

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the Chamber, Memorial Hall, Leithen
Road, Innerleithen on Wednesday, 6 March
2013 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), C. Bhatia, S. Bell, N. Buckingham
(from para 2(c)), G. Garvie, G. Logan.
Apology:- Mrs A. Kubie, Royal Burgh of Peebles and District Community Council.
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Senior Financial Analyst (A.
Mitchell), Estates Manager (N. Hastie), Committee and Elections
Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- 1.

MINUTE

1. The Minute of Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee of 16 January 2013 had been circulated.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Archibald and Bell declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the Chamber during the discussion. Councillor Logan took the Chair.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. (a) Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre
The Senior Financial Analyst tabled a paper at the meeting relating to donations and contributions paid and approved as at 6 March 2013. He explained that the sum of £12,400 was still available in the current financial year's budget for donations.
- (b) There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from the Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre in the sum of £5,000 towards 50% of the cost of replacing the Eastgate's existing IT systems in order to provide a suite of fit-for-purpose work stations with greater capacity and resilience together with a new integrated box office system offering online sales as well as phone and face to face bookings. Although supportive of the application, Members expressed concerns at the sustainability overall of the Theatre and were encouraged to note that the Board were working towards that. Members noted that the sum of £3,000 had already been secured and plans were in hand to raise the remaining £2,224. Members suggested it might be interesting to have a presentation on their future from the Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre at a future Tweeddale Area Forum.

**DECISION
AGREED**

- (i) to grant the sum of £5,000 to the Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre on receipt of confirmation that the remainder of the funding in the sum of £2,224 had been secured together with the sum of £3,000; and

- (ii) **that Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre be asked to give a presentation on their future plans to a future meeting of the Tweeddale Area Forum.**

MEMBERS

Councillors Archibald and Bell returned to the meeting. Councillor Archibald resumed the Chair.

- (c) Scottish Borders Council Museums and Galleries Service (Tweeddale Museum)
There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from the Scottish Borders Council Museum and Galleries Service (Tweeddale Museum) in the sum of £7,000 in respect of an application to the Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund to finance work necessary to ready a collection of paintings (most of which were acquired between 1860 and 1940) for display and to carry out research and education work based on the collection. In order to take this forward, robust estimates for the cost of the project were required and following enquiries to appropriate qualified conservators quotations had been provided for the work. Members advised that at a recent meeting of the Chambers Institution Trust (CIT) earlier in the year the question of ownership of the paintings were raised and the CIT considered that the paintings might belong to them with the exception of one which might be in private ownership. The Legal and Licensing Services Manager advised that the paintings were recorded as Council assets and the CIT would need to make a claim for them.

DECISION

AGREED to continue consideration of the application subject to clarification of the ownership of the paintings.

MEMBER

Councillor Buckingham joined the meeting during discussion of the following item.

LEASE OF OLD CORN EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, PEEBLES

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of 16 January 2013 there had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Executive advising of the outcome of the recent advertising of the lease for the Old Corn Exchange and seeking views on future uses and proposals for the property. The front shop of the Old Corn Exchange had been vacant since Central Baguette moved out in November 2012. The rear of the property was still occupied by Ish'uze Youth Action on a temporary basis until May 2013. The whole property was advertised for let in January 2013 however no offers had been received. The sub-division of the premises into two self contained units would probably result in greater demand for the property. There was tabled at the meeting copies of correspondence from Mr Ian Jenkins, Chairman of Tweed Youth Action Group. Mr Jenkins was present at the meeting and advised it would be good if the Sub-Committee felt able to give Tweed Youth Action Group a kind of "preferred bidder" status for the back premises and that Council Officers be authorised to explore with the Group ways of allowing the Group to continue their work in the Community, within the building which they had occupied for over 10 years and which had been improved by them in terms of accommodation, appearance and accessibility. Mr Jenkins advised that funders needed to know the length of lease, there were no benefits if the lease was staggered over 6 months, and he asked for preliminary discussions to be held. Members were mindful that the premises might be divided at a significantly reduced cost to that which had been previously reported.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED the lack of interest in a lease of the whole of the old Corn Exchange.**
- (b) **AGREED:-**
- (i) **to investigate possible sub-division, renovation and improvement works to the property by an architect; and**

- (ii) **that informal discussions take place with Tweed Youth Action Group in respect of their “preferred bidder” status for the back premises.**

URGENT BUSINESS

4. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Sub-Committee 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.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Logan declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the Chamber during the discussion.

PEEBLES BURGH SILVER BAND

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the meeting of 9 February 2012, the Legal and Licensing Services Manager reminded Members that the Working Group had agreed to grant a lease to Peebles Silver Band of the rooms referred to as the Band Hall with a market level rent of £2,250 per annum. The Silver Band indicated that they were unable to meet level of rent and sought some comfort that the Landlords would through grants ensure that they were supported to ensure that the only needed to find £600 per annum. Some Members of the Sub-Committee expressed concerns about committing grants years in advance. The Legal and Licensing Services advised that the Sub-Committee needed to come to a decision.

DECISION

AGREED to award Peebles Burgh Silver Band a three year lease plus a three year grant funded package of 80% of the lease.

MEMBER

Councillor Logan returned to the meeting.

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 Paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

Minute

1. The Working Group noted the private section of the Minute of Meeting of 16 January 2013.
2. **Land Sale at Neidpath Grazing Field**
With reference to paragraph 2 of the private section of the Minute of 16 January 2013, the Estates Manager briefed the Working Group on the up-to-date position regarding the land sale at Neidpath Grazing Field.
3. **Rent Review for Peebles Golf Course**
With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of 10 March 2011, the Sub-Committee agreed on the annual rent for Peebles Golf Club for the period 2012 to 2017.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 p.m.

