsford War Memorial Association**

**Falkirk Council**

**Title:** Application for Financial Assistance -  
Bainsford War Memorial Association

**Meeting:** Falkirk Common Good Committee

**Date:** 25 October 2021

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

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 An application has been received from Bainsford War Memorial Association to create a memorial to the people of Bainsford who lost their lives during World Wars I and II.

**2. Recommendations**

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

- (1) The application for further funding, this time for £25,000, from Falkirk Common Good Fund to create the Bainsford War Memorial.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Bainsford War Memorial Association were awarded funding of £40,000 from Falkirk Common Good Fund in June 2020. As a result of the funding challenges created by Covid-19 they are now making a second request for funding, this time for £25,000, this is detailed further in 6.1.
- 3.2 Bainsford War Memorial Association was formed with the central aim of creating a war memorial in Bainsford to recognise the people of Bainsford who died in the war. There are 10 Committee Members.
- 3.3 The memorial will be located in Dawson Park on land owned by Falkirk Council. On completion, the memorial will be adopted by Falkirk Council.
- 3.4 Through the 'Bainsford Remembers' project the memorial will not only be a place of remembrance but will also be a place of learning with

interpretation boards to explore the stories of the Bainsford fallen.

- 3.5 A programme of community engagement and learning will pre-date the erection of the memorial. Local school pupils will be involved as will members of the local community who have stories to tell of the war and their relatives.
- 3.6 This project is based in an area of Falkirk experiencing significant deprivation and includes households who would not normally engage in heritage projects. The participation of residents and in particular children in this project will facilitate a new kind of community engagement.
- 3.7 The project cost has moved from £82,520 in the June 2020 application to £90,000 in this new application.
- 3.8 The following information has been provided as a breakdown of the project:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Application June 2020  Cost £</b>	<b>Application September 2021  Cost £</b>
Construction/installation of war memorial/garden	74,000	74,000
Manufacture/installation of interpretation boards	3,120	3,850
Purchase/installation of flag poles and flags	500	1,100
Professional fees songwriter	2,500	2,500
Design/printing booklet	1,500	2,200
Oral history training volunteers/pupils	400	500
Oral history recording equipment	200	550
Volunteer's expenses	200	300
Coal Mining Report	0	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,520</b>	<b>90,000</b>
<b>Amount requested from Falkirk Common Good Fund</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Amount awarded</b>	<b>40,000</b>	

#### 4. Considerations

- 4.1 The balance of the Falkirk Common Good Fund was £692,068 at financial year end 31 March 2020. Rents and interest received for the financial year 2021/22 are anticipated to be around £23,800, giving an available projected balance of £715,941.

## 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 £90,000 and further funding, this time for £25,000, is sought from Falkirk Common Good Fund.

6.2 On 18 June 2020 the Committee considered an application for funding of £65,000 and awarded £40,000. The total estimated cost of the project has increased from £82,520 to £90,000. Further funding, this time for £25,000, is sought from Falkirk Common Good Fund.

6.3 It was noted in the June report that a further application would be considered if there should be a project shortfall following the group's fundraising efforts. A pre-application was submitted to Land Trust Scotland in December 2021 for funding of £25,000. The assessment process has been significantly delayed by Covid-19 and it is now considered unlikely that this funding will go ahead. Consequently, the group are applying to the Falkirk Common Good Fund for funding of this same value to ensure the project can proceed. If the application is approved the project will be funded as follows:

Funding Sources	£	Status
Falkirk Common Good Fund - first tranche	40,000	In bank account
Fundraising activities in bank account (see 6.4)	872	Balance in bank account
Fundraising activities to be achieved (see 6.4)	2,128	Ongoing
EBS Scotland	10,000	Funding secured
Falkirk Council Community Choices Fund	10,000	Funding secured
Falkirk Council School Charity Fund	2,000	In bank account
<i>Falkirk Common Good Fund - second tranche</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>Applying now</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,000</b>	

6.4 The group has £42,872 in its bank account on the statement dated 22 September 2021, which includes the £40,000 awarded last year from Falkirk Common Good Fund. According to their application the group has raised £7,193 from fundraising activities. The group have acquired 100 bottles of Whisky from Adelphi Distillery for fundraising purposes.

6.5 In the financial year 2020/21 net grants of £30,000 in total were awarded, this figure included grant monies repaid.

6.6 The last award made was for £2,000 to Christ Church for church repairs in January 2021.

### **Resources**

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

### **Legal**

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

### **Risk**

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

### **Equalities**

6.10 An equality and poverty impact assessment has not been required.

### **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

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

## **7. Conclusions**

7.1 The sum requested is £25,000. 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**

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 and final supporting documentation received from Councillor Robert Bissett, Chairman, on 1 October 2021.