



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

**TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016  
REGENT ROOM, BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Councillor J McNeil, Chair  
Councillor J Caldwell  
Councillor J Williamson  
Councillor S Currie  
Councillor Forrest (Items 1-4c)

**Council Officials Present:**

Ms P Maciver, Senior Accountant  
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

**Applicants Present:**

None

**Apologies:**

Councillor F McAllister

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

## **1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

### **a) Meeting of 8 December 2015**

The minutes of the meeting on 8 December 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Caldwell enquired if there had been any feedback from applicants who had been awarded grants at recent Common Good meetings and was advised that no feedback had been received. Councillor Currie stated that, in his view, submitting feedback to the Committee should be a condition of grant. He also pointed out that there were other occasions when the Committee had awarded significant grants to community projects and this had not been acknowledged publicly. The Chair advised that the Committee had had a Musselburgh Common Good logo designed but it had not been used.

*Action Points:*

1. Chair to follow up on Musselburgh Common Good logo.
2. Clerk to contact one applicant to request copy of outstanding Service Level Agreement

## **3. DATE OF FIREWORKS FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

The Chair stated that the preferred bidder for the Musselburgh Fireworks event had advised that they would have difficulty putting on the event on Saturday 5 November 2016 and had asked the Committee to consider changing the date to Friday 4 November. The Committee considered the implications of changing the date of the event, discussing staffing costs, stewarding and clean-up.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to instruct Stuart Pryde, the Council's Principal Amenity Officer, to put the event out to tender for the evening of Saturday 5 November 2016.

## **4. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **4a Application for Assistance – ██████████**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from ██████████ for funding of £1000 to be used towards travel expenses for the rest of this year's snooker season.

### **Decision**

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to reject the application on the grounds that it did not meet the criteria for funding.

#### **4b Application for Assistance – Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield Group**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Andrew Coulson on behalf of Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield Group for funding of £200 to secure reinstatement of one of the interpretive display boards on the Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield Trail.

##### **Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed to grant the application in full.

#### **4c Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Horticultural Society**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Mr Karl Cleghorn on behalf of the Musselburgh Horticultural Society for funding of £3,000 to purchase computing and IT equipment, display staging equipment and to repair damaged historical Silver Cups which will be passed to Musselburgh Museum.

##### **Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed to grant the application in full.

#### **4d Application for Assistance – Maitland Park Residents Association**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Jenny Dougal on behalf of Maitland Park Residents Association for £2,500 to facilitate the update and re-furbishing of the children's play area.

##### **Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed to grant the application in full.

#### **4e Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]**

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for £500 to help fund a World Challenge expedition to Kerala in India.

##### **Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed to grant the application in full.

### **5 REPAIRS AT FISHERROW HARBOUR**

The Council's Head of Infrastructure had submitted a report to access the Common Good Fund to replace and repair handrails and ladders to a suitable standard at Fisherrow Harbour.

The Chair stated that it had been established that the Common Good Fund owned Fisherrow Harbour. The report advised that 3 quotations had been received, ranging from £40,000 to £96,000, from companies able to carry out the work.

The Committee discussed the request for funding from the Common Good's repair budget in detail, including the procurement process, the plan for future investment and for income generation from this asset.

Councillor Currie requested an updated list of Common Good assets and Councillor Caldwell stated that there was a need to have a risk register.

**Decision**

The Common Good Committee agreed to recommend to Council that funding was provided from the Common Good Repair Fund for the above work, as the Common Good had an obligation to repair its assets.

Signed .....

Councillor J McNeil  
Convener of Musselburgh Common Good Committee