**DRAINAGE & FLOODLIGHT WORKS AT HAYLODGE PARK,
PEEBLES**

Report by Head of Corporate Governance

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD SUB COMMITTEE

8th May 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report gives an update on the proposed drainage and floodlight works at Haylodge Park and seeks approval for a Deed of Dedication, in terms of the attached, to be granted to Sport Scotland in order to secure grant funding from them.**
- 1.2 The condition of Haylodge Park has deteriorated and major works are required to improve its surface and its ability to be used for various annual events.
- 1.3 Peebles Rugby Club, in consultation with Scottish Borders Council, have drawn up a plan for improvement works to the drainage, grass surface, entrance areas and floodlighting.
- 1.4 An application for funding has been made to Sport Scotland but they require some security of tenure by way of a Deed of Dedication from Peebles Common Good Sub Committee.
- 1.5 In addition, Peebles Rugby Club would be granted seasons bookings for the rugby pitches commensurate with the anticipated life expectancy of the new drains. Any seasons bookings would be subject to the Agricultural show, the Beltane Festival, the Highland Games and any other public event the Council may wish to hold on the pitches. In the event of damage to the pitch surfaces, the organisers of the event would be required to bear the cost of restoration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that Peebles Common Good Sub Committee agrees to grant a Deed of Dedication, as attached, to Sport Scotland in order for drainage and other works on Haylodge Park to proceed as outlined in the report.**

3 BACKGROUND & PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Haylodge Park is a general public park which is managed and maintained by Scottish Borders Council in terms of the principles adopted by the Council for the management of Council occupied Common Good Assets at their meeting on 29th September 2011. It has two sports pitches which are used by Peebles Rugby Football Club (PRFC) for training purposes and junior matches. As well as being a general recreational park, it is used for the annual Agricultural Show in August, the annual Highland Games in September, the annual Beltane Festival in June and for a round of the Scottish Sheepdog Trials.
- 3.2 The condition of the park and pitches has deteriorated in recent years and has been especially wet in 2012 with it being regularly waterlogged. The wet condition of the land has restricted the use of the pitches by PRFC. Some sections of the Peebles Agricultural Show have been cancelled due to the wet condition of the Park.
- 3.3 Consultants, instructed by PRFC, have drawn up plans and specifications for improving the drainage in the Park (see attached plan). Three specialist sports pitch drainage companies have been asked to quote for the works.
- 3.4 The comprehensive drainage system and upgrading of the existing two pitches are over engineered for rugby purposes but will benefit the other users such as the Agricultural Show and Highland Games. The improvements will include new pitch soil make up with sand drainage trenches and new grass surfaces to the pitches.
- 3.5 PRFC propose taking on the ongoing ground maintenance from SBC of the grassed pitch areas after the improvements are completed.
- 3.6 Improved access for maintenance machinery is also required from the main road including the entrance used by Peebles Agricultural Show. Consideration will also be given to the ground surfaces to accommodate the heavy traffic during the Agricultural Show by way of using reinforced grass turf.
- 3.7 PRFC have applied for planning permission to remove the existing floodlights and install 8 permanent floodlight posts which will be fitted with the latest anti glare light fittings. (see attached plan)
- 3.8 Haylodge Park is an inalienable asset and therefore can not be leased out. A Deed of Dedication can offer the security required for Sport Scotland to award grants although this is still to be confirmed as acceptable security for use by Sport Scotland.
- 3.9 In addition PRFC would be granted seasonal bookings for the rugby pitches commensurate with the anticipated life expectancy of the new drains up until when the drains will need a major refurbishment – possibly 15 years. At present there is no formal booking of, or payment for, the use of the pitches. Any such seasonal bookings would be subject to the Agricultural show, the Beltane Festival, the Highland Games and any other public event

the Council may wish to hold on the pitches. Should any public event be held that damages the pitch surfaces, the organisers of the event would be required to bear the cost of restoration in addition to the hire costs.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The total funding of £243,400 could be made up by £72,500 from Sport Scotland, £50,000 from SBC, £45,000 from the Scottish Rugby Union, £43,400 from Peebles RFC, £20,000 from Peebles Common Good fund (subject to approval), £12,500 and from the Agricultural Society. The SRU, SBC, PRFC and Agricultural Society funding is confirmed and secure.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that Sport Scotland does not approve a grant at their meeting on 24th May 2013. Without the Sport Scotland support, the SBC funding of the project would be re-evaluated.

4.3 Equalities

There are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

The proposed works will make Haylodge Park more sustainable for future users.

4.5 Carbon Management

There will be no effects on the carbon emissions.

4.6 Rural Proofing

None.

4.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Clerk to the Council, Head of Audit & Risk and Head of Corporate Governance have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the report.

Approved by

Head of Corporate Governance

Signature.....

Author

Name	Designation and Contact Number
James Morison	Estates Surveyor, Property & Facilities 01835 824000

Background Papers: None**Previous Minute Reference: None**

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Contact us at James Morison, Estate Management, Scottish Borders Council. 01835 824000 Ext 5295.

DEED OF DEDICATION

DATED theday of 2013

BETWEEN SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL constituted in terms of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 and having principal offices at Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA (“the Landowner”) (1) and Sport Scotland of xxx (“the Funder”) (2)

WHEREAS

- (A) the Landowner has agreed to a project being carried out on land belonging to the Landowner with the use of money to be provided by the Funder.
- (B) the Landowner has agreed to enter into this deed in recognition of the fact that the project is to be funded in whole or in part by the Funder.

NOW THEREFORE

1 Definitions

1.1 In this Deed the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings save where the context otherwise requires:

“the Land” means all that land edged red on the plan forming part and portion of All and Whole the subjects known as Haylodge Park, Peebles being the subjects conveyed to the former Burgh Council of Peebles in terms of a Disposition by xxxxxxxx and registered in the Register of Sasines for the County of Peebles on date of recording

“the plan” means the plan attached hereto

“the project” means the project to be funded under ref xxx and subject to the Funder’s standard conditions of grant

1.2 Unless the contrary intention is expressed the defined terms in the standard conditions shall have the same meaning here.

