



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

**TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019
PROVOST'S BOARDROOM, JOHN MUIR HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

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

Council Officials Present:

Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Forrest, Item 4b, due to his involvement with Musselburgh Sea Cadets

At the outset of the meeting, the Chair requested clarity on declarations of interests for Members of the Committee. He pointed out that Musselburgh Councillors were heavily involved with many community projects and, at almost every meeting, Members needed to declare an interest in one or more funding applications. He stated that Musselburgh Councillors wanted to be able help community organisations. The committee clerk advised Members of the relevant paragraphs on declarations of interest from Standing Orders.

The Chair also asked that, when an email is sent to Members with the final agenda for a meeting, they are asked to advise in advance of the meeting if they will be declaring an interest in any of the applications.

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2019 were approved.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT

Members were disappointed that no feedback had been received from organisations in receipt of a grant, despite this being a condition of receiving funding. They requested that feedback was monitored, and any organisation not providing feedback within 12 months was contacted and asked to provide evidence of expenditure and photographs and/or media coverage of projects/events. Communication with applicants failing to provide feedback should also advise that any future applications could be affected if feedback is not received.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

4a. Application for Assistance – The Old Musselburgh Club

The Common Good Committee had received an application from The Old Musselburgh Club for the sum of £480 to repair the area around Dr David Macbeth Moir's headstone and grave in Inveresk Cemetery.

Decision

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

4b. Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association

The Common Good Committee had received an application from Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association for the sum of £4,000 to help finance their 2019 show in the Brunton Theatre.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to refuse the application as this application was retrospective, which is not permitted, and the Association had been granted funding in previous years.

Sederunt: Councillor Forrest left the meeting as he had declared an interest in the following application.

4c. Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Sea Cadets

The Common Good Committee had received an application from Musselburgh Sea Cadets for the sum of £20,000 to help fund new toilet and shower facilities.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the applicant is awarded funding in the sum of £20,000.

Signed

Councillor Stuart Currie
Chair of Musselburgh Common Good Committee