



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**24TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 2PM
MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Bennet (chair)
Councillor McIntosh
Councillor Cassini

Council Officials Present:

Megan Scott, Clerk
Ian Forrest, Senior Solicitor

Apologies:

Councillor Forrest

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Forrest declared an interest in both applications and therefore is not in attendance.

1A. APPLICATION FROM THE HOLLIES

The application from the Hollies was considered at the Musselburgh Common Good Committee meeting of 3 October 2023. At the time of considering the application, the Committee had been advised of the current grants balance; however, following that meeting, it came to light that incorrect financial information had been provided to the Committee and that there would have been sufficient budget to fund the application, had the Committee been minded to do so. It was agreed that the Committee would reconvene to reconsider the application in light of the revised financial information.

Ian Forrest, Senior Solicitor made Members aware that insufficient funds in the Common Good budget was not the sole reason for this application being rejected before then if they were minded to change their decision they would need to state clearly why this was the case and make sure it was valid enough to overturn the previous decision.

A lengthy discussion took place between Members on the Wednesday 24th October and Members were made aware by the Clerk that conditions could not be applied when granting fund applications as this is something Councillor Bennett had hoped to do. As no decision was reached within the allocated time the meeting was reconvened on Friday 26th October where Councillor Cassini abstained from the vote.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to recommend partial funding of £30,000 to The Hollie's in recognition of ongoing concerns around management and governance, which would give an opportunity for them to demonstrate they could address those concerns going forward. A meeting of the Council will take place on the 31st October where a final decision will be reached.

2B. APPLICATION FROM MUSSELBURGH EAST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The application from Musselburgh East Community Partnership was considered at the Musselburgh Common Good Committee meeting of 3 October 2023. At the time of considering the application, the Committee had been advised of the current grants balance; however, following that meeting, it came to light that incorrect financial information had been provided to the Committee and that there would have been sufficient budget to fund the application, had the Committee been minded to do so. It was agreed that the Committee would reconvene to reconsider the application in light of the revised financial information.

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.

Signed: _____
Councillor Bennet, Chair

Signed

Councillor John McMillan
Chair of the Haddington Common Good Committee