1.3 Unless the contrary intention appears references to this deed to:

1.3.1 parties and other persons will include their successors and assigns

1.3.2 an obligation of the Landowner to do something shall include an obligation to procure that is done and an obligation not to do something shall include an obligation not to permit, suffer or allow it; and

1.3.3 a defined term shall include each and every part

2 In consideration of the Funder funding the project, the Landowner hereby undertakes to the Funder that in respect to of the Land, the Landowner will:

- (a) not without the prior written consent of the Funder, assign, transfer or charge the Land or grant any security, lease or licence, agree to grant any lease or license or enter into or permit any parting with possession or sharing arrangements whatsoever in respect of the Land;
- (b) not, save with the prior written consent of the Funder, to use the Land other than for the purpose of the project; and

(c) not damage or destroy the project.

3 The Funder may assign the benefit of this Deed to such person as it thinks fit.

4 4.1 The Landowner represents that it has the power to execute and deliver this Deed and the execution and performance of this Deed has been validly authorised and that this Deed will be valid, legal and binding on the Landowner.

4.2 Without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Funder for breach of the undertaking occurring before the expiration of this deed, this deed shall expire ...ten..... years from the date of this Deed.

5 The Landowner consents to and will arrange for registration hereof for preservation and execution

Executed as a Deed by Sport Scotland by

.....
Chief Executive

Date:

Witness:

Address:

.....

Executed for and on behalf of SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL by

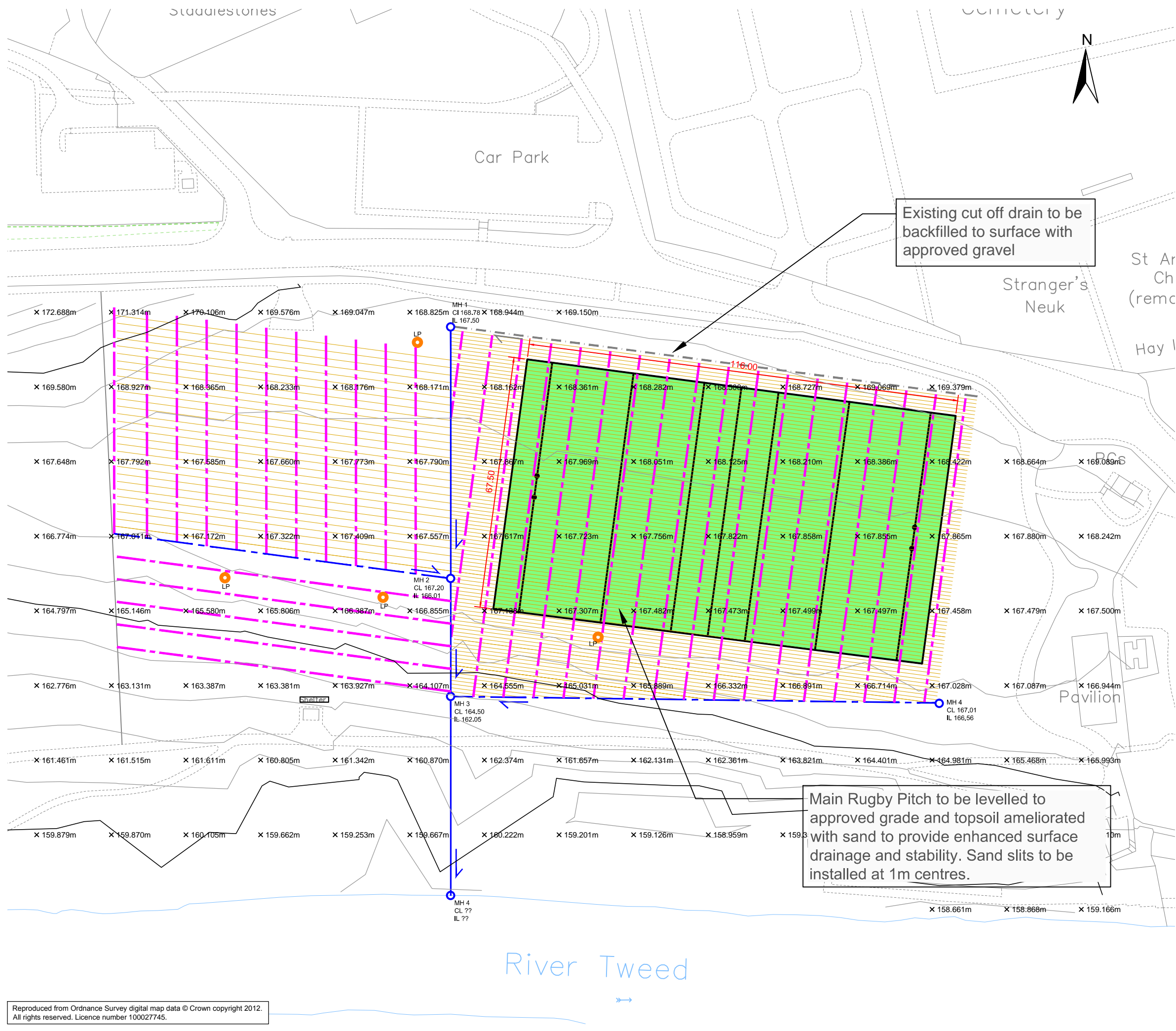
.....
Legal and Licensing Services Manager

Date:

Witness:

Address:

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Existing cut off drain to be backfilled to surface with approved gravel

Main Rugby Pitch to be levelled to approved grade and topsoil ameliorated with sand to provide enhanced surface drainage and stability. Sand slits to be installed at 1m centres.

