

CAMBUSLANG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REPORT ON THE MORRISTON PARK FUND – 1999 - 2015

In March 2015, Cambuslang Community Council made the final awards from the Morriston Park Fund to two deserving community projects – the Cambuslang Summerfest Fair-Play Football Tournament and Kirkhill Lawn Tennis Club's centenary coaching programme.

The Morriston Park Fund was created in 1989 when the playing fields at Morriston Park were sold by the University of Strathclyde to developers to build the current Morriston Park estate. To compensate the community for the loss of the playing fields, Cambuslang Community Council member, Alistair Hamilton, negotiated an agreement with the University to create a fund from the proceeds of the sale to develop an alternative recreation ground in the area, with land at Grenville Drive initially being considered.

A sum of £10,000 was placed in trust in March 1989 but, after ten years with no progress on creating a new ground, the Community Council received the University's agreement to consider other options for using the fund to improve recreational facilities or equipment in the area. By this time the fund had grown, with interest, to over £15,700.

The Community Council took the view that "all local residents should have the chance to benefit and that the money should be distributed as widely as possible". It wrote to all sports clubs in the area and made the first awards totalling £6,703 in July 1999 to Ingleneuk Amateur Football Club, Kirkhill Bowling Club, O'Neil's Amateur Boxing Club and Cambuslang Rugby Club.

Over the 16-year life of the Fund, 28 awards were made to 22 different clubs and groups in the Cambuslang area. For more than a decade, each award had to be approved by the University, but the administration of the Fund was transferred to the Community Council in 2012. With accrued interest, a total of almost £18,000 was awarded over the lifetime of the Fund. Much of the funding went to football clubs to buy new strips, training equipment, kitbags and first aid kits, but support was also provided for archery, bowls, canoeing, hillwalking, pool, rugby, running and tennis.

Applicants were always required to provide detailed justification for their funding bids but not all could be supported. In cases where applications were turned down, mainly because they were ineligible under the award conditions, the Community Council chair often provided advice on alternative funding sources.

Looking back over the 16-year life of the Fund, the most striking feature of the record of funding is the vitality of the clubs, associations, churches and voluntary groups in Cambuslang dedicated to improving the sporting and recreational opportunities for young people in particular – mostly with limited resources and relying on committed volunteers. In helping many of these groups to provide valuable services to the local community, the Morriston Park Fund has lived up to its aim of benefiting the maximum number of people.

On behalf of the community, Cambuslang Community Council thanks the University of Strathclyde for setting up the Fund and the good cooperation with the Council over the 1999-2015 period.

Cambuslang Community Council
April 2015

Awards from the Morriston Park Fund made by Cambuslang Community Council, 1999-2015

Applicant	Date	Purpose	Award
Ingleneuk Amateur Football Club	Jul-99	Construction of a shower facility	£600.00
Kirkhill Bowling Club	Jul-99	Youth coaching bowls and shoes	£780.00
O'Neils Amateur Boxing Club	Jul-99	Punchballs, gloves, mats & weights	£715.00
Cambuslang Rugby Club	Jul-99	Tractor and cutting equipment	£4,608.00
229th Boys Brigade	Feb-04	Football strips, safety equipment	£499.21
Baptist Church	Mar-04	Pool table	£460.00
Cambuslang Lawn Tennis Club	Dec-04	Tennis equipment	£640.61
138 th Glasgow Scouts	Aug-06	Equipment for various sports	£2,038.00
229th Boys Brigade	Jul-06	Canoeing & water sports equipment	£755.80
Ronhill Harriers	Feb-09	Running tops	£400.00
Cathkin Wanderers A.F.C.	Feb-09	Football kit and training equipment	£710.20
Cambuslang Rugby Club – Juniors	May-09	Rugby training equipment	£493.17
Scotland B.C.	Jan-10	Football training equipment	£345.00
Friends of Cambuslang Park	Jan-10	Footbakas	£230.00
O'Neils Amateur Boxing Club	Mar-10	Boxing equipment and tracksuits	£400.00
Cambuslang Summer Fest	May-10	Football tournament	£400.00
Thistle B.C.	Jun-10	Football training equipment	£400.00
Cambuslang Football Club	May-12	Football kit and training equipment	£400.00
Friends of Cambuslang Park	May-12	Traditional sports day equipment	£200.00
Cambus Tigers	May-12	Football training equipment	£400.00
Clyde Thistle	May-12	Football kit	£392.13
Cambuslang Football Academy	Mar-13	Football kit and training equipment	£395.00
Flemington Boys Club	Mar-13	Football training equipment	£400.00
West Coats Primary Parents Council	Mar-13	Gymnastic mats	£320.00
Cambuslang Football Club 13-15	May-13	Football training equipment	£400.00
The Celtic Boys Club	May-13	Football strips	£400.00
Cambuslang Summerfest 2015	Mar-15	Football tournament	£72.17
Kirkhill Lawn Tennis Club	Mar-15	Tennis coaching balls	£72.17
Total			£17,926.46