

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, Hawick on 19 August 2014 at 4.00
p.m.

- Present:- Councillors G. Turnbull (Chairman) A. Cranston, W. McAteer, S. Marshall, D. Paterson, Community Councillors Mrs A. Knight (Burnfoot Community Council), Mr J. Little (Hawick Community Council).
- Apologies:- Councillor R. Smith, Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell), Estates Surveyor (J. Morison)
- In Attendance:- Solicitor with Legal Services (R. Kirk), Property Officer (F. Scott), Democratic Services Officer (J. Turnbull).

Members of the Public – 5 in attendance.

MINUTE

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 17 June 2014.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. There had been circulated copies of an application from Interest Link Borders for financial assistance of up to £2,000 to be used for travel and activity costs of befriending links for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities. Representatives from Interest Link were in attendance and advised that the majority of the funding required was from external sources. Interest Link provided a non-statutory service providing social and leisure activities and personal development projects. The Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, informed that Interest Link should apply in the first instance to the Community Grant Fund. He also advised that Councillor Smith had suggested the R B Foreman's Bequest Fund might also be appropriate, as this fund was for the advancement of health. The Chairman requested that the Senior Financial Analyst investigated both options on behalf of Interest Link, and advise accordingly. If neither Fund was appropriate, a special meeting of Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee would be reconvened to reconsider the application.

DECISION

TO request that Senior Financial Analyst contact Interest Link to advise on Community Grant funding and suitable charitable funding which would be suitable to fund Interest Link Borders' project.

3. There had been circulated copies of an application from Land of Reivers requesting financial assistance of £1,500 towards the final publication costs of a book on Hawick town's history. Ms Elliot was in attendance and clarified that the project was not suitable for a Community Grant Fund as the project had already commenced. The selling price of the book would be £10.00 per copy, printing costs would be £7.00 plus setting up costs. Copies of the book would be donated to schools and libraries. Ms Elliot also advised that their existing funding was needed for a proposed production of a musical in November, it was hoped that the production costs would be recouped through ticket sales. Any profits raised would go back to Land of Reivers for other projects, one of which was a possible children's theatre.

DECISION

AGREED to award a grand of £1,500.00 to Land of Reivers towards the final publication costs of a book on Hawick town's history.

4. There had been circulated copies of an application from The Royal British Legion Scotland 'Hawick Branch'. Representatives were in attendance and thanked the Common Good for consideration of their request; however they advised that they wished to withdraw their application to the Common Good as they had applied for funding from the Community Grant Scheme.

DECISION

NOTED.

VIV SHARP MEMORIAL

5. Following a site visit, the Chairman advised of the proposal for a bench to be located at The Auld Man's Seat with a suitable memorial plaque. A piece of land had been donated from an adjacent householder and the wall to the rear of the bench would also be repaired. Mr Sharp's family would fund the memorial. The Sub-Committee welcomed the lasting tribute to one of Hawick's famous sons.

DECISION

TO agree to the proposal for a memorial bench to be sited at The Auld Man's Seat.

PROPERY

6. The Property Officer advised that the circus had left hollows in the Common Haugh, Scottish Borders Council would repair the damage and then invoice the circus who had agreed to reimburse the repair cost. The Solicitor with Legal Services would investigate if payment of a deposit by hirers would be appropriate, the deposit could then be used to make good any damage caused to the Haugh. The Property Officer reported that the quotations for the new silage pit were still awaited; the works would be carried out in the spring of 2015. The trees adjacent to the 100 steps had been pruned and the works would now be carried out annually.

DECISION

NOTED.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

DECISION

7. **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

MINUTE

1. Members approved the private section of the Minute of 17 June 2014.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.