

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the Eastgate Theatre, Peebles on
Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors G. Logan (Chairman), S. Bell, S. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Garvie.
Community Councillor A. Kubie.
Apology:- Councillor W. Archibald.
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell), Estates Surveyor (J. Morison), Neighbourhood Area Manager (Tweeddale) (J. Hedley), Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- 4.

CHAIRMAN

1. In the absence of Councillor Archibald, the meeting was chaired by Councillor Logan.

MINUTE

2. The Minute of Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee of 5 March 2014 had been circulated.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

With reference to paragraph 7(a)(v) the Financial Analyst advised the fencing costs at the grazing area at Neidpath had been ordered and paid for in line with the quoted price, the Estates Surveyor confirmed this was for the whole remaining field including the new boundary, after part had been sold last year.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

ELIOT'S PARK GRAZINGS – ASSET VALUATION

3. With reference to paragraph 7(a) (iv) of the Minute of Meeting of 5 March 2014, the Estates Officer presented information in relation to the basis for the evaluation of Eliot's Park Grazings and explained that the value of £100,000 went back to a previous valuation on the Environment and Infrastructure account; part of the land was zoned for housing in the previous local plan. He advised that the value would be reviewed next year and the change of zoning would be taken into account. Members discussed the benefits of the Sub-Committee lodging an application for outline planning permission for the provision of social housing. The Estates Surveyor referred to previous discussions when there was a conflict of interest with the Golf Club and a planning application would need to take this into account. The Estates Surveyor also advised that he would need to discuss such a proposal with the Housing Strategy Manager (G. Begg), to ascertain his opinion. Members discussed the situation and agreed the way forward would be for a progress report to be considered at the next meeting.

DECISION

AGREED that the Estates Surveyor would advise on a feasibility report, in relation to the proposal to lodge an application for outline planning permission for the provision of social housing, for consideration at the next meeting after consultations had taken place relating to (a) the impact of developer contributions; and (b) Housing and Registered Social Landlords.

TWEEDDALE YOUTH ACTION LEASE

4. With reference to paragraph 7(a) (iii) of the Minute of Meeting of 5 March 2014, Mr Ian Jenkins, Chairman of Tweeddale Youth Action Group (TYA) was present at the meeting. It was noted during the discussions that Councillors had attended a meeting with TYA, the premises were the only premises in the area suitable to TYA and the £7,000 rental could not be afforded. Reference was made to negotiations which had taken place with Peebles Silver Band relating to the rental of the Band Hall. The Estates Surveyor in email correspondence to Members had advised that he had carried out a valuation of the property in 2013 and calculated an annual market rent of £8,400. TYA considered a rent of £8,400 to be too high and had not signed a temporary occupation agreement or lease. Since 1 December 2012, TYA paid £5,000 rent on 19 November 2013 and their rent arrears were currently £7,080 (this included an insurance recharge). Following discussions with Mr Jenkins, the Estates Surveyor had looked again at the rental valuation and by using different comparable rents, he could justify a reduced rent of £7,000 however he considered that this was more than TYA were able to pay. Councillor Bhatia preferred the option of a reduced rental of £7,000 because this would form a formal lease and the Group could apply for financial assistance from other bodies as well as the Peebles Common Good Fund towards the rental. On being invited to address the Sub-Committee, Mr Jenkins advised that TYA was content to treat its payment of £5,000 as the full rent for the year to 30 November 2013 and could afford a rental of £3,000 per annum thereafter. He referred to the services provided by the group and submitted that they served the common good by providing services to young people which were not available through Peebles High School.

DECISION

AGREED that the premises be let to Tweeddale Youth Action at a rent of £5,000 for the year to 30 November 2013 and thereafter at an annual fee of £3,000 and that the length of the lease be over 10 years; and that the Estates Surveyor would clarify the entry date.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

5. (a) Venlaw Community Woodland
With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of Meeting of 5 March 2014, there had been recirculated copies of an application for financial assistance from Venlaw Community Woodland in the sum of £1,000 to assist the group in financing required annual woodland inspections and written survey reports; cost of tree surgery arising from survey reports; annual contribution of £100 to Borders Forest Trust towards insurance cover; costs of any required tree surgery for unforeseen ad hoc problems with trees affecting access or public safety etc. Mr Douglas Wright was present at the meeting. Mr Wright had provided Members with a detailed written account of the financial position of Venlaw Community Woodland.

DECISION

AGREED to grant Venlaw Community Woodland the sum of £1,000 to assist the group in financing required annual woodland inspections and written survey reports; cost of tree surgery arising from survey reports; annual contribution of £100 to Borders Forest Trust towards insurance cover; costs of any required tree surgery for unforeseen ad hoc problems with trees affecting access or public safety etc.

- (b) Peebles Arts Festival
There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Peebles Arts Festival in the sum of £5,700 towards the costs of the programme production and distribution costs, website update and maintenance costs and some promotional material for the 2014 Peebles Arts Festival.

