

CAMPBELL AND MCNEIL BEQUESTS AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

1.0 APPLICATIONS

- 1.1 This report gives Members information regarding 3 applications that have been received for support from the Campbell and McNeil Bequests.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee are asked to:
1. award £100 to the 2 family applicants who meet the criteria; and
 2. award £50 to the single individual applicant who meets the criteria;

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee on 06 March 2024 agreed new distribution arrangements for the Campbell and McNeil Bequests, which had been established to benefit the poor of the Parish of Kildalton and Oa. The Area Committee agreed to invite applications:
- 3.1.1 where the income of the household is below £250 per resident in the household per week
 - 3.1.2 live within the Parish of Kildalton and Oa; and
 - 3.1.3 be over the age of 16.
- 3.2 Furthermore, it was agreed that successful individual applicants would receive £50 while those applying on behalf of their family would receive £100.
- 3.3 Following agreement of the new distribution arrangements 3 applications have been received.
- 3.4 Two applications have been received on behalf of families. Both of these applications are being recommended for award.
- 3.5 A single application has been received on behalf of an individual and is being recommended for award.
- 3.6 The total funds available for distribution from the Campbell and McNeil Bequests are approximately £7k. Should members be minded a total of £250 will be

awarded during this award cycle.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Members are invited to consider the applications that have been received for support from the Campbell and McNeil Bequests and to approve the financial awards recommended within the report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Policy** – Consideration of the questions raised will ensure that the intentions of the original bequests are honoured.

5.2 **Financial** – None, the Council acts as trustee for the Fund, it does not represent assets of the Council. However, there is a risk that the Council would have to repay the Trust if an objection was raised as to the use of the funds.

5.3 **Legal** – Area Committees, as Trustees, must ensure that the distribution arrangements comply with the terms of the funds, failure to do so would result in the Council being liable.

5.4 **HR** – None

5.5 **Fairer Scotland Duty** – None

5.5.1 Equalities – protected characteristics – None

5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – None

5.5.3 Islands – None

5.6 **Climate Change** – None

5.7 **Risk** – Recent changes to the benefit system, and low interest rates may result in an oversubscription to the bequest. If there was an objection raised as to the use of the funds in a particular way, there is a risk that the Council could have to pay Page 155 the costs themselves and repay the Trust the costs. The level of risk is considered to be acceptable.

5.8 **Customer Service** – None

5.9 **The Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** – None

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of applications (exempt)