

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 on 3 September 2014
at 5.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), C. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Logan.
Apologies:- Councillors S. Bell, G. Garvie.
Community Councillor A. Kubie.
In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell), Democratic Services Officer (K. Mason).

Members of the Public:- 2.

MINUTE

1. The Minute of Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee of 25 June 2014 had been circulated.

**DECISION
APPROVED.**

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. (a) Interest Link Tweeddale
There had been circulated copies of an application from Interest Link Tweeddale for financial assistance in the sum of up to £1,500 which would be used for the travel and activity costs of befriending groups and 1:1 befriending links for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities who lived in Peebles. The Senior Financial Analyst advised Members that the Common Good Fund had already committed the sum of approximately £4,000 in grants for 2014/15, this would leave a balance of approximately £16,000 for funding applications lodged during the remainder of the financial year. Members considered the application.

DECISION

AGREED to grant the sum of up to £1,500 to Interest Link Tweeddale for the travel and activity costs of befriending groups and 1:1 befriending links for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities who lived in Peebles.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

CHAIR

In the absence of Councillor Archibald, Councillor Logan took the chair for the following item of business.

- (b) Music in Peebles

There had been circulated copies of an application from Music in Peebles for financial assistance in the sum of £600 towards the provision of a visiting ensemble performing in local care homes/sheltered housing residents who might not have the opportunity, or be able, to attend regular concerts. Members considered the application.

DECISION

AGREED to grant the sum of £600 to Music in Peebles towards the provision of a visiting ensemble performing in local homes/sheltered housing residents.

CHAIR

Councillor Archibald rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

(c) **Peebles Strictly Seniors Dance Group**

There had been circulated copies of an application from Peebles Strictly Seniors Dance Group for financial assistance in the sum of £2,500 to assist with covering costs for one year in relation to instructor fees, hall hire and provision of refreshments. It was noted during consideration of the application that funding for the dance group would expire in December 2014. Members agreed that Amanda Renwick, Community Capacity Worker, Scottish Borders Council be invited to attend the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to provide information on the income and expenditure of the dance group and answer Members' questions.

DECISION

AGREED that Amanda Renwick, Community Capacity Manager, Scottish Borders Council be invited to attend the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to provide information on the income and expenditure of the dance group and answer Members' questions.

PEEBLES GOLF CLUB

4. There had been circulated copies of a letter dated 25 August 2014 from Peebles Golf Club asking for the help of the Common Good Fund to allow the Club to invest and secure their future. The Club currently paid a ground rent to the Common Good Fund and requested that they be allowed to pay a peppercorn rent to allow the Club to commit reinvestment of the money in developing the course. The Club also hoped to attract further matched funding. It was noted during the discussions which took place that Peebles Golf Club paid an annual ground rent to the Peebles Common Good in the sum of £15,000. The Legal and Licensing Services Manager presented background information in relation to lease agreements with Scottish Borders Council for other golf clubs within the area. The Senior Financial Analyst expressed concern, advising that the request did not provide sufficient information relating to what the project entailed. He submitted that if the request for a peppercorn rent was granted this would result in a serious impact on the Common Good Fund's Revenue Budget.

DECISION

AGREED that the Senior Financial Analyst would write, in suitable terms, to Peebles Golf Club to request more detailed information from them in relation to the project and matched funding.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

1. **Minute**
The Sub-Committee approved the private section of the Minute of Meeting of 25 June 2014.
2. **Council and Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles**
The Sub-Committee received an update from the Senior Financial Analyst relating to Common Good Funding for Hay Lodge Park, Peebles.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 p.m.