



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH BERWICK COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY 18 MARCH, 10AM
VIA TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Findlay (Chair)
Councillor Allan
Councillor McFarlane

Council Officials Present:

Ms M Scott, Committee Clerk
Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor

Apologies:

N/A

Declarations of Interest:

N/A

1a. Application for Consideration

Fringe by the Sea

The North Berwick Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Fringe by the Sea for the amount of £9940 to hire the Lodge Grounds and protect the grass from vehicular and high foot-fall traffic with trackmatting.

Members discussed the application, noting the requested amount was almost the full North Berwick Common Good budget for the financial year. Members praised the decision of the applicant to use trackmatting this year after complaints were received about the grass following the event last year. Members were keen to contribute towards the event but unfortunately did not feel they could grant the application in full as this would leave no opportunity to grant other applications in the future, therefore the decision was made to partially grant the application, providing £3000 to the Fringe by the Sea.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to partially grant the application £3000.

1b. Application for Consideration

North Berwick Tennis Club

The North Berwick Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by the North Berwick Tennis Club for £34,080 for reroofing the main building and replacing gutters.

Ian Forrest, Legal Advisor made Members aware that the Tennis Club is leased from East Lothian Council but at the moment due to finances they are unable to complete the request to reroof the main building. He added the roof is currently wind and water tight which is the requirement to be maintained by the Council. Members discussed the application and unanimously agreed to refuse the application based on the roof currently being wind and water tight and not urgently requiring replacement.

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to refuse the application.

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Councillor Jeremy Findlay
Chair of the North Berwick Common Good Committee