

**Draft** 

Minute of meeting of the Falkirk Common Good Fund Committee held remotely on Monday 25 October 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

<u>Councillors:</u> David Alexander

Lorna Binnie

Provost William Buchanan

Cecil Meiklejohn John Patrick

Depute Provost Ann Ritchie

Emma Russell

Officers: Hazel Jones, Senior Accountant

Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager

Also attending; James Marshall, Bainsford War Memorial Association

Tom McMorrow, Bainsford War Memorial Association Emma Peattie, Bainsford War Memorial Association Charlie Reid, Bainsford War Memorial Association

In accordance with section 43 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Convener had directed that the meeting would be conducted by video conference to allow remote attendance by elected members.

In accordance with section 50A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public were excluded from this meeting as it was likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus.

### CGF1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bissett and Goldie

#### CGF2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

#### CGF3. Minute

#### **Decision**

The Minute of the meeting held on 22 December 2020 was approved.

# CGF4. Application for Financial Assistance - Bainsford War Memorial Association

The committee considered an update report from the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting a further application for financial assistance from Bainsford War Memorial Association to create a memorial to the people of Bainsford who lost their lives during World Wars I and II.

The committee had previously considered an application from the Association on 18 June 2020 (ref CGF4.) and had agreed to award £40k towards the project (made up of the interest on the Common Good Fund for the year £2k plus £13k which had been returned to the Fund by the Friends of Falkirk War Memorial). The committee had also invited the Association to apply again should its own fundraising efforts result in a projected shortfall in funding.

A second application, for £25k, had now been made.

The project cost had increased from £82,520 to £90,000

A pre-application had submitted to Land Trust Scotland in December 2021 for funding of £25,000. However, it was considered unlikely that this application would be successful. Consequently, the Association had applied to the Falkirk Common Good Fund for the equivalent sum to ensure the project could proceed. If the application was approved the project would be funded as follows:

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

Cathie Peattie, James Murphy, Tom McMorrow and Charlie Reid answered questions from members of the committee on the fundraising by the Association since the last meeting in June 2020. In particular they

responded to questions from the committee on the extent to which there was community buy-in for the project given that the majority of the funding which had been secured was public money.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to make a second, and final, award of £25,000, from Falkirk Common Good Fund to the Bainsford War Memorial Association