



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**3RD OCTOBER 2023 AT 1:30PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Bennet (chair)
Councillor McIntosh
Councillor Cassini

Council Officials Present:

Megan Scott, Clerk
Jane Williamson, Estates

Apologies:

Councillor Forrest

Declarations of Interest:

1. FEEDBACK FROM ST PETERS CHURCH

Members had read and acknowledged the feedback from St Peters Church. They all felt the money had been used as intended and made a difference to the Church. Councillor McIntosh highlighted the Church had not received their grant money yet and asked if there was a delay with grants being paid out. The Clerk agreed to raise this issue with Finance.

2A. APPLICATION FROM THE HOLLIES

The Common Good Committee considered an application by The Hollies for funding to increasing the provision of meals, services and associated costs; food, consumables, minibus and general rising costs such as cleaning materials, insurances, maintenance and equipment renewals.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed reject the application for funding on the grounds that:

- There are insufficient funds in the Musselburgh Common Good budget to fund your application in full.

- There are governance concerns and a lack of detail of the future sustainability of the service.

2B. APPLICATION FROM MUSSELBURGH EAST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Common Good Committee considered an application by the Musselburgh East Community Partnership for the purchase of 2 portable CCTV cameras.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to reject the application for funding on the grounds that:

- There is insufficient evidence to suggest that CCTV cameras deter antisocial behaviour.

2C REPORT FROM JANE WILLIAMSON – 118 NEW STREET, MUSSELBURGH REPAIRS

A report was submitted by the Head of Infrastructure to provide information to the Musselburgh Common Good Committee on a request for expenditure required at 119 New Street, Musselburgh and to consider options to bring the property into usable condition.

Ms Williamson, Estates Surveyor presented her report to the Common Good Committee and highlighted it was recommended the Common Good Committee note the information provided and approve option 4, to carry out immediate and emergency repair works amounting to £20,000 and on completion advertise both 118 and 118A New Street on the market for sale.

Decision

Members considered the options presented to them and recommended option 4. This report will now be presented to full Council on the 31st October 2023 for a decision.

2D REPORT FROM TOM REID – STONEYHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE REPAIRS

A report was submitted by the Head of Infrastructure to provide information to the Musselburgh Common Good Committee on a request for expenditure required at Stoneyhill Community Centre, Musselburgh and to consider options to bring the property into usable condition.

The recommendation from the report is that the Common Good Committee note the information provided and approve option 2, to carry out urgent remedial works amounting to £70,000 and on completion commence the process to enable the property to be advertised on the market for sale.

Decision

Members considered the options presented to them and were happy to recommend the £70,000 of repairs to be completed but noted they would like further discussion to be held on the property being put on the market. This report will now be presented to full Council on the 31st October 2023.

Signed: _____
Councillor Bennet, Chair

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Councillor John McMillan
Chair of the Haddington Common Good Committee