

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the HAWICK
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the MEMBERS' DINING ROOM,
COUNCIL HQ on 12 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Z. Elliot (Chairman), A. Cranston, S. Marshall,
D. Paterson (from para 1 of private business), R. Smith, G. Turnbull.
Apology:- Mr D. Nuttall (Hawick Community Council).
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell), Estates
Surveyor, Democratic Services Officer (F. Walling).

HAWICK HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION

1. There had been circulated copies of a letter from Hawick Horse Racing Association seeking permission to use Hawick Moor to hold race meetings on the following dates in 2013:-,

Saturday 4 May
Sunday 14 July
Sunday 11 August
Saturday 7 September
Sunday 8 September

Members agreed to give permission for the racecourse to be used on the dates requested but, further to paragraph of the Minute of 19 February 2013, discussion continued about the work required to improve the ground following the previous year's extreme wet conditions. Prior to the meeting the Property Officer had circulated to Members an estimate for the cost of remedial works, including drainage, aeration, raking and stone removal which came to approximately £2000 in total. He also indicated that the Mosstroopers had volunteered to carry out raking and stone removal which would save £200 from the total. Members agreed that this work should be carried out and expressed their appreciation for the offer of help from volunteers. It was also agreed that an increase in the rent of the racecourse should be considered for 2014 and that Hawick Horse Racing Association should be given warning of this.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) to grant permission to Hawick Horse Racing Association to use Hawick Moor for their race meetings during 2013 on 4 May, 14 July, 11 August, 7 September and 8 September;
- (b) that the Property Officer arrange for remedial works to be carried out as soon as possible, to improve the ground conditions on the racecourse, up to the total estimated cost of £2000.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

DECISION

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

MEMBER

Councillor Paterson joined the meeting prior to discussion of the items below.

Hawick Golf Course

1. Members discussed the Hawick Golf Club drainage project with the Flood Protection Manager and Project Manager.

Williestruther Kennels

2. Members received a brief update from the Head of Legal and Licensing Services.

The meeting moved back into public to consider the following urgent item of business.

URGENT BUSINESS

2. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraph should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision.

COMMON HAUGH

3. The Chairman informed Members that she had met with officers from Environment and Infrastructure to discuss the condition of the entrance to the car park at the Common Haugh where, at its junction with the road, there was extensive pothole damage. The officers had agreed that the surface would be replaced and that this work would be funded from the Environment and Infrastructure budget. On her request the officers also estimated a cost of £450 - £500 for filling and sealing potholes in the area of the car park allocated for camper vans. Members agreed that this work should be carried out but that the Common Good Fund should resist funding continuing repair of the car park which should be maintained by the Council. Members should, instead, meet annually with officers from Environment and Infrastructure to discuss the repairs required.

DECISION

AGREED that work be carried out to fill and seal potholes in the area of the Common Haugh allocated for campervans, at an estimated cost of £450 - £500 to be funded from the 2013/14 Hawick Common Good Fund budget.

The meeting concluded at 3.10 pm