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# HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 2016

A MEETING of the HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held in the LESSER HALL, TOWN HALL, HAWICK on TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2016 at 4.00 pm

J. J. WILKINSON, Clerk to the Council,

9 February 2016

BUSINESS				
1.	Apologies for Absence			
2.	Order of Business			
3.	Declaration of Interest			
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 6)	2 mins		
	Consider Minute of meeting held on 17 November 2015 (copy attached),			
5.	Financial Assistance (Pages 7 - 36)	10 mins		
	Consider applications for financial assistance from:-			
	(i) Drumlanrig St Cuthbert's Primary School. (Copy attached)			
	(ii) Escape Youth Service, Hawick Youth Centre. (Copy attached).			
6.	Monitoring Report for nine months to 31 December 2015 (Pages 37 - 48)	10 mins		
	Consider report by Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached).			
7.	Hawick Woodlot	10 mins		
	To consider update from the Estates Surveyor.			
8.	Hornshole	10 mins		
	To consider update on progress by Managing Solicitor.			
9.	Hawick Race Course	10 mins		
	To consider update from the Property Officer.			
10.	Property Update	10 mins		

	Consider update from the Estates Surveyor and Property Officer.	
11.	Hawick Market	10 mins
	To consider update on progress by Estates Surveyor.	
12.	Items Likely to be taking in Private	
	Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-	
	"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the aforesaid Act."	
13.	Private Minute (Pages 49 - 50)	2 mins
	Consider the private Minute of the Meeting held on 17 November 2015 (Copy attached).	
14.	Pilmuir Farm (Pages 51 - 52)	10 mins
	To consider letter from tenant. (Copy attached).	
15.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	

# **NOTES**

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

**Membership of Sub-Committee:-** Councillors G. Turnbull (Chairman), A. Cranston, S. Marshall, W. McAteer, D. Paterson and R. Smith

Mrs A Knight, Burnfoot Community Council Mr J Little, Hawick Community Council

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# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE held in Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick on Tuesday, 17 November, 2015 at 4.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors S Marshall (Chairman), A Cranston, W McAteer, D Paterson,

R. Smith, Mrs A Knight and Mr J Little.

Apologies:- Councillors G Turnbull.

In Attendance: Managing Solicitor (R Kirk), Corporate Finance Manager (L Mirley), Estates

Officer (J Morison), Property Officer (F Scott), Democratic Services Officer (J

Turnbull)

Members of

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#### 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

#### 2. MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 16 September 2015.

#### **DECISION**

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

#### 3. URGENT ITEM

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 keep Members informed / make an early decision.

#### 4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There had been circulated copies of an application from Hawick Reivers' Association requesting financial assistance of £2,500 towards the overall running cost of Hawick Reivers' Festival. Scottish Borders Council's (SBC) Funding and Project Officer had advised that the Community Grant scheme was not applicable for annual contributions and that support grants would normally be made as a stop gap to support groups. SBC's Events Team were keen to support the Association and would liaise with them to look at business planning, marketing and promotion and, in particular, to advise them of how best they could make promotional links to the Borders Railway. The Chairman of the Association was in attendance and advised that the Festival was highly valued by the community. The majority of the attractions they provided were free to the public and the Festival encouraged involvement by all ages. The Association were considering an enhanced marketing strategy in the hope of attracting visitors to the town via the Borders Railway. They were also seeking funding from Awards for All towards equipment. Members discussed the application and agreed to award £2,500.00 to Hawick Reivers' Association. The Chairman of the Association thanked the Sub-Committee for the contribution which was much appreciated.

#### **DECISION**

AGREED to award a grant of £2,500.00 to Hawick Reivers' Association towards the running cost of Hawick Reivers' Festival.

#### **MEMBER**

Councillor Cranston joined the meeting during consideration of the above report.

#### 5. MONITORING REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

There had been circulated a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing details of income and expenditure for the Hawick Common Good Fund for the six months to 30 September 2015, full year projected out-turn for 2015/16 and projected balance sheet valued to 31 March 2016. Appendix 1 to the report provided a projected Income and Expenditure position. This showed a projected deficit of £37,442 for the year. A reduction to the £40,660 deficit reported in August 2015, due to increased rental income, was detailed in section 4.2 of the report. Appendix 2, to the report, provided a projected Balance Sheet to 31 March 2016. It showed a projected decrease in the reserves of £80,235 due to the projected reduction in revenue reserve and the revaluation reserve. Appendix 3 provided a breakdown of the property portfolio showing actual Income and Expenditure to 30 September 2015. Appendix 4 showed the value of the Newton Fund. Ms Mirley advised that the recent presentation by the Newton Fund had been well attended by Members. Investment in this Fund showed a slight negative return of -0.78% over the quarter, in comparison to equity markets which fell by 6% in the same period. This highlighted that Newton continued to plan to protect the Fund. With reference to paragraph 4(ii) of the minute of 18 August 2015, Ms Mirley advised that the further grant, delegated to the Chief Financial Officer and the Chairman, for the Remembrance Garden at Wilton Cemetery had been £190.00. The unallocated budget, with the deduction of the grant above was now £12,710.00. The projected closing balance at 31 March 2015 would be approximately £97,000.00.

