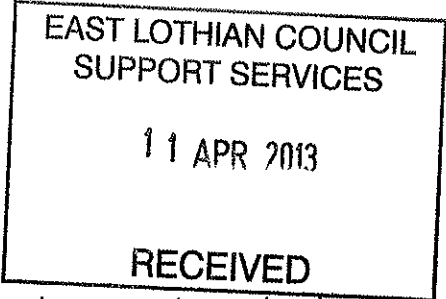


**Motion to East Lothian Council – 23 April 2013**


**Community Use of the Brunton**



- 1) Council wishes to recognise the valuable role the many local community and voluntary organisations play in the life of Musselburgh. Many of these organisations have in the past made use of the Brunton Hall to run events, both social and fundraising.
- 2) Council recognised that the new charging regime for use of the facilities at the Brunton (the Main Hall and Supper Room), even with the discount applied is such that these organisations are no longer able to afford to use the new Brunton. The increased charges, coupled with the restriction on being able to use the new kitchen facilities for their events mean that community and voluntary organisations are to all intents and purposes being prevented from using the Brunton.
- 3) Council is concerned about the effects of the charges on the bodies affected and acknowledges the problems caused.

Council agrees:

- 1) That a review of charges levied on community and voluntary organisations be undertaken with the intention of reducing these to a cost recovery basis only;
- 2) That the use of the kitchen facilities should be made available for community use and that a refundable deposit system be considered whereby use of the kitchens will be permitted with the deposit retained if kitchens are not left in a clean state;
- 3) That a list of community and voluntary organisations which, prior to the refurbishment, had traditionally used the Brunton for events be compiled along with the dates they require to use the Brunton; and that such dates where they are fixed are guaranteed for those organisations' use. Examples would be for Musselburgh Festival events, community council events and the Musselburgh Horticultural Society.

Proposed:  Date 11/4/13  
Cllr. Stuart Currie

Seconded:  Date 11/4/13  
Cllr Peter MacKenzie