



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

**TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2017
PROVOST'S BOARDROOM, 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
Ms F Currie, Clerk

Applicants Present:

None

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Forrest declared an interest in relation to the First Step Community Project and said he would leave the Chamber for Item 5f.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 JUNE 2017 FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2017 were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Tracey Brown advised the Committee that a complaint had been received from an individual who had received funding in the past but whose most recent application had been deemed 'not competent'. The Committee discussed the circumstances and concluded that the criteria for applications to the Common Good had been correctly applied in this case. The Committee also agreed that each application should be

considered on its merits and any prior funding awards should not be seen as a guarantee of the outcome of future applications.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to note the contents of the complaint.

3. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING

No feedback had been received since the last meeting.

4. MUSSELBURGH ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY – 5 NOVEMBER 2017

The Committee noted that arrangements were underway for the annual fireworks display on Sunday 5 November 2017 and that the agreed grant sum was £18,500.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

5a Application for Assistance – Crossreach Counselling

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Crossreach Counselling Lothians for the sum of £10,000 to provide counselling to the pupils of Musselburgh Grammar School over 3 academic years.

Decision

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

5b Application for Assistance – Tyne and Esk Writers

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Tyne and Esk Writers for the sum of £1,095 to employ a Creative Writing Fellow (CWF).

Decision

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

5c Application for Assistance – Trefoil Guild

The Common Good Committee considered an application from the Trefoil Guild for the sum of £2000 to purchase a laptop, projector, speakers and a portable screen.

Decision

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

5d Application for Assistance – Northesk Parish Church

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Northesk Parish Church for the sum of £9000 to reinstate the church kitchen which had been classified as unfit for purpose following an inspection by ELC Environmental Health Services.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full. The Chair noted that Northesk Church had received significant funding from the Common Good since 2010 and reiterated that any prior funding awards should not be seen as a guarantee of the outcome of future applications.

5e Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for the sum of £700 for GB kit, accommodation and flights to attend the DMT Loule Cup in Portugal.

Decision

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

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5f Application for Assistance – First Step Community Project

The Common Good Committee considered an application from First Step Community Project for the sum of £2500 to fund two linked projects each with a theme of community engagement and community development opportunities.

Decision

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

Sederunt: Councillor Forrest returned to the meeting.

5g Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for the sum of £500 to help fund his World Challenge expedition to Swaziland in June 2018.

Decision

The Common Good Committee discussed the fact that [REDACTED] home address was outside of the Common Good fund boundary, however they were satisfied that the community within Musselburgh would be the beneficiary of this proposal. The Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full.

5h Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association (mama) for the sum of £4000 to help them through a difficult financial year.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full. The Committee requested that feedback be provided on the use of the money.

Signed 

Councillor Stuart Currie
Chair of Musselburgh Common Good Committee