## **DECISION**

- (a) AGREED the projected Income and Expenditure for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix 1, to the report.
- (b) NOTED:
  - (i) The actual projected Balance Sheet value to 31 March 2016, as shown in Appendix 2 to the report;
  - (ii) The summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3 to the report; and
  - (iii) The current position of the investment in the Newton Fund in Appendix 4 to the report.

#### 6. COMMON HAUGH - APPLICATION FOR FAMILY FUN FAIR

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Private Minute of 26 May 2015, an application had been received by K Stuart, Family Fun Fair, requesting permission to lease part of the Common Haugh on two weekends, in March and April 2016 for a Fun Fair. Mr Morison advised that from 2010 the Fun Fair had been granted use of the Common Haugh for two weekends in March and April. Last year he had received one compliant regarding noise. Members discussed the application and Mr Stuart, Fairground Proprietor, who was in attendance, responded to questions. It was noted that the Fun Fair would be reduced by approximately 200 square metres from last year's Fun Fair. Councillor Paterson proposed that the Lease be granted for one weekend but received no seconder. Councillor Smith proposed that the Sunday, 27 March 2016 be refused and was seconded by Councillor McAteer. The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the application but that the Sunday, 27 March date be refused.

## DECISION AGREED

To grant a lease of the Common Haugh, to K Stuart, Family Fun Fair, as follows:

(a) Thursday 24 March 2016 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm Friday 25 March 2016 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm Saturday 26 March 2016 1.00 pm to 10.00 pm

(b) Thursday 31 March 2016 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm Friday 1 April 2016 6.30 pm to 10.00 pm Saturday 2 April 2016 1.00 pm to 10.00 pm.

#### 7. WILLIESTRUTHER RESERVOIR

There had been circulated copies of a report by Halcrow Group Ltd on an inspection of Williestruther Reservoir, under Section 10 of the Reservoir Act 1975. The inspection was carried out on 11 August 2015. Mr Scott advised that the report had highlighted that the reservoir was in good condition and the reservoir had now been reinstated with SEPA. The next inspection would be in 10 years' time. Mr Scott confirmed that the recommendations in the report had all been completed.

# DECISION NOTED the report.

#### 8. HAWICK RACE COURSE

There had been circulated copies of a briefing note by the Managing Solicitor in response to dog fouling complaints at Hawick Race Course. In summary, access rights had been established by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. The Act conferred a duty on local authorities to draw up core paths which were sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access. SBC had a system of core paths and one of these ran adjacent to the race course. Mr Kirk referred to the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and specifically the paragraph which stated that access rights did not apply to land which had been developed or set out for a recreational purpose such as horse racing gallops. The Committee would therefore be entitled to insist that members of the public used the core path adjacent to the race course. However, it was acknowledged that it would be problematic ensuring that this was monitored. The Committee considered the report and agreed that locking the gates would not be a viable solution. Raising public awareness of the dog fouling problem by increasing signage in the area was discussed and agreed. The cost of the signage was to be met from the Hawick Common Good Fund budget.

#### **DECISION**

#### AGREED to request the Property Officer:

- (a) arrange for additional dog fouling signage to be displayed at the Race Course, the cost of the signage to be met from the Hawick Common Good budget; and
- (b) present an update report to the February 2016 Hawick Common Good Fund meeting.

#### 9. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

There had been circulated copies of briefing note by the Estates Officer.

## (a) Williestruther Cottage

The new tenants had signed the lease on 30 October 2015. They had requested consent to install a walk-in-wardrobe in the second bedroom and this had been granted.

#### (b) Woodlot at the Burgh Woodlands

Members approved the draft advert which had been circulated with the Agenda.