- 1 THIS DRAWING MUST NOT BE SCALED
- 2 THE CONTRACTOR IS TO CHECK ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE

Legend:

- EXISTING CUT-OFF DRAIN
- 225mm Ø TWINWALL MAIN DRAIN
- - - 150mm Ø TWINWALL MAIN DRAIN
- - - 80mm Ø LATERALS @ 8m CENTRES
- - - SAND SILTS @ 1m & 2m CENTRES
- INSPECTION CHAMBERS (5 nr)
- LIGHTING COLUMNS

Rev	Revision Description	By	Date

Contract
**Haylodge Park
 Peebles
 Scottish Borders**

For
Peebles RFC/Scottish Borders Council

Drawing Title
Drainage Plan

Drawing No. 2063134-02	Revision -	Scale 1:1000 @ A3
Drawn MS	Date Dec 2012	File No. 2063134
		Reviewed By MC

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APPLICATION FROM – SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL MUSEUMS AND
GALLERIES SERVICE (TWEEDDALE MUSEUM)
BRIEFING NOTE

In response to the continuation of the grant application by the Museums Service of Scottish Borders Council made to the Common Good Fund Sub Committee on 6th March 2013 for clarification as to the ownership of the paintings which were the subject of the application, I have carried out initial enquiries as to the status of these paintings.

The majority of the collection was in the Chambers Institution building when Tweeddale District Council put in staff to make an inventory of contents of the museum in that property in 1982-84. Evidence as to the history of the contents is not immediate and whilst it may be contained in the minute books, there are six volumes and the Service does not have the resources to carry out that research at present.

It can be said however that between 1859 and 1982 a collection was formed for the education/benefit of the people of Peebles and was housed in the Chambers Institution.

In addition a small number of paintings held within the collection were donated to Peeblesshire County Council, Tweeddale District Council and Scottish Borders Council and these are included among the ones requiring work.

Further clarification of the ownership of the collection will require more work which, within the time frame of the wider grant application which it is hoped to submit, is not feasible. The application to the Esmee Fairbairn Collection Trust represents a unique opportunity to access funding to carry out essential work on these paintings which will allow the display and interpretation of this historic collection for the benefit of the people of Peebles and enhance public access to the local heritage regardless of the ownership of the collection. The grant applied for to the Common Good Fund will allow preliminary work to go ahead to prepare an application for this funding.



**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>	<p>Cuddy Action Group c/o Melross Gallowhill Peebles</p> <p>Chris Sawers (volunteer) 07801 308991/ 01721 740260 Marion Anderson (convenor) 01721 724086/ 07763035740</p> <p>chris@borderpests.fsnet.co.uk marionaprivate@gmail.com</p> <p>http://onlineborders.org.uk/community/cuddyactiongroup</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Cuddy Action Group c/o Marion Anderson (Convenor) Melross Gallowhill Peebles</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>The Cuddy Action Group is historically and primarily a ‘clean up’ group which has developed to promote environmental, natural and social history education. We are all volunteers and are a constituted not for profit organisation.</p> <p>In 2012 a two day Cuddy Bioblitz worked with local schools to chart the wildlife of the stream and learn about its history. This work with local schools continues.</p> <p>Our focus has moved to the rich vein of photographs and memories of people, buildings and events held within the community.</p> <p>Inspired by Deb Sterricks who set up the Peebles Bletherers – a face book page which puts up historical photographs of Peebles initiating discussion and reminiscences – we decided to examine how we could develop something similar which would be open to non facebook users.</p> <p>Through discussion with other local heritage organisations we realised the potential to cover a wider scope with memories and photographs of</p>

	<p>Peebles in a wider context being gleaned and stored for posterity.</p> <p>Working with SBC Tweeddale Museum & Gallery, The Peebles Civic Society and the John Buchan Story, we intend to run a trial 6 month project which will encourage people to allow us to copy photographs and share their memories of these and other photographs already in our possession.</p> <p>One element of this will be an open session in the Burgh Hall on 29th June where a band of volunteers will work with members of the community to glean new photos and memories, digitising and recording them.</p> <p>Other elements will involve identifying and interviewing older residents/ those who have lived a long time here.</p> <p>These will then be archived with relevant photos relating to the Cuddyside being put online on History Pin website and others being included in the Civic Society's '1,000 Years of Peebles High Street' exhibition later this year.</p> <p>Digital copies of the photographs and the transcribed memories will be held by the Museum. These will form an invaluable resource for use by the community in future years eg with school children and older residents.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>We are asking for £3,000.</p> <p>This will cover the project co-ordination, training of volunteers, equipment hire eg projectors, scanners, video and audio equipment, hall hire, and promotional information. Publication of large format photographs and a Peebles timeline.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>Monday 3 June 2013</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p> <p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>Monday 3 June – Monday 4 November 2013</p> <p>Estimated total cost is £4,500</p> <p>None. However, to date we have spent over 100 hours and expect the volunteer input over the duration of the project to exceed 800 hours.</p> <p>We are currently exploring the possibility of funding from grants and sponsors.</p>

<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>We are applying to you for funds to run this trial project. If it is successful, we will apply to Awards For All or another Heritage Lottery Grant funder to run a larger project with the potential outcome of a publication. We have not received any previous assistance.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: Marion Anderson</p> <p>Position Held: Convenor</p> <p>Date: 27 April 2013</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to the Democratic Services Team Leader, Corporate Governance, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	

CORPORATE RESOURCES
17 APR 2013

ADMIN & LEGAL

**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p>	<p>David Elder (Chairman) 24 Dovecot Lade Peebles EH45 8HR</p> <p>Peebles Christmas Lights Association</p> <p>01721 722892</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Colin Snoddy, 24 Dukshaugh, Peebles, EH45 9DN (Treasurer)</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>Peebles Christmas Lights Association was started about 20 years ago to provide a display of lights to enhance the town centre at Christmas for both residents and visitors to the town. Peebles Christmas Lights Association is a small group of volunteers who give up their time to light up the town every Christmas. All the work done is by a committed team (10 in total) who each year maintain, refurbish and erect the lights and also work hard fundraising to make sure the lights display develops and improves. We are always looking to add and build on our lights display each year which is enjoyed on a whole by young and old. Last year we made the big step of moving to LED bulbs which was a big project as it involved changing 1800 bulbs to LED which cost in the region of £4.5k.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>£1353.60 plus VAT for Phase 2 of our Chambers Institute Project £2222.42 plus VAT to have the Peebles Town Crest made as a feature</p> <p>Please see attached images.</p> <p>We are asking the Peebles Common Good Fund for £3500 towards the total cost of the project £4291.22.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>1st September 2013</p>