DECISION

AGREED to grant Peebles Arts Festival the sum of £2,000 towards the costs of the programme production and distribution costs, website update and maintenance costs and some promotional material for the 2014 Arts Festival.

(c) Peebles Mural Project

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Peebles Mural Project in the sum of £1,870 to assist with the costs of preparing the wall for a mural for Peebles in Pennel's Close.

DECISION

AGREED in principle to grant Peebles Mural Project the sum of £1,870 to assist with the costs of preparing the wall for a mural in Pennel's Close subject to confirmation that grant funding of £6,650 was in place from Awards for All.

PEEBLES FISHING RIGHTS

6. In referring to the Accounts of Peebles Common Good Fund, Community Councillor A. Kubie sought clarification on how the issue of fishing permits were accounted for in the accounts. The Legal and Licensing Services Manager advised that the Peebles Fishing rights were managed by the Borders Sport and Leisure Trust from the Swimming Pool as had been the case before the transfer to the Trust and they retained the income from permits issued.

DECISION

NOTED the position.

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 to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

1. **Council and Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles**

With reference to the Executive Committee of 1 April 2014, the Sub-Committee considered a report by the Service Director Commercial Services and Service Director Neighbourhood Services in relation to Council and Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles and noted the recommendations contained therein.

The meeting concluded at 6.15 p.m.

16 JUN 2014

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C O U N C I L

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

<u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation: Telephone No: E-mail address:	Friends of Dovecot Mr Donald Morgan (Secretary) ... ~
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:	The Dovecot Friends Committee has just formed. Its aims are: -to safeguard & promote the interest of tenants at Dovecot Court on matters concerning housing & the environment of the area and social & community life of the area. -to arrange & organise social activities & events to be held in the communal social areas of Dovecot Court for the benefit of tenants at Dovecot Court. -to carry out fundraising activities to further the aims of the group and the elderly.
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	£2,500
When will the donation be required:	September 2014
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:	(Whilst we hope this will become a regular club we are starting with funding for 1 year.) Start date Aug 1 st 2014 to May 9 th 2015 £8,143 £5,575

<p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</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 have been awarded £3240.00 by Age Scotland. We have partnership funding of £2335.00 from the Eastgate Theatre. We now need £2,500 to complete the funding.</p> <p>Please see separate sheet, thank you.</p> <p>Also please note our accounts have only been open for 2 months so we attach a bank statement only.</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: Secretary U</p> <p>Date: 12.06.14</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>	

DOVECOT FRIENDS COMMITTEE APPLICATION

GRAND HANDS A TRAVELLING CRAFTS CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY

Our project details:

We would like to start a travelling crafts/arts club which will visit 4 sheltered housing groups in Peebles. Our residents were part of a 3 month felting project last year, which was very popular. It was run by the Eastgate Theatre and supported by Community Capacity Building SBC. The project helped residents to get out, be sociable and learn something new. The project work was then exhibited as part of the 2013 'Luminate' Creative Aging Festival.

Now 4 more sheltered housing groups: Riverside House, Rose Park, Halyrude Court and The RVS day Club- would like to be involved in a crafts project. We are therefore raising funds to fund a yearlong project with all the 4 groups.

The club will run in 8 week blocks, with different artists and crafts for each block. It will be a travelling club that visits each housing group in their own place, to make it more accessible to everyone.

We would like to invite Alice Clarke to make moulded candles and marbled eggs wreaths with the groups and Anna Nicholson to make printed Christmas cards.

We hope to involve 80 participants between 60-100 yrs old, 10 volunteers, 100 friends and family and 200 members of the public.

At the end of the year we will invite everyone to the Eastgate Theatre to see an exhibition of all their work. We have also been asked to include our project in the 2014 'Luminate' Festival.

We are hoping this will become a sustainable club, with funding being sought for the next year as this first one runs. This would be a wonderful way for our residents to meet new artists and try new skills, and for our committee to help other elderly people in other housing associations.

GRAND HANDS Our project aims:

The aims of the project are to encourage residents to become more active, creative and sociable in their own environment, through a series of workshops where they can:

- try new things, learn new skills, extend their boundaries.
- share experiences and conversations; reduce the likelihood of isolation and loneliness.
- get to know other residents, feel part of the local community.
- meet the artist and project co-ordinator, become more aware of the wider community.
- build new friendship.
- see their work exhibited at the Eastgate and meet other project participants.
- be part of an exciting project.