## DECISION AGREED

- (a) To approve the advertisement for publication; and
- (b) To request a list of applicants for consideration at the February 2016 meeting of the Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

#### 10. HORNSHOLE

There had been circulated a briefing note by the Managing Solicitor regarding ownership of Hornshole. In summary, the Hornshole memorial was erected in 1901 on land gifted by Captain Palmer-Douglas. SBC had been responsible for maintenance of the Memorial and the surrounding land since November 1936. However, there were no records to show that ownership of the land was transferred to the Council and as such it probably remained with the successors of the Palmer-Douglas family. A title search could be carried out to establish the ownership of the land which would cost in the region of £400 to £500. If this identified the current owner then an approach could be made to them with a view to having the title conveyed to SBC. Further costs would be incurred in meeting legal fees in connection with the transferring of title. In the event that the current owner could not be identified then SBC could grant a title in favour of itself by way of "non Domino Disposition". The Sub-Committee could make a decision to purchase or acquire the land. If the value exceeded £20,000 the decision had to be made by Council. Mr Kirk advised that following the abolition of Burghs in 1975, the Common Good could not legally hold title to any property, therefore SBC would have to take ownership and then assign to Hawick Common Good. Councillor McAteer, circulated at the meeting, a briefing note advising that proposals from the Boundary Commission for Scotland had highlighted that Hornshole would be included in the new Jedburgh ward which was of concern to Hawick residents. Archive records had been examined and no trace of transfer of ownership had been found. There was also no trace of a legal record of Hawick Town Council owning the land. There was reference to Hawick Town Council taking custody of the memorial on 10 November 1936 and their successors had been responsible for maintenance of the site thereafter. A relative of the Palmer-Douglas family had been engaged and supported the action to safeguard the site for future generations. Owners of land bordering the site had also confirmed that the site was not part of their title deeds. Members discussed the report and requested officers identify the title of the land and report back to the next meeting.

## **MOTION**

Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Marshall, moved that solicitors be instructed to proceed to secure title and ownership of the recognised 'Hornshole' land. That this ownership to be in the name of Scottish Borders Council and assigned to Hawick Common Good and secured for future generations of Hawick residents.

Councillor Paterson proposed that the Sub-Committee did not proceed with securing title for Hornshole but received no seconder.

Councillor Smith, moved as an amendment to Councillor McAteer's motion that officers proceed to identify title and then report back to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Councillor McAteer agreed the amendment to his motion.

### **DECISION**

AGREED to request officers proceed to identify title of Hornshole and report back to the next meeting of Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

#### 11. 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 the Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

## **SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### 12. **MINUTE**

Members approved the private section of the Minute of 18 August 2015.

#### 13. PILMUIR FARM - SILAGE CLAMP

The Sub-Committee considered a briefing note by the Property Officer.

#### 14. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee considered a briefing note and verbal report by the Estates Officer.

## **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## 15. RACE COURSE (THE MAIR) BUILDINGS

The Property Officer advised that the Common Riding Committee were considering replacing the buildings on the Race Course (The Mair).

#### **DECISION**

AGREED in principle.

#### 16. **COMMON HAUGH**

It was reported that the road surface had broken away on entering from Albert Bridge to the Burns' Club. The Clerk was requested to report to the Asset Manager.

## **DECISION**

AGREED to request that the clerk report the poor road surface on entering from Albert Road to the Burns' Club to the Asset Manager.

#### 17. FIREPLACES

The Property Officer advised that he had in store two disused cast iron fireplaces and requested advice on how he should market them. It was agreed to delegate permission to the Property Officer to market the fireplaces.

#### **DECISION**

AGREED to delegate authority to the Property Officer to market the fireplaces.

#### 18. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

## **DECISION**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Hawick Common Good Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, 16 February 2016 at 4.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm





# \* Hawick Common Good Fund APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applicant Details	Drumlansia Ct Cuthhart's Driver C. L.
Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:	
Application Organisation.	Hawick TD9 0HH
Telephone No:	01450 373521
Address to which payment should be made:	As above or EC2179
Activities Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:	We are a Primary school providing education to children from 3 to 12 years old. We would like to provide swimming lessons to the children in Primary 6. They would receive a 10 week block of lessons. At the end of the block the children will have the opportunity to sit the aquatics certificate which will allow them to participate in water sports when on residential and when they move on to High School. It will also give school staff knowledge of the children's abilities for selecting the children who will participate in the Hawick Inter-school Swimming Gala. We would also be supporting the Teviotdale Leisure Centre by using their facilities and encouraging the children to continue using the facilities available to them when their lessons finish.
Assistance Requested Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	£1.05 per pupil per session 31 pupils 10 weeks of Swimming lessons  Total – £325.50
When will the donation be required:	January 2015
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:	
Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	

#### Other information

If you to this relevant application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:

We would like to make this block of swimming lessons an annual have other event so that all children, as they move up through the school, have information which you feel | the opportunity to learn to swim. This is an essential life skill that all citizens in Hawick and the Scottish Borders should acquire.

#### Declaration

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

Signed:

Position Held: Depute Headteacher

Date: 2.12.15

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 the relevant area office -

Scottish Borders Council Area Offices, Corporate Resources Department, Newtown Street, Duns TD11 3DT. Telephone 01361 882600. (Duns Fund).

