



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

**TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015
PROVOST'S BOARDROOM, BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J McNeil, Chair (All items except 3 b)
Councillor S Currie, Chair (Item 3b only)
Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor J Williamson
Councillor F McAllister

Council Officials Present:

Ms Pauline Maciver, Finance Officer
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

Applicant(s) Present:

Ms I Tait, Musselburgh Community Council
Ms Y Cassidy, Musselburgh Citizen's Advice Bureau
Mr E John, East Lothian Council

Apologies:

Councillor A Forrest

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor J McNeil, Item 3b, (Musselburgh and District Citizen's Advice Bureau)
Councillor J Caldwell, Item 3c, (ELC for funding to provide a pop up water sprinkling system at Musselburgh Old Golf Course)

1. Minute of the Meeting of 24 February 2015

The Committee agreed to approve the minute of the meeting of 24 February 2015, subject to the following amendments:

- Councillor McAllister had submitted his apologies for the meeting

2. Matters Arising from the Minute of the Meeting of 24 February 2015

Matters Arising from the Minute of the meeting of 18 November 2014

In relation to the funding awarded to Musselburgh Riding of the Marches 2016 Ltd, Councillor McNeil stated that he had had a logo created for the Riding of the Marches publicity material to indicate that the Musselburgh Common Good fund was a major financial donor, but the logo had not fitted the Riding of the Marches format. The Committee agreed that it would be sufficient for the Common Good Fund to be given recognition on Riding of the Marches publicity material. There would also be more opportunities in the future to have a Musselburgh Common Good logo incorporated in their printed material.

3a. Application for Assistance – Dadswork

The Common Good Committee considered an application by Kevin Young on behalf of Dadswork for funding of £1500 to develop a community garden on land at MECLC (Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre) and to create 10 plots with surrounding paths.

Decision

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

3b. Application for Assistance – Musselburgh and District Citizens Advice Bureau

The Common Good considered an application by Yvonne Cassidy on behalf of Musselburgh and District Citizens Advice Bureau for funding of £60,000 to enable them to secure a long term lease and to contribute to the cost of alterations to 163 High Street Musselburgh to turn the space into a fully functioning Citizens Advice Bureau and hub with interview space, meeting room, IT suite and office space.

Decision

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

3c Application for Assistance - Musselburgh Old Golf Course

An application had been received from East Lothian Council on behalf of the Musselburgh Old Golf Course for funding of £25,000 to provide pop up water sprinkling system.

Decision

The Common Good Committee voted 2:2 and with the Chair’s casting vote, it was agreed to recommend a grant of £25,000.

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 23 June.

3d Application for Assistance - Musselburgh Community Council

An application had been received from Irene Tait on behalf of Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council for funding of £9000 to purchase lights for 3 trees around the Rennie Bridge area of Musselburgh.

Decision

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

3e Application for Assistance – New Year Sprint

An application had been received from Musselburgh Racecourse on behalf of the New Year Sprint for funding of £3,000 to provide prizemoney for the event.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed that the application should be submitted by the promoter of this event. An amended application form would be requested and the application would be considered at the Council meeting on 23 June 2015.

3f Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Grammar School

An application had been received from Morgan Gladden on behalf of Musselburgh Grammar School for funding of £500 to contribute to the costs of 5 pupils and one teacher travelling to Stoke to compete in a British Schools gymnastics competition.

Decision

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

The Chair tabled a letter received from Northesk Parish Church thanking Trustees for their support towards the replacement heating undertaken in the church. The improved system was much appreciated by all and an invitation was extended to the Trustees to visit the church.

Signed

Councillor J McNeil
Convener of Musselburgh Common Good Committee