



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

**TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017
REGENT ROOM, BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor S Currie, Chair
Councillor K Mackie
Councillor J Williamson
Councillor A Forrest

Council Officials Present:

Ms T Brown, Finance Business Partner
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

Applicants Present:

None

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Forrest declared that he was a member of the Musselburgh Amateur Golf Club and would leave the Chamber for Item 4b.

Councillor Williamson declared that he was a Trustee of the Musselburgh Citizens Advice Bureau and would leave the Chamber for Item 4c.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Two nominations were received for the appointment of Chair and Councillor Currie was elected to the role.

2. OLD CRAIGHALL TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

The Chair advised that Old Craighall Tenants and Residents Association had been awarded funding at the Committee's meeting in November 2016 to purchase a self-propelled rugged petrol lawnmower and petrol hedge trimmer subject to the applicant contacting the Council's Landscape and Countryside Team to receive guidance on the safe usage of this equipment. A report had subsequently been brought to the Committee meeting on 21 March 2017 when the Committee decided to defer this application to the next meeting in order to seek further legal advice.

The Council's Legal Services Team Leader (Acting) had issued a guidance note for the Committee following consultations with the Council's Road Services Department and Landscape and Countryside Department. His advice was that the Council could be liable for any injury or loss resulting from an accident involving the lawnmower.

Councillor Williamson advised that Peter Forsyth from the Council's Transportation team had met with a group of Old Craighall residents to discuss the safety and maintenance of the communal areas around the B6415. Councillor Williamson outlined a number of measures which were agreed at the meeting with Mr Forsyth.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to refuse the application due to health and safety concerns.

3. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING

Feedback had been received from 3 organisations in receipt of funding:

- a) Borders Scrapstore thanked the Committee and advised that they had bought a new van with the assistance of funding from the Common Good Fund. A photograph of the van and an invoice from the supplier were also submitted.
- b) Northesk Parish Church thanked the Committee for funding towards the internal decoration of the church and advised that work was expected to commence in early summer. The Church would update the Committee on the progress of this project.
- c) Fisherrow Yacht Club thanked the Committee for funds towards mounting an exhibition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the club.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Members discussed how the Committee should respond to new applications from people or organisations previously awarded funding and they unanimously agreed to judge each application on its merits.

4a Application for Assistance – Neighbourhood Networks

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Nicolle McKay on behalf of Neighbourhood Networks for funds of £358 to fund the cost of two 4-session cookery courses for members of Neighbourhood Networks in Musselburgh.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full. Members also requested that all options should be explored to host such events in Musselburgh in future.

Sederunt: Councillor Forrest left the meeting

4b Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Golf Club

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Alex Chisholm on behalf of the Musselburgh Golf Club for funds of £4,500 to assist with the development of the Shirehaugh practice area into a 6-hole mini golf course.

Decision

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

Sederunt: Councillor Forrest returned to the meeting and Councillor Williamson left the meeting

4c Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Citizens Advice Bureau

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Yvonne Cassidy on behalf of the Musselburgh Citizen's Advice Bureau for funds of £16,009 to assist with a renovations project to improve accessibility for customers and staff.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in part in the sum of £9,999.

Sederunt: Councillor Williamson returned to the meeting.

4d Application for Assistance – Rennie Bridge Community Garden

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Robin Mason on behalf of Musselburgh Transition Toun for funds of £250 to renew seed stock and purchase new soft fruit plants and compost/manure for the Rennie Bridge Community Garden. Funding would also contribute to the maintenance of timber terracing, outer fencing and weatherproof banners to promote the garden.

Decision

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

4e Application for Assistance – Pinkie St Peters Primary School

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Susan Harkins on behalf of Pinkie St Peters Primary School for funds of £9,500 to develop a Science Laboratory.

Decision

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

4f Application for Assistance – Honest Toun Association

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Neil Robert Wilson on behalf of the Honest Toun Association for £5,500 to fund the 'Festival in the Park' in Lewisvale Park on Wednesday 26 July 2017.

Decision

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

4g Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for funds of £755 to travel to Lourdes in a nursing capacity with a group of pilgrims, some of whom were expected to come from the Musselburgh area.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed by a majority to refuse the application.

4h Application for Assistance – New Year Sprint

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Frank Hanlon on behalf of the New Year Sprint for funds of £3,000 to encourage youth in the sport and to uphold the unbroken continuity of the New Year Sprint, 1870-2018.

Decision

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

4i Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for funds of £1,000 to help fund a trip to Nebraska as part of an exchange programme organised by Queen Margaret University.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed by a majority to fund the application in full.

LATE APPLICATION

Application for Assistance – Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Irene Tait on behalf of Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council for funds of £3,000 to carry out work on the bandstand in Lewisvale Park.

Decision

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

Signed

Councillor S Currie
Convener of Musselburgh Common Good Committee