



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 11 JUNE, 1:45PM
VIA TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Bennet (Chair)
Councillor Cassini
Councillor McIntosh (present for items 1b & 1c)
Councillor Forrest (present for item 1a only)

Council Officials Present:

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

Apologies:

N/A

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Forrest declared an interest in items 1b (First Step Community Project) and 1c (Musselburgh Athletic) and therefore left after a decision was reached on item 1a. Councillor McIntosh declared an interest in item 1a (Eskmuthe Rowing Club) and therefore joined the meeting after a decision had been reached on this item.

1a. Application for Consideration

Eskmuthe Rowing Club

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Eskmuthe Rowing Club for £10,000 to contribute towards the installation of water into their boatshed building.

Members discussed the application, and all had concerns with the wording used in the application regarding applying to the Common Good instead of obtaining a bank loan and paying back interest. Members felt the applicant was able to fund the project themselves by means of a bank loan and that the motivation behind their application was partly to avoid paying interest on the loan rather than for the community purposes stated within their application.

Decision

The Committee unanimously refused the application.

1b. Application for Consideration

First Step Community Project

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by First Step Community Project for £3500 to replace existing rubber matting in the community garden.

Members discussed the application and noted the great work of First Step, highlighting the community garden was always full of children and if repairs weren't carried out it would be a huge loss to the community. Members were also pleased to see the applicant gained quotes from Council approved contractors as it is a Council leased building.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to fund the application in full.

1c. Application for Consideration

Musselburgh Athletic

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Musselburgh Athletic for £17, 542.46 to complete extensive repairs and resurfacing to the public access lane from Market Street to the Olivebank Arena.

Members discussed the application and felt the stadium was an asset to the community and highlighted the importance of making sure it was easily accessible to all. As Musselburgh Common Good Committee are only allowed to grant applications up to £10,000, Members agreed to recommend the application be granted in full, but the final decision would be made at Council on 25 June.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the application be fully funded by Council on 25 June 2024.

Signed: _____

Councillor Ruairidh Bennett
Chair of the Musselburgh Common Good Committee