



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018
SALTIRE ROOM 1, JOHN MUIR HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

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

Council Officials Present:

Mr E John, Service Manager – Sport, Countryside and Leisure (*verbal update item*)
Mr S Pryde, Principal Amenity Officer (*item 1*)
Ms T Brown, Finance Business Partner
Ms A Smith, Clerk

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

VERBAL UPDATE – REPAIRS TO FISHERROW HARBOUR

Eamon John, Service Manager – Sport, Countryside and Leisure, gave an update regarding repairs to Fisherrow Harbour, outlining the key points and the proposed way forward. He suggested that post 28 February (closing date for tenders) a special meeting of the Committee could be held, which would enable a more informed financial request to be put before the Committee and subsequently Council.

The Committee agreed on the approach outlined.

1. LEWISVALE PARK, MUSSELBURGH – OPTIONS FOR PROVISION OF SEASONAL PUBLIC TOILETS

A report was submitted providing the Committee with a costed option for the provision of public toilets in Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh. Stuart Pryde, Principal Amenity Officer, presented the report, outlining the options examined to provide public toilets within the park.

Mr Pryde and Mr John responded to questions, clarifying issues regarding the Tennis Club's plans for replacement of the Pavilion, which included public toilet facilities, making the seasonal toilets DDA compliant, modifications required to the toilets to ensure visual integration and maintenance arrangements.

Decision

The Committee agreed to support the release of funds to install and service a public toilet facility in Lewisvale Park for 2018, after which the provision would be reviewed.

2. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING

The Committee received feedback from the following organisations: Neighbourhood Networks, Tyne and Esk Writers, Clark Community Choir, The Hollies and QMU.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 28 NOVEMBER 2017 FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2017 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Education Trust

Councillor Currie referred to recent email communications on this issue. Discussion took place with Members raising a number of points including who defined what was in the wider benefit of the town, historic boundaries when Musselburgh was part of Midlothian and that it was unfortunate that the largest town in the county was not currently part of the East Lothian Education Trust. The issue of Wallyford and Whitecraig not being able to access Common Good funding or Education Trust funding was also raised.

The Committee agreed that this matter should be pursued and that legal clarification on the definition of *for the benefit of the community* as stated in the Common Good Committees remit be sought along with who had the final interpretation. Depending on the response, further discussions about the funding budget may be required.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

5a. Application for Assistance – Cycling without Age

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Cycling Without Age for £5,000 for provision of a single adopted Trishaw.

Decision

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

5b. Application for Assistance – Individual Basis

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED] for £610 for participation in the Mountain Leader Award, a five-day residential assessment course.

Decision

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

5c. Application for Assistance – Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council for £5,500 to provide lighting for the two bridges over the River Esk.

Decision

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

ITEMS REQUESTED FOR THE MEETING ON 29 MAY 2018

Councillor Forrest requested that the following items be included on the agenda for the 29 May 2018 meeting for discussion – adding that he would arrange to have further information including updated costs provided:

- CCTV cameras – costs for new and upgraded cameras
- Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh – refurbishment of senior children’s equipped play facility

Signed

Councillor Stuart Currie
Chair of Musselburgh Common Good Committee