



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014  
RENNIE ROOM, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor J McNeil, Chair  
Councillor John Williamson  
Councillor John Caldwell  
Councillor Stuart Currie  
Councillor Andrew Forrest  
Councillor Fraser McAllister

**Council Officials Present:**

Ms Pauline Maciver, Senior Accountant  
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

**Applicant(s) Present:**

Mr Kinghorn – Northesk Parish Church (Item 4a)  
Mr A Knowles – Northesk Esk Church (Item 4a)  
Ms N Savage – Arthritis Care (Item 4b)  
Ms F Russell – Arthritis Care (Item 4b)

**Apologies:**

None

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Caldwell, Item 5 (Application for funding from the Riding of the Marches 2016 Ltd)

**1. Minute of the Meeting of 27 May 2014**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute of the meeting of 27 May 2014.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minute of the Meeting of 27 May 2014**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Feedback from Organisations in Receipt of Grant Funding**

The Chair advised that a letter had been received from the Team Leader of Musselburgh Windsor 2001 Group whose Under 13 football team had received funding for a trip to Champigny in June 2014. The Club had been awarded £500 towards the cost of the trip at the May Committee. An Easyjet invoice for £3,033 for the cost of the flights was submitted for the attention of the Committee today together with colour photographs of the trip and a letter thanking the Committee for their support.

Councillor Currie stated that it was important to receive feedback from individuals or organisations which had been awarded a grant. He considered that this was good practice and proposed that it was made a condition of grants being approved in future. The Chair suggested that Pauline Maciver, Senior Accountant, could draft a feedback form which applicants would be asked to complete.

The Chair announced that the Committee was now in private session.

**4a. Application for Assistance – W Elgin (on behalf of Northesk Parish Church)**

The Common Good Committee considered an application by W Elgin on behalf of Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh for funding of £5000 towards replacing the central heating system in the church and hall due to its age and unreliability.

**Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed unanimously to grant the application in full subject to Viridor confirming that it will fund 90% of the estimated cost of the project (£100,000).

**4b. Application for Assistance – N Savage (on behalf of Arthritis Care)**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Ms N Savage on behalf of Arthritis Care (Musselburgh Branch) for funding towards the cost of a Christmas party for members.

**Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed unanimously to grant £500 to Arthritis Care for their Christmas party which will take place on 5 December 2014.

**Sederunt:** Councillor Caldwell left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on the following application.

**5. Application for Funding from Musselburgh Riding of the Marches 2016 Ltd**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Musselburgh Riding of the Marches 2016 Ltd for £100,000 to part fund the Musselburgh Riding of the Marches 2016 celebrations.

**Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to Council that the applicant is allowed to draw down, on the presentation of invoices to the Council's finance department, a maximum of £50,000 in 2014/15 and £50,000 in 2015/16 to fund core events on the condition that it is made clear in the publicity that the Common Good Fund had provided the funding for the items/events financed by the award.

***Note:** In accordance with the Common Good Committees Scheme of Administration, proposed expenditure in excess of £10,000 must be determined by East Lothian Council and that this application will therefore be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 16 December 2014.*