

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

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation: Telephone No: E-mail address:</p>	<p>Peebles Strictly Seniors Dance Group C/O Amanda Renwick</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Amanda Renwick c/o Peebles Strictly Seniors Dance Group Traquair Knowe Innerleithen Peeblesshire EH44 6PH</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 dance class was set up by Scottish Borders Council community Capacity worker Amanda Renwick who is in a year long project looking at assisting with setting up community groups for older adults. Up until now, the class has been funded by this project which is due to finish in December this year. The dance class meets weekly in Peebles and is aimed at the older community. The idea behind the class was to allow older adults to come along and enjoy exercise through dance, re-live memories of traditional dancing and most importantly socialise and have fun.</p> <p>There is an increasing ageing population in the Borders- increases of almost 50% in the 65-74 year olds and 100% in the over 75s projected by 2035. It is therefore important to reduce the incidences of social isolation and loneliness and try to encourage people to be both more socially connected and more mobile.</p> <p>The class at present has an average of 15 attending each week, with potential to grow and become a Hub for the older community to meet each week.</p>

<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>Any funds would be gratefully received to help cover costs of instructor fees which are £30 per week and also Hall hire which for the 2 hours weekly is £20. Additional costs are refreshments each week which are around £6.</p> <p>We do have a shortfall each month. We would be grateful of the sum of £2500 to assist with covering costs for 1 year. We would ask for help to support the group for a year to enable us to get fundraising and gain the confidence/knowledge to apply to other funding sources. As the Community Capacity Building Project prepares to withdraw from this group, we will make a small donation to assist with bridging any gap until the group can fundraise itself/attract other funding in.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>October 2014</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>N/A as project is on going</p> <p>The community Capacity Project will give the class £100 and they are going to hold an annual coffee morning to help raise money too.</p>

Other information

If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:

We feel this is a great community project for older people who can benefit people both physically and socially.

People often comment that when they are dancing they are exercising without realising and socially people can come along to meet new people or to have a break from caring for a relative.

This group is newly constituted and therefore does not have any audited accounts.

Declaration

I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate

Signed:

Position Held: *Dance group Organiser*

Date: *22 08 14*

Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts

This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Kathleen Mason Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 826772

