

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the HAWICK
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the LESSER HALL, HIGH STREET,
HAWICK on 18 June 2013 at 4.00 pm.

Present:- Councillors Z. Elliot (Chairman), A. Cranston, S. Marshall, D. Paterson.
R. Smith, G. Turnbull; Mr D. Nuttall (Hawick Community Council).

In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell),
Property Officer – Hawick, Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services
Officer (J. Turnbull).

MINUTE

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 16 April 2013.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

HAWICK LINDEN RFC

2. There had been circulated copies of an application from the Hawick Linden RFC for financial assistance of £1,500.00 which would fund approximately 50 people to be trained to use the defibrillators in the town. A representative from Hawick Linden RFC was in attendance and explained that the town had purchased 3 new defibrillators. Funding was required to train people to use the equipment. After an advertisement in the local paper, 33 expressions of interest had been received. Training would be HSE approved. Members were supportive of the application and advised the applicant to also consider submitting an application for funding to Roxburgh Sports Club.

VOTE

Councillor Marshall. Seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved that the full request of £1,500 be granted.

Councillor Turnbull seconded by Councillor Elliot, moved that a reduced grant of £1,000 be awarded.

On a show of hands Members voted as follows:-

Motion - 2 votes

Amendment - 4 votes

The amendment was accordingly carried.

DECISION

DECIDED to award a grant of £1,000.00 to Hawick Linden RFC.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS GROUP

3. There had been circulated copies of an application from Connecting Classrooms Group for financial assistance of £1,000.00 towards travel and subsistence costs for five pupils to visit a school in Sierra Leone in October this year. Links with this school had existed since 2007. The Sub-Committee considered the application but understood that fund raising had already raised a substantial amount for the proposed visit. Members requested that Connecting Classrooms clarify the amount raised from other sources and detail the funding still required for consideration at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

DECISION

AGREED to request further details of the amount of funding raised and the amount still required for the next Hawick Common Good Fund meeting to be held on 20 August, when the application would be reconsidered.

LEASE OF PILMUIR COTTAGE, HAWICK

4. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Head of Corporate Governance which sought to obtain the consent of the Hawick Common Good Sub-Committee for the tenant at Pilmuir Cottage to install a new shed at the rear of the cottage. The cottage had no external garage or storage shed and the tenant had requested permission to erect, at his cost, a storage shed at the rear of the cottage.

DECISION

AGREED to grant Landlord's consent to Mr & Mrs Purvis to erect a new shed at Pilmuir Cottage subject to the existing terms and conditions in their lease.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

HAWICK SUMMER FESTIVAL

5. There had been circulated a copy of an application from Hawick Summer Festival requesting £1,000.00 to assist with funding a series of events throughout the opening day of this year's Festival on Saturday, 17 August 2013. The Senior Financial Analyst reported that grants had been given to the Summer Festival over the last 10 years, the last being in 2009/08 when a grant of £1,000.00 was awarded. The Sub-Committee noted that the Festival Committee did not request funds every year and agreed to grant £1,000.00 to assist with the Festival this year.

DECISION:

AGREED to grant £1,000.00 to Hawick Summer Festival

PRIVATE BUSINESS

6. **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 paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

Hawick Golf Club – Finances

1. The Sub-Committee agreed that this matter be considered in private as the discussion included information regarding the financial affairs of the Golf Club. Following the presentation by the Club Treasurer they agreed the proposals in respect of the future rental of the land used by Hawick Golf Club.

Minute

2. Members approved the private section of the Minute of 16 April 2013.

Urgent Business

3. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item(s) dealt with in the following paragraph(s) should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed.

Property Management/Inspections

4. Members received an update from the Property Officer.

The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm