

Agenda



Special Meeting of Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee

Date: Wednesday, 14 April 2021

Time: 10:00

Venue: Zoom Video Conference

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Dear Member

Please attend a special meeting of the Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee as detailed above. The business is shown on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

Distribution:-

Provost William Hendrie (Chair)
Councillor Jim Brown
Councillor Diane Docherty
Councillor Jim Finn
Councillor Daniel Lennie
Councillor Douglas McAllister
Councillor Marie McNair
Councillor John Mooney
Councillor Lawrence O'Neill

All other Councillors for information

Date of issue: 31 March 2021

ALEXANDER CROSS CAMERON BEQUEST COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in the item of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 5

Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee held on 24 March 2021.

4 GRANT APPLICATION 7 - 13

Submit report by the Chief Officer – Resources providing information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund and requesting consideration of an officer recommendation in relation to the application.

ALEXANDER CROSS CAMERON BEQUEST COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee held by Video Conference on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost William Hendrie and Councillors Marie McNair and Daniel Lennie.

Attending: Adrian Gray, Business Unit Finance Partner, Corporate Functions; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor; and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Diane Docherty and John Mooney.

Provost William Hendrie in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Special Meeting of the Alexander Cross Cameron Bequest Committee held on 19 February 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

GRANT APPLICATION

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Resources providing information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund from Golden Friendships.

After discussion and having heard the Business Unit Finance Partner in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to continue the grant application received from Golden Friendships to a future meeting to enable officers to provide further financial information including that relating to any earmarked reserves of the organisation.

The meeting closed at 10.12 a.m.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Chief Officer, Resources
Alexander Cross Cameron Fund Committee
14 April 2021

Subject: Grant Applications

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide additional information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund and to make an officer recommendation for Members consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee agrees the officer recommendation to refuse the grant application from Golden Friendships for the reasons provided within Appendix 1.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Trust Deed states that the purpose of the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund is for 'considering applications by or on behalf of non-profit making community groups for grant assistance towards the cost of one-off community activities within Clydebank the objectives of which are in the opinion of the Trustee, to assist and relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. For the avoidance of doubt no grant assistance shall be paid in respect of the normal running costs of the community group itself'.
- 3.2 Alexander Cross Cameron Fund grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Council and are reported to the fund as and when applications are received.
- 3.3 Per the 2019-20 Financial Statements, the value of fund as at 31 March 2020 was £115,638.45. Since 31 March 2020 no grants have been awarded, therefore £115,638.45 remains available for distribution.

4. Main Issues

Grant Applications

4.1 One application for grant funding has been received. Members should note that an amount of £0 is being recommended with full details being provided in the attached Appendix.

4.2 At the previous committee meeting held on 24th March 2021 members requested additional information be provided on the group's financial reserves. This information is listed on appendix 2.

4.3 Members will note the reasons provided by officers in relation to the recommendations of award and will need to ensure that when making awards that these are made in line with the aims and purposes of the Trust Fund.

5. Option Appraisal

5.1 No option appraisal consideration was required for this report.

6. People Implications

6.1 There are no people implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 It is recommended that £0 grant is awarded from the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund.

8. Risk Analysis

8.1 The Committee must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Alexander Cross Cameron Fund remains financially viable, but also that the organisations funded by the Fund comply with the Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc. As stated at 4.3 above, Members must ensure funds awarded are for the purposes of the Trust Fund.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.1 No issues were identified in a screening of applications.

10. Environmental Sustainability

10.1 No environmental sustainability issues require to be raised in connection with this report.

11. Consultation

11.1 All organisations are consulted regarding recommendations of grant prior to the report being submitted to committee. The Council's Legal Service has been consulted in relation to this report.

Stephen West
Chief Officer, Resources
Date: 31 March 2021

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Appendices: Appendix 1: Detail of applications for assessment
Appendix 2: Additional information on group reserves

Background Papers: Grant Application Forms.
Report to Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund
Committee held on 24 March 2021.

Wards Affected: Ward 4, 5 and 6

**Alexander Cross Cameron Fund
for consideration April 2021
(2020/21)**

Organisation	Purpose of organisation	Grant requested	Purpose of grant	Comments
Golden Friendships	To alleviate isolation for the lonely and most vulnerable in the community.	£20,000	<p>Currently have 4 disabled toilets suitable for wheelchair access, but require a 'changing places' facility to accommodate those who need assistance transferring from chair to toilet. 'Changing places' toilets have hoists fitted overhead for users to be lifted out of chair and onto a pull-down bed. There would be an area to get washed and cleaned, and the sink is height adjustable for each user.</p> <p>As a result of the installation of the Changing Places facility it will be established as the first ever wheelchair entertainment venue, and proposes to run events under the banner 'Red Ramp Events'.</p>	<p>Total cost is £27,000</p> <p>Group contribution: £7,000</p> <p>Recommendation: £0</p> <p>The proposed use of the grant appears to fall out with the aims of the Trust as outlined in the Trust Deed. Purpose of the grant appears to be Capital works which doesn't constitute a one-off community activity.</p>
Number of members	How often does it meet	Other grants applied for/ awarded	Bank Balance	Accounts balance
600+ members	Five days a week	<p>-Lottery £30,000 re staffing costs (granted Jun 2020)</p> <p>-Robertson Trust £16,000 re staffing costs (granted Jan 2021)</p>	Bank balance at 29/01/2021 = £104,355.03	Draft Annual accounts @ 30/11/20 = £71,500

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Robertson Trust Capital Fund £25,000 re refurbishment (granted Nov 2020) -Foundation Scotland £5,000 re covid community support (granted Apr2020) -Age Scotland £2,500 re covid community support (granted Apr 2020) -Awards for All £10,000 re covid community support (granted Apr 2020) - Awards for All £8,000 re covid community support (granted Jun 2020) - Cash for Kids £5,460 re covid community support (granted Apr 2020) -Lottery £30,000 re staffing costs (application to be submitted Jun 2021) -Robertson Trust £16,000 re staffing costs (application to be submitted Feb 2021) 		
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Alexander Cross Cameron Fund for consideration April 2021 (2020/21)
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Golden Friendships Group – Information on current financial reserves held.

<u>Balance of reserves as at 15/02/21</u>	96,688.00
Prescribed reserves	70,000.00
To be used to part fund Changing Places Toilets	7,000.00
Outstanding balance due to Digiview Glasgow	5,000.00
Outstanding balance due to complete refurbishment of premises	12,000.00
Subtotal	<u>94,000.00</u>
Remaining available funds	2,688.00