

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services
Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee - 20 June 2012

Subject: Provost's Fund

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the current sum available within the Provost's Fund and invite Members to approve a new allocation to the Fund.

2. Background

- 2.1** In 1953 a Fund, known as the Burgh of Clydebank Provost's Fund, was established. The Fund transferred to Clydebank District Council in 1975 and to West Dunbartonshire Council in 1996.
- 2.2** In November 1998, officers were requested by Council to examine whether the Fund could be adapted for wider use, or whether a replacement Trust to cover the whole area of West Dunbartonshire should be required. It was determined that the existing Fund may be used to cover the whole of West Dunbartonshire.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The balance on the Fund as at 31 May 2012 was £244.46.
- 3.2** The accounts for the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2012 show total expenditure in the year of £2,600.00 and £250.00 thereafter to date. Detail of recent distribution during financial year 2011/12 and also the period between 1 April 2012 and now is shown as Appendix A.
- 3.3** During 2011/12, the total paid into the Provost's Fund from the local grants budget was £3000.00; and a further £14.01 of bank interest was received.
- 3.4** From 2008/09 onwards, the West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service (WDCVS) has been involved in administering and monitoring the Council's local grants budget, with a retained element held by the Council. Any agreed funding to be provided to the Provost's Fund would be taken from this retained element and would not affect the amount allocated to the WDCVS.
- 3.5** An element of the grant funding is retained by the Council and not passed onto the CVS at the start of the year in the event of further strategic partners being identified through the grants process. The retained element of the grant funding for 2012/13 is £21,000. Any budget allocated to the Provost's Fund would reduce this.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications at this point.

5. Financial implications

5.1 Any transfer from the local grants budget to the Provost Fund would be taken from the retained element of the Council's grants budget.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 No further risk analysis was required.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 No equalities impact assessment was required in relation to this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Council has identified four main strategic priorities, namely Social & Economic Regeneration; Financial Strategy; Asset Management Strategy; and Fit for Purpose Services.

8.2 The award of funding through the Provost Fund has an indirect impact on Social and Economic Regeneration.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 The Provost Fund, as at 31 May 2012, holds a balance of £244.46 and in order to continue to operate requires an allocation from the grants budget. During 2011/12, the Provost Fund received £3,000.00 funding from the Council's retained grants budget.

9.2 Members are requested to approve the transfer of £3,000.00 from the local Grants budget to the Provost's Fund and agree that any further funding will require a further report to this Committee.

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Appendix: Distribution of Funds for 2011/12 and period since 1 April 2012 to 31 May 2012

Background Papers: No background papers

Wards Affected: All wards

Appendix

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL - PROVOST'S FUND

Account for the Period 1st April 2011 to 31 May 2012

Balance B/Fwd at 1 April 2011	£80.45
Add:	
Bank Interest	£14.01
West Dunbartonshire Council (4 May 2011)	£1,500.00
West Dunbartonshire Council (18 June 2011)	£1,500.00
	£3,094.46
Less: Donations made during financial year 2011/12	
Kilpatrick Activity Fund	£25.00
The Prince William & Kate Middleton Charitable Gift Fund	£100.00
Dunbartonshire's Deaf Children's Association	£100.00
12th Clydebank Guides	£200.00
Army Benevolent Fund	£50.00
St Cuthbert's Church	£100.00
Clydebank Multiple Sclerosis Society	£200.00
Riverside Early Education & Childcare Centre	£25.00
Guide Dogs for the Blind	£25.00
John Hartson Fund	£100.00
Bowling Annual Gala	£100.00
Erskine	£25.00
Mr Billy Parker	£50.00
Mrs Jean McEwan	£25.00
Bonhill & Jamestown Older People's Welfare Association	£50.00
Age Concern Dumbarton	£50.00
Jamestown Parish Church	£50.00
Bonhill Senior Citizens Association	£50.00
Dalmonach Tuesday/Friday Senior Citizens Club	£25.00
Second Ward Senior Citizens Club	£200.00
Vale of Leven Remembrance Day Association	£25.00
Dumbarton and Vale of Leven Disabled Women's Group	£75.00
Clydebank Highland Association	£50.00
CHAS	£25.00
Linnvale Community Bus	£25.00
Violet McGuire, Clydebank Women's Group	£200.00
Clydebank Musical Society	£50.00
Kilbowie St.Andrew's Women's Guild Social Club	£100.00
St.Peter the Apostle High School	£100.00
Clydebank Seniors Forum	£150.00
Rosie Kerr - Marathon de Sable sponsorship	£150.00
Lomond Writers' Gathering	£25.00
South East Division Guide Association	£50.00
1st Linnvale Brownies	£25.00
	£2,600.00

Balance C/Fwd at 31 March 2012	£494.46
Less: Donations made to date in financial year 2012/13	
Champion Dance and Cheer All-stars	£150.00
Timebank	£100.00
	£250.00
Balance as at 31 May 2012	<u>£244.46</u>