

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the Members' Room, Council Offices,
Rosetta Road, Peebles Wednesday 25 June
2014 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors G. Logan (Chairman), S. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Garvie.
Community Councillor A. Kubie.
Apologies:- Councillors W. Archibald, S. Bell
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Estates Surveyor (J. Morison),
Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- 1.

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 7 May 2014 had been circulated.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

ELIOT'S PARK GRAZINGS – ASSET VALUATION

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of Meeting of 7 May 2014, the Estates Officer advised that he had discussed the Sub-Committee's decision to carry out a feasibility report in relation to a proposal to lodge an application for outline planning permission for the provision of social housing at land at Eliot's Park Grazings, Peebles. He had been advised by the Council's Architectural Section that a feasibility study would cost no more than £1,000.

DECISION

AGREED that the Estates Officer authorise a feasibility study by the Council's Architectural Section up to the value of £1,000 in respect of the area at Eliot's Park Grazings, Peebles.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FRIENDS OF DOVECOT

4. There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Friends of Dovecot in the sum of £2,500 towards arranging and organising social activities and events to be held in the communal social areas of Dovecot Court for the benefit of tenants at Dovecot Court, Peebles. Although sympathetic to the application, Members considered that it would be more appropriate for Friends of Dovecot to apply for funding from the Council's Community Grant Scheme.

AGREED that

- (a) **the application for financial assistance from Friends of Dovecot be refused and Friends of Dovecot be asked to apply for funding from the Council's Community Grant Scheme; and**
- (b) **the Council's Funding and Project Officer be advised of the position.**

URGENT BUSINESS

5. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman 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.

PUBLIC ART

6. Councillor Garvie referred to Peebles as being recognised as a “creative place”, and made reference to public works of art in Hawick. He suggested that Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee explore the possibility of commissioning but not necessarily funding a piece of public art for Peebles. He had been given some advice by Caroline Adam, General Manager, Eastgate Theatre and Arts Centre. He asked that the Sub-Committee give his suggestion careful consideration. A suggestion was made that the artwork should be a reflection of the 21st Century and it needed to be imaginative and tactile. Specialist advice would be required on how to progress.

DECISION

AGREED in principle to the commissioning of a piece of public artwork for Peebles and that a business plan be drawn up take matters forward.

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. **Minute**
The Sub-Committee noted the private section of the Minute of Meeting of 7 May 2014.
2. **Council and Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles**
The Sub-Committee received an update from the Legal and Licensing Services Manager relating to Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 p.m.