



East Lothian
Council

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

**TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 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
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk
Mr E John, Service Manager – Sport, Countryside and Leisure (Items 5a-c)

Applicants Present:

Mr D Wilkie, Chair, Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association (Item 5a-c)
Ms V Noone, Vice-chair, Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association
Ms H Greene, Secretary, Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

The Chair advised that the Musselburgh Common Good had received an application for funding from the Brunton Theatre Trust. However, as Councillor Mackie and Councillor Forrest are Trustees of this organisation and would leave the meeting inquorate after declaring an interest in this application, it would go to Council on 19 December 2017 for determination.

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

The minutes of the meeting of 29 August 2017 were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING

The Committee were pleased to receive feedback from the following individuals/organisations: [REDACTED], Citizen's Advice Bureau, Musselburgh Golf Club, Trefoil Guild and the Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association.

Members were particularly pleased to note the use of the Common Good logo captured in a photograph of a Musselburgh Golf Club pennant. Tracey Brown, Financial Adviser, advised Members that since the start of this financial year, all organisations are asked to incorporate the MCG logo into publicity materials, where appropriate.

4. MUSSELBURGH ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

4a Feedback on 2017 Display

Members were pleased to report another successful firework event on 5 November attended by 4-5,000 people.

4b Approval to book 2018 Display

Members agreed to approve a firework display with music for next year's event on Monday 5 November 2018 and requested that information on costs be brought to the next meeting on 20 February 2018.

The Chair proposed that a collection for foodbanks could be taken at next year's event and enquiries would be made on the feasibility of this.

Councillor Forrest enquired if commercial organisations paid to trade at the fireworks event and the clerk undertook to seek this information from the organiser.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

5a Application for Assistance – The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association – Application 1

The Common Good Committee considered an application from The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association for the sum of £5,000 to cover independent and professional legal advice to support the steering group with the drafting and development of the constitution and to provide advice on negotiations with East Lothian Council.

Decision

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

5b Application for Assistance – The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association – Application 2

The Common Good Committee considered an application from The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association for the sum of £10,200 to carry out a detailed technical study of Fisherrow Harbour, including a health and safety audit.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant £10,000.

5c Application for Assistance – The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association – Application 3

The Common Good Committee considered an application from The Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association for the sum of £3,600 to develop a Strategic Brief and feasibility study of Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront.

Decision

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

5d Application for Assistance – Queen Margaret University Gymnastics Team

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Queen Margaret University Gymnastics Team for the sum of £1,000 to purchase basic gymnastic equipment to help build the team, including a crash mat, block and trampet.

Decision

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

5e Application for Assistance – Clark Community Choir

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Clark Community Choir for the sum of £2,500 to assist with costs associated with the choir participating in two charity concerts in Yorkshire, 6-9 April 2018.

Decision

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

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5f Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

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

Decision

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

5g Application for Assistance – Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield Group

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Pinkie Cleugh Battlefield Group for the sum of £10,000 to create a Pinkie Cleugh Tapestry to tell the story of the battle.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed, with the Chair's casting vote, to fund the application in full.

5h Application for Assistance – Campie Primary Parent Council

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Campie Primary School for the sum of £9,500 to purchase a shipping container with internal shelving and installation to house loose play parts, and two fully installed metal goal units with basketball backboard and ring for ball play area.

Decision

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

5j Application for Assistance – The Rotary Club of Musselburgh

The Common Good Committee considered an application from The Rotary Club of Musselburgh for the sum of £9,900 to purchase 6 AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) units for Musselburgh to be located in various places around the town.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to award the application in full.

LATE APPLICATION

Application for Assistance – Hollies Day Centre

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Hollies Day Centre for the sum of £9,128.80 to replace an old boiler with two new boilers and upgrade the controls.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to award the application in full.

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Two reports were requested for the next meeting:

1. A report on erecting public toilets in Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh, for use by families: and
2. A report on how to set up an Common Good Educational Trust

Signed.



Councillor Stuart Currie
Chair of Musselburgh Common Good Committee