<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p> <p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>There is an 8 week period from order to delivery for both parts of this application allowing delivery for the beginning of November to allow preparation work for these features to be mounted for Thursday 5th December 2013.</p> <p>The total cost of this project is £4291.22</p> <p>We plan to fund the remainder of this project by the sales of our Christmas Cards which we have printed each year and from our annual Coffee Morning in September plus donations from other local organisations.</p>
<p><u>Other information</u></p> <p>If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>Last year we upgraded the display on the front of the Chambers Institute Carnegie Extension. This part of the project was funded by Peebles Round Table, the 2 organisations worked together manning the Public Bar at Peebles Agricultural Show. For this Peebles Christmas Lights Assoc received half the profit for the day. The cost of the 1st phase of the project was around £1400 plus VAT.</p> <p>Where we plan to mount the Peebles Town Crest part of the project on the west wall of the Tontine Hotel square we feel it cannot only be used by ourselves but also can be used during Beltane Week or when other large events are being hosted in the town.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u></p> <p>I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: (David Elder)</p> <p>Position Held: Chairman.</p> <p>Date: 8th April 2013</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to the Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 825002</p>	



* **COMMON GOOD FUND**
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

<u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation: Telephone No: E-mail address:	Peebles Rugby Football Club 19, Eastgate, Peebles, Peeblesshire, EH45 8AD 01721-722 911 gordonrbrown@btinternet.com
Address to which payment should be made:	Martin Brown, Treasurer, 1, Pikes Knowe Court, Cardrona, Peeblesshire, EH45 9HX
<u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:	First and foremost we are the Town's Rugby Football Club and as such provide playing, training and changing facilities as well as social amenities for all ages. We liaise and work very closely with all the local schools in the area, and, in partnership with the SRU and Peebles H.S. we participate in the 'Schools of Rugby' initiative which is already seeing positive improvements in the physical competence, skill levels and behaviour of pupils. We are very much a community club and are well aware of our responsibilities to the town, and in this respect support many local charities, sports clubs, the Town Band, OAPs etc. We are also very conscious of the fact that we represent the town on match days, both home and away, and take great care to present ourselves in a manner which befits a club representing its home town.
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	£20,000 – Assist in the installation of a comprehensive drainage system and upgrading of the existing two pitches at Haylodge Park as well as upgrading the surfaces to the central entrance to the park. The works are over engineered for rugby purposes in order to accommodate other users such as the Peebles Agricultural Show.
When will the donation be required:	1 st May, 2013
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details – Date (s): Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:	Commencement1 st April, 2013 Completion14 th June, 2013 £231,740 £27,000

<p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<table> <tr> <td>Peebles Rugby Football Club</td> <td>£ 25,580</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SportScotland</td> <td>£121,660</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scottish Borders Council.....</td> <td>£ 50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peebles Common Good Fund</td> <td>£ 20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Agricultural Society</td> <td>£ 12,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robertson Trust</td> <td>£ 2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£231,740</td> </tr> </table>	Peebles Rugby Football Club	£ 25,580	SportScotland	£121,660	Scottish Borders Council.....	£ 50,000	Peebles Common Good Fund	£ 20,000	Agricultural Society	£ 12,500	Robertson Trust	£ 2,000	Total	£231,740
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<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>No previous assistance sought.</p>														
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gordon Brown</p> <p>Position Held: President, Peebles RFC</p> <p>Date: 12th February, 2013</p>															
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>															
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to the Legal and Licensing Manager, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 825002</p>															

* Insert name of Fund.

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

<u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation: Telephone No: E-mail address:	Mr Robert Harrison Peeblesshire Youth Trust (PYT) Rowan Court Cavalry Park Peebles EH45 9BU 01721 725410 robert.harrison@dhford.co.uk
Address to which payment should be made:	As above
<u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:	PYT trains adult volunteers in the local community to provide long term mentoring support to children from primary 6 to S2. Each mentor is a positive role model who is there to help improve a child's confidence and self-esteem, to support them at transition to high school, and to encourage them to be involved in more activities in their own community. PYT works in partnership with the 3 Peebles primary schools and Peebles High School (PHS) to offer ad hoc group and 1:1 support throughout the year. (see attached supporting letters from PHS and Kingsland)
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	£10,000 to help towards the running cost of PYT. During 2012/13 we secured funding from eight funders and raised over £12,500 with our own fundraising. (A Charity Golf Day at Peebles Golf Club and the Peebles Cornet abseil from the Forth Rail Bridge) I hope that this demonstrates to you, our drive and passion to look at different ways to fund our projects and to remain a sustainable organisation. PYT is continuing to develop and grow - our budget for the current year is circa £50,000.
When will the donation be required:	May 2013
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details - Date (s): Estimated total cost:	N/A

<p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>The Robertson Trust £7,000 May 2013 – already agreed Charity Golf Day £8,000 June 2013 Applications pending to Finn Family Fund - £3,000, application to Awards for All £5850. Standing Orders from businesses and individuals in the community currently stand at £5820 pa. We will apply to Lloyds TSB Foundation again in June, Foundation Scotland in November and actively look at other funders throughout the year. We contacted Integrated Childrens Services last year, but only generic youth work is funded in Tweeddale.</p>
<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>We currently support 37 children on our long term mentoring programme. We provide regular training and support to our volunteers. In November 2012, we recruited a part time Mentor Support Worker to respond to increased demand to improve and develop our long term support to mentors. We now have over 100 active volunteers who offer ad hoc 1:1 and group support at high school, who pack & deliver Christmas food hampers (50 delivered in Dec 2012), offer admin and IT support and help at fundraising events. In addition to working in partnership with schools, we work with parents, health visitors, social services, CAB and the police. During 2012/13, we delivered two primary school programmes and two targeted programmes at PHS. The first was for a group for S1 & 2 boys who were disengaged from learning. The other was to train S6 pupils to design and deliver a 'Buddy Programme' for S1's who were struggling with transition. S6's all registered for the Saltire Awards for volunteering and have accumulated over 300 volunteer hours between them. PHS would like this programme to be an integral part of their curriculum. We have also offered 1:1 targeted supported to 6 pupils.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Position Held: CHM</p> <p>Date: 16/4/13</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to the Democratic Services Team Leader, Corporate Governance, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	



PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL

Campbell Wilson
Rector

Springwood Road
Peebles
EH45 9HB

CORPORATE RESOURCES
25 APR 2013

ADMIN & LEGAL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was introduced to Peeblesshire Youth Trust on my arrival as Rector of Peebles High School in August 2011. Since that time I have witnessed first hand the positive impact they have on the lives of young people in our community and I wholeheartedly recommend their work for recognition.

Primarily, they have provided an invaluable mentoring programme for our young people who are struggling with aspects of life, either at home or at school, and I know that this service has made life changing improvements for many of our pupils over recent years. However, what has impressed me most over the last two years is their flexibility to work with the school in what we have identified as our greatest areas of need in engaging those students who are struggling to make the most of school, or in some cases, those who wish to actively disengage.

We identified a group of boys who were truanting regularly and occasionally behaving poorly. PYT met with us and discussed creative ways in which to hold their attention and challenge them to engage with school life in positive ways. They committed their time to take the group of boys from some of their normal timetable and provide them with a structured, fun and supportive learning environment that actively challenged their attitudes and prejudices towards school. All of the boys benefitted from this approach and attendance and behaviour in school improved too.

Cooking with 'Big Dave' has also proved a genuinely useful way to take disaffected boys out of their normal learning environment and into a more informal space where they can address some the issues they are experiencing with a strong male role model. They gain skills and look forward to this time away from the pressures of family and school.

Perhaps most valuable of all to the school is when PYT are able to step in and help with students at times of crisis on an ad hoc basis. We value having a team of experienced mentors around us to help offer extra support to those who need it most. PYT have also worked closely with our S6 Buddy group to ensure that there are senior students in the school who are able to support the most vulnerable students.

Campbell Wilson
Rector

Kingsland Primary School

Neidpath Road, Peebles. EH45 8NN

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PYT is a well organised and dedicated organisation. They are a group of people who are enthusiastic and respond to local needs as they arise.

I am the Headteacher of a large primary school in the town, I consider PYT to be an integral part of the support network available to the school.

The local connections and the local volunteers which PYT have allow them to provide a unique service to some of our children and families. They play a crucial support role to families who perhaps for a range of reasons do not qualify for any other support. At Christmas time they work with the school to provide hampers for some of our disadvantaged families. These have been well received and made a difference to some of our families struggling with the cost of Christmas,

PYT also runs an annual programme for our primary six children to build on their self esteem and to provide mentoring as they progress to High School. Parents and children have appreciated this and again it has provided support for children who may otherwise have slipped through the net. The contacts they make are sustained until the child or their family no longer needs them.

I appreciate all the PYT does and find them very responsive and supportive in working with children and their families.

Jacqueline Wilson
Headteacher
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Peeblesshire Youth Trust

Scottish Charity No SC040322

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2012**

Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2012

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with financial statements and the independent examiners report for the year ended 31st March 2012

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Peeblesshire Youth Trust

Charity No

SC040322

Address

Rowan Court, Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU

Current Trustees

Robert Harrison Chair

Anne Scott Vice- Chair

Alastair Lochhead Treasurer

Elizabeth Harrison

Jan Lister

Jacqueline Mackay – resigned 17/11/11

Michael Isherwood – resigned 8/2/12

Jeanette McDiarmid – elected 7/6/11

Laura Swan – elected 8/2/12

National Council YMCA

M Will

R Clark

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity is controlled by a governing document, a constitution, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is usually held in October/November. Under the constitution, three members of the Association, who shall be elected at the AGM and serve for three years with one retiring annually, but eligible for re-election.

Non-voting observers not exceeding four, who shall be elected at the AGM, representing such bodies as the local churches, statutory bodies, schools etc.

Co-opted members not exceeding three, who shall be elected at the AGM, who have a special contribution to make to the work of the Association.

The Board of Management shall meet at least four times per annum. The election of the Board of Management will take place at the AGM. The nominations of Trustees must be made 14 days before the AGM.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Financial risks, in particular whether there is sufficient budget to operate, are mitigated through the role of the treasurer, regular updates to Trustees and liaison between Chair and Coordinator in between formal meetings.

In working with young people there are clearly risks to be aware of. Peeblesshire Youth Trust has developed a number of clear policies and processes to support and protect mentors, volunteers and, of course, young people.

Objectives and Activities

The Objectives of the Association shall be:

1. To provide support and guidance to children, young people and families at risk.
2. To engage, train and support volunteers to build and contribute to the local community.
3. To reflect the Christian ethos of YMCA to love and to serve those in need.

Peeblesshire Youth Trust

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2012

Achievement and Performance

During the past year we have spent considerable time on our funding applications to ensure our long term sustainability.

We have worked closely with all three primary schools in Peebles, St Ronan's Primary School Innerleithen, and Peebles High School, to identify and deliver targeted work to children. We continue to work with other statutory organisations to offer ad hoc support.

This year PYT developed and delivered a new programme based at Peebles High School –a boys group for S1's struggling with friendships and behaviour. We ran this in partnership with a youth club worker, four volunteers and the police. We will look at further partnership work with the High School in the new academic year 2012/13.

A small deficit between income and expenditure (unrestricted funds) of £766 is noted for this financial year. The trustees acknowledge that this did not affect restricted funds. It was agreed that reserves should be used for the deficit.

