

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
LAUDER COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of the MEETING of the LAUDER
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in Committee Room 3, Council
Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on 25
February 2013 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors D. Parker (Chairman), J. Torrance.
Also Present:- Mr A. Smith, Chairman, Lauderdale Community Council.
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Manager (A. Isles), Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell),
Estates Surveyor - Property and Facilities Management (J. Morison), Democratic
Services Officer (K. Mason).

MINUTE

1. The Minute of Meeting of 30 October 2012 had been circulated.

DECISION

APPROVED for signature by the Chairman.

MONITORING REPORT FOR 6 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

2. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing details of transactions for 9 months to 31 December 2012 and projections of the annual outturn with variances from the final budget and the projected effect on Revenue and Capital Reserves at 31 March 2013. Expenditure was projected to be in line with the approved budget for 2012/13, whilst income from interest was projected to turn out at £1,250 above the initial budget due to interest from the loan to the Golf Club starting and increased interest, currently at 1.25%, now available on the Capital held in the SBC Loans Fund. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the key information on the performance and activities of the Common Good Fund. The Senior Financial Analyst answered Members' questions. In referring to donations and contributions paid and approved 2012/13 as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, Members agreed that the sum of £300 approved to the Trading Post CIC towards the cost of an 18-month broadband contract for Lauder Public Hall be written out.

DECISION:-

(a) AGREED

- (i) to approve the financial performance for 2012/13 as shown in Appendix 2 to the report.
- (ii) that the sum of £300 approved to the Trading Post CIC in relation to Broadband for Public Hall as shown in Appendix 3 to the report be written out

(b) NOTED:-

- (i) the key figures shown in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) the Grants Analysis provided in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (iii) the projected balances on Revenue and Capital Reserves as shown in Appendix 4 to the report; and
- (iv) the detailed property income and expenditure provided in Appendix 5 to the report.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – LAUDERDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

3. There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Lauderdale Community Council in the sum of £2,918 to be paid in two equal instalments in 2013 and 2014. The purpose of the grant was to meet the costs of paying for the upkeep of (a) path cutting as in the past; (b) additional paths/areas for maintenance; and (c) flower beds and flower arrangements. This related to a two year trial project which would be monitored during the two years and reviewed at the end of the second year to ascertain the benefits which accrued from the pilot project. If deemed successful in terms of the agreed outcomes the intention would be to approach Lauder Common Good Sub-Committee to consider an annual contribution to establishing the work on an annual basis. Members noted the constraints on the Common Good Fund, in particular in relation to housekeeping issues for the Town Hall and considered that an annual grant would be too much of a burden on Common Good Funds. Future grants for funding the project might be available from other sources.

DECISION

AGREED to grant Lauderdale Community Council the sum of £2,918 to be paid in two equal instalments in 2013 and 2014 towards the upkeep of (a) path cutting as in the past; (b) additional paths/areas for maintenance; and (c) flower beds and flower arrangements.

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 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Land at Piggery Field, Lauder

1. The Sub-Committee considered and approved terms of proposed lease to BMX Group of land at Piggery Field, Lauder.

The meeting concluded at 1.20 p.m.