GRAND HANDS TIMETABLE

Block 1 August-Sept 2014			
DATES	TIMES	GROUP	CRAFT (Alice Clark)
Aug 6th	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Candle moulding
Aug 13th	1-3pm	RVS Club	Candle moulding
Aug 20th	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Candle moulding
Aug 27th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Candle moulding
Sept 3rd	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Candle moulding
Sept 10th	1-3pm	RVS Club	Candle moulding
Sept 17th	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Candle moulding
Sept 24th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Candle moulding

October	Workshops mentioned in 'Luminate' Festival
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Block 2 October-December 2014			
DATES		GROUP	CRAFT (Anna Nicholson)
Oct 22nd	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Xmas Card Printing
Oct 29th	1-3pm	RVS Club	Xmas Card Printing
Nov 5th	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Xmas Card Printing
Nov 12th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Xmas Card Printing
Nov 19th	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Xmas Card Printing
Nov 26th	1-3pm	RVS Club	Xmas Card Printing
Dec 3rd	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Xmas Card Printing
Dec 10th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Xmas Card Printing

Block 3 January-March 2015			
DATES		GROUP	CRAFT (Alice Clarke)
Jan 14th	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Egg Marbling
Jan 21st	1-3pm	RVS Club	Egg Marbling
Jan 28th	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Egg Marbling
Feb 4th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Egg Marbling
Feb11th	2-4pm	Riverside House residents	Egg Wreath/decorations
Feb 18th	1-3pm	RVS Club	Egg Wreath/decorations
Feb25th	1.30-3.30pm	Dovecot Court residents	Egg Wreath/decorations
March 4th	1.30-3.30pm	Halyrude Court & Rose Park residents	Egg Wreath/decorations

Exhibition April-May 2015		
April 27th		Eastgate Studio
May 7th		All groups to be invited to Eastgate together for opening
		Exhibition open to public for 2 weeks

QUOTES FROM THE DOVECOT RESIDENTS ABOUT THE FELTING PROJECT.

Reena Mathers (92yrs)

"Yes please to more making. I lost my daughter and my flat last year and sometimes it's hard to carry on. It's so hard on your own- there is no-one to make anything for. Today I got up to come to the group. This sort of thing makes me feel lighter."

Margaret Officer (94yrs)

"I feel a lot less lonely when I come here. My sons are both in Australia and I never see my grand children. I have no family here. I love coming here and making things and the chat."

Patricia Gorrie (79yrs)

"Yes-it's great to meet new people. I do feel a bit lonely and I feel more relaxed here. I know more people. I would like to be considered for another project please. Thankyou."

Pauline Grigor (Red Cross Service Coordinator)

"Pat Gorrie is very shy, but when I knock on her door to ask her to come to the felting her eyes light up. She is always eager to come down."

Lilias Dempster (86 yrs)

I like all of it- the whole thing. I like watching everybody. It's very friendly. Lots of new things. Yes- I like everything.

Muriel Andrews (over 85yrs)

"I love anything crafty. You just have to get up and get on with it. Making things is a good thing to do when you are on your own. I would love anything else like this please. It's been very good indeed."

Pauline Grigor (Red Cross Service Coordinator)

"This has been a 5 star project. The residents have loved every minute of it. It has really helped the group get to know each other. It is such a shame it is finishing."



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BSP - Branch Single Payment				
CDM - Cash & Deposit Machine				
CHQ - Charges				
C/L - Cashline				
D/D - Direct Debit				
DIV - Dividend				
DR - Account Overdrawn				
FPR - Payment Reclaimed				
IBP - Inter-Branch Payment				
IFT - Int Free Threshold				
INT - Interest				
ITL - International				
NDC - No Dividend Counterfoil				
ODL - Overdraft Limit				
ODR - Overdraft Rate				
POC - Post Office Counter				
POS - Debit Card Transaction				
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S/O - Standing Order				
SBT - Funds Transfer				
TSU - Direct or Banking				
DPC - Transaction Tel or PC				
Full details available on request				
CARD USERS				
If your card is lost or stolen				
please contact your branch				
as soon as reasonably practicable				
or telephone: 08705 13 35 50				
Lists	Total Withdrawn	Total Paid In	2014	Balance
	50.00	517.28	30 MAY	467.28

WE ARE NOW REGULATED BY THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY AND THE PRUDENTIAL REGULATION AUTHORITY. OPERATION OF YOUR ACCOUNT WON'T CHANGE



BUDGET FOR GRAND HANDS TRAVELLING CRAFTS CLUB

For 24 craft workshops		full cost	Eastgate %
Project Co-ordinator:			
	research & preparation: 80hr @ £15	1,200	600
	workshop preparation & attendance: 96 hr	1,440	720
	evaluation & reports: 80hr	1,200	600
Artists:			
	workshop preparation & attendance: 120hr @ £12	1,440	
	craft materials: 3 @ £400	1,200	
Photographer: 24hr @ £12		288	
	travel & expenses	50	
Hospitality:	15 each week @ £2	720	
Exhibition:			
	prep & hanging time: 20hr @ £15	300	300
	materials	100	
Private view:			
	studio hire: 3 hr @ £12.50 + VAT	45	45
	Hospitality for 30 @ £3	90	
	Press & publicity	70	70
	All costs	8,143	2,335
	Funding required	5,808	