The trustees wish to acknowledge the financial support given to PYT during this financial year by the following:

Grants

Lloyds TSB Foundation £6000– Towards cost of Project Coordinators salary

The Robertson Trust - £7000 – Towards cost of staff salaries (3 year funding granted)

Peebles Common Good Fund - £4400 - Towards core costs

Maurice & Hilda Laing Trust - £2500 - Towards core costs

St Paul's and St Georges Church - £1860 - Towards core costs

Finn Family Fund £3000 - £1500 to each Achieve Your Potential programme in Peebles and Innerleithen.

Financial Support

We are grateful to the individuals and businesses who continue to offer financial support either with monthly standing orders, displaying our collection boxes or donating raffle items for fundraising events.

Standing Orders for 2011/12 totalled £6182

Gifts and donations for 2011/12 totalled £2634

We thank **Tweed Homes** who donated an office to PYT at the value of £2160 per annum.

We thank **Locus Ltd** who donates our broadband costs at the value of £300 per annum.

We thank **Second to None** once again, who have generously provided storage for donated goods with a value of £520 per annum.

This year, PYT was delighted to receive a Quality Standards Award from YMCA Scotland. This was a rigorous external assessment, with 10 different categories of standards to measure. The assessment concluded:

'The assessors were very impressed with the very imaginative programmes that PYT conducted within the local communities, the obvious high profile and credibility that the association enjoys within these communities and by the commitment and dedication that the staff and volunteers show in fulfilling their roles. PYT is to be congratulated in the fact that it has not rested on its laurels but has expanded into community's outwith the town of Peebles and it will be interesting to see how it further develops in the future. The assessors have no hesitation in recommending PYT for the Working towards Excellence Award'

Trustees

No Trustees received any remuneration in the year. No expenses were paid to any Trustees in the year.

Volunteers

The trustees acknowledge the commitment and effort of the volunteer mentors, without whom we would be unable to deliver the services we offer.

The board members give of their time and expertise and offer a variety of skills to continue to strengthen PYT and to develop and broaden the services that it is able to offer. In addition to this, board members have supported PYT at fundraising events and one board member also chairs the Referral Panel along with 3 volunteers.

Over the year the Trustees donated 130 hours of their time to the charity at Board meetings.

Our volunteers helped to deliver our 'Achieve Your Potential' programmes in Innerleithen and Peebles, offered ad hoc support at Peebles High School, packed and delivered Christmas hampers and helped at fundraising events. The enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers has been a huge factor in terms of the numbers of children and families PYT has been able to support over the year.

During the year volunteers donated the following number of hours:

Achieve your potential programmes 300 hours

Peebles High School Boys Group – 25 hours

Mentoring and Activities 500 hours

Fundraising 200 hours

Activities 150 hours

Training 100 hours

Staff

It was felt that the project coordinator, Angela Preston, was needing to increase her hours to 35 hours weekly and as at 31st March this was under consideration. It can be noted that this was agreed and subsequently implemented.

The board agreed in June 2011 that Lindsay Mann would remain in post for 10 hours per week until June 2012, when funding would be reviewed. The intention is to continue employment beyond that should funding be secured.

Looking ahead

We are still in a challenging economic climate. The board are aware just how difficult it is to secure funding and we continue to keep this as a priority.

PYT has a Charity Golf Day planned which will be held on 15th May 2012.

We will continue to work in partnership with statutory partners to enable PYT to identify need or gaps in support.

Signed for on and behalf of the trustees


Robert Harrison
Chairperson

- 26/10/2012

Peeblesshire Youth Trust

* Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2012

Receipts	2012	2012	2012	total 2011-
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	totals	
Standing Orders	6182		6182	3250
Donations	3145		3145	11860
P's & G's 10% Fund		1860	1860	
Robertson Trust		7000	7000	
Peebles Common Good Fu		4400	4400	
Maurice Laing Trust		2500	2500	
Finn Family Fund		3000	3000	3000
fundraising	1050		1050	505
HMRC Gift Aid	2925		2925	
Inv income / bank int	56		56	7
other grants	-		-	18066
totals	13358	18760	32118	36688
Payments				
Referral costs	821	400	1221	880
Travel Expenses	1360		1360	907
Insurance	1008		1008	741
Resource/ admin costs	4046	18000	22046	21771
Volunteer Costs	91		91	154
Wages	2180	1600	3780	
Training costs	44		44	152
Accounting Fee	-	-	-	881
PC repairs & print ink	321		321	818
Hamper Costs	585		585	430
Printing	339		339	901
Stationery	111		111	-
Fundraising costs	168		168	95
Postage	58		58	
phone	162		162	
Governance	47		47	44
Bank charges	35		35	4
A Y P expenses		913	913	
Miscellaneous Costs (photos, hall hire, coffees, petty cash, etc)	595		595	836
total payments	11971	20913	32884	28614
surplus / deficit	1387	-2153	-766	8074

Statement of Balances as at 31st March, 2012

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	total	total 2011
Cash at Bank - 31st March 2011	7458	6331	13789	5715
add total income	13358	18760	32118	36688
Net total	20816	25091	45907	42403
less expenditure	11971	20913	32884	28614
Balance at 31st March 2012	8845	4178	13023	13789
Other assets	0	0	0	0
Liabilities (unpresented cheques)	-101	0	-101	0
Bank balance at 1st April, 2012	8744	4178	12922	13789
split two accounts	2915	10007	12922	
Cash at Bank			£12,922	£13,789
Cash in Hand			£87	£10

NB. Deficit between Income and Expenditure is £ 766

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25th October 2012
Trustee, Treasurer

A D Lochhead

26th OCTOBER, 2012

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Peeblesshire Youth Trust Income and Expenditure Accounts Summary for year ending 31st March, 2012