Scottish Borders Council Area Offices, Corporate Resources Department, Albert Place, Galashiels TD1 3DL. Telephone 01896 754751. (Galashiels, Lauder and Selkirk Funds).

Scottish Borders Council Area Offices, Corporate Resources Department, High Street, Hawick TD9 9EF. Telephone 01450 375991. (Hawick, Jedburgh and Kelso Funds).

Scottish Borders Council Area Offices, Corporate Resources Department, Rosetta Road, Peebles EH45 8HG. Telephone 01721 720153. (Peebles Fund).

\* Insert name of Fund.



# HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applicant Details	Escape Youth Services
Name and Address of	Hawick Youth Centre
Applicant/Organisation:	Havelock Street
	Hawick
	TD9 7BB
Telephone No:	01450 378001/07943515002
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Address to which payment	As above
should be made:	
should be made.	
Activities	Escape Youth Services is a locality wide youth provision delivering
11 5	youth work opportunities throughout the Teviot and Liddesdale area of
description of the	the Scottish Borders to young people aged 9-18.
activities of your	Our vision is to enhance the lives of young people, building a positive
organisation and the	future, by developing and sustaining a supportive service where young
benefits it brings to the	people can succeed and increasing the range, quantity and quality of
local community:	youth-led provision.
	At present we offer 5 weekly drop-in's at Escape Youth Café in the
	main town of Hawick (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and
	Saturday) and one in Denholm village (Fridays), run additional
	activities in the school holiday periods, a weekly craft group and an
	allotment project, and targeted group work in schools including work
	with all P7 pupils ahead of their transition to High School and 1st Year
	support groups. We are involved in many partnership projects and
	networks across the learning community and work closely with the
	other main youth provisions across the Scottish Borders.
	Now in our 11th year, we continue to be the only 1 of 2 provisions
	open on a Saturday evening across the Scottish Borders.
	In 2015, our drop-in figures saw 5082 attendances, 218 members
	registered, 118 active members (attended twice or more in the last 6
	months) and 328 volunteering opportunities with over 600 hours
	volunteered; 28 young volunteers are working towards
	awards/accreditation with 8 members recently achieving a Dynamic
	Youth Award for their participation in the craft group.
	Within our drop-in sessions a wide range of topics are covered around
	8 main areas to ensure a diverse choice of engaging and challenging
	activities are offered. This is advertised weekly to young people and
	continues to work well with members who look to see what is
	advertised/offered each week. Based around issue-based, interest-
	based and themed work activities, our current topic areas include arts
	(craft and creative media), life-skills/challenges, cooking, sports/active
	lifestyle, issue-based topics e.g. sexual health, drugs, alcohol, hot
	topic/event e.g. issues in the media/news, local/national event, a
	review/planning session ahead of the next block of activities and a
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	'free' night based around fun and games. All sessions are planned with aims and objectives which are then linked to the experiences and outcomes within curriculum for excellence.
Assistance Requested Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:  When will the donation be	We are requesting £5000 towards the costs of our annual staffing budget for the organisation. This would enable us to continue to employ 2 sessional staff for one evening per week working with the S1 up age group on a Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening at our drop-in provision in Hawick. With the move to the larger premises last year, we would benefit from 3 staff per session rather than 2 to assist with programme delivery and fully covering all areas within the project to suit the young people's needs.  April 2016
required:	
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –	n/a
Date (s):	Offered all year round (close 2 weeks at local trades, Common Riding and Christmas period)
Estimated total cost:	Approximate annual budget for sessional staff of £45,000
Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:	We carry out ongoing fundraising efforts throughout the year, 2015 saw over £4000 raised through events, small lets and donations. We recently received £2000 from the STV Appeal and a £250 donation
Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	form Hawick Sings. Lloyds TSB Foundation Scotland £6912 Expected outcome April 2016 Children In Need £80,444 over 3 years (also includes staffing for Denholm Youth Club and hire of the hall/utilities, additional hours for staff training, supervision, holiday programmes and a resources budget for use in sessions) Expected outcome May 2016 Bank of Scotland Foundation £19066 Expected outcome March 2016 (also includes a small resources budget)

## 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:

The main outcomes we strive to meet for young people through our activities are to increase young people's confidence and self-esteem, to increase the number of young people volunteering and gaining accreditation and increased personal/social/life skills and participation of young people in decision making.

Through our service delivery we aim to increase the number of young people accessing youth work provisions across the locality, improve relationships with partners and specialist services where group and one-to-one work is developed and implemented effectively and increase skills, knowledge and expertise of staff and board members to ensure quality of practice and understanding.

Over the last year we have worked on establishing Escape Youth Café at our new