INCOME	Standing Orders	Stand Order	Donations	P's & G's 10% Fund	Robertson Trust	Peebles Com Good Fund	Maurice Laing Trust	Finn Family Fund	fundraising events	HMRC Gift Aid	Bank interest	Scot Comm Fund	Awards for All	TOTALS
Donations	6182	3145	1860		7000	4400	2500	3000	1050	2925	56			32118
P's & G's 10% Fund														
Robertson Trust														
Peebles Common Good Fund														
Maurice & Hilda Laing Trust														
Finn Family Fund														
fundraising events														
HMRC Gift Aid														
Bank interest (2 accts)														
Total Income														32118
EXPENDITURE														
Referral costs	499													1221
Staff travel expenses	1104													1360
training														44
printing	339													339
bank charges	35													35
volunteers costs	71													91
staff salary	276		3098	1229	7000	3718	2500	1300		2925				22046
sessional staff costs														3780
hamper costs	585													585
insurance	378			631										1008
fundraising costs	168													168
governance			47											47
phone	162													162
AYP expenses	224												101	913
PC repairs & programs	259												25	321
postage	37													58
stationery	94												17	111
miscellaneous costs	404													595
(photos, hall hire, petty cash, coffees, etc)														
Total expenditure	4635	3145	1860		7000	3718	2500	2738		2925		37	4327	32884

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Peeblesshire Youth Trust
I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2012 which are set out on pages 01 to 08.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Scott Wallace

CA; Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
Peebles

Date: 26/10/12

Millennium Fountain

Report by Head of Corporate Governance

Peebles Common Good Fund Sub Committee

8 May 2013

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report is brought to the Sub Committee at their request to allow them to consider matters relating to the Common Good Fund Asset known as the Millennium Fountain which is presently sited on the public footpath outside the Eastgate Theatre, Peebles.**
- 1.2 The fountain was gifted to the Common Good Fund by the Rotary Club of Peebles to mark the Millennium. The Club had raised the funds from public donations and had commissioned the Art Work from Beltane Studios, Peebles. It was originally designed to be sited within a building with water and power supplies to allow running water to be a feature of the work.
- 1.3 There have been a number of maintenance issues with the fountain and there is no water flow at present. The Common Good have sought support for these costs from the Rotary but they declined. They then requested the Local Authority to take the fountain on as a general asset but were advised that it not wish to take this on given the maintenance liability. It is now necessary for the Sub Committee to consider if they wish to authorise the reinstatement of the water flow by purchasing and installing a new water pump and have other works carried out at the cost of the fund of £650. The fountain does attract donations from the public of around £50 per annum which requires to be collected by council staff and processed appropriately.

2 CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Sub Committee consider what actions they wish to take if any in relation to the Millennium Fountain.**

3 THE MILLENNIUM FOUNTAIN

- 3.1 The Rotary Club of Peebles set up a subscription to raise funds for a suitable memorial to the Millennium in 2000. With the funds raised they commissioned a fountain of leaping salmon in bronze from the local studio, Beltane. The work was then gifted to the Common Good Fund. The Council, on behalf of the Fund, assisted in locating the sculpture in 2006 on the public footpath outside the Eastgate Theatre, Peebles which had opened following conversion works.
- 3.2 Whilst at first the electric pump ensured that the water flowed in the fountain as intended by the artist who designed the art work, this has failed to work and now the water lies in the well of the fountain. At their meeting on 10 March 2011 the then Peebles Common Good Fund Working Group, on hearing that the repair costs were in the region of £500, agreed to approach the Rotary Club to see if they would fund the repairs as the Fund had no direct budget for such repairs to this item. The Club intimated that they were not in a position to fund these repair costs.
- 3.3 At their meeting on 9 June 2011 the Working Group further considered the Fountain, and resolved to invite the Council as local authority to take over the structure, but it declined.
- 3.4 Following discussion, a proposal was made to ask that the Fountain be placed in the sensory garden to be created at the new housing development at Dovecot Road, Peebles notwithstanding there was a view that to place the Fountain within these private grounds would restrict public enjoyment. However, at the meeting on 8 September 2011 it was reported that the landlord, Eildon Housing Association declined the proposal. It was then agreed that the siting remained unchanged and there be no water running through the Fountain meantime.
- 3.5 The Chairman has had discussions with the Council's property officer for the Peebles area about the poor state of the Fountain and it was agreed that the matter be considered at a future meeting. The risk of further damage to pumps remains given the outside siting of the Fountain.
- 3.6 The Fountain does attract donations of around £50 per annum from the public by way of coins thrown in. The Council's staff collects this regularly on behalf of the Common Good and the funds are banked and credited to the Fund.
- 3.7 Unrelated to the pump/power supply, costs of £306 have already been expended by the Fund in relation to works to the Fountain (included in the Finance Outturn report 2011/12 considered by the Working Group on 9 August 2012).
- 3.8 The proposed cost of reinstatement of the power supply to the Fountain is £620. These works include the supply and fitting of a larger two piece fibreglass tank and also fitting drainage outlets to make drainage and cleaning easier. Further stone cleaning has already been carried out this financial year at a cost of £30.
- 3.9 The electricity costs are met at present by the Eastgate Theatre as there is no separate supply.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

If the Sub Committee wish to have the pump repaired the costs will require

to come from the Fund's property maintenance budget. It is not known how often such repairs will be required.

4.2 **Risk and Mitigations**

If the Sub Committee take no steps to repair the pump the Fountain will not operate as the artist intended when he created the work. There is a risk of adverse publicity in relation to this position which is countered by the decision not to repair, saving a potential repeated cost to the Fund in respect of an Asset which they were gifted by the Rotary Club.

4.3 **Equalities**

There are no equalities implications in considering this matter

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

There are no economic, social or environmental effects of doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There is no impact on the Council's carbon emissions of doing or not doing what is proposed and evaluate any impact and/or mitigation efforts.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

This is not a policy matter.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes required to the Council's Schemes of Administration or Delegation.

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Audit and Risk, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Clerk to the Council have been consulted. Any comments received will be incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

Head of Corporate Governance

Signature

Author(s)

Name	Designation and Contact Number
Anne Isles	Legal and Licensing Services Manager, 01835 825002

Background Papers: Nil

Previous Minute Reference: 26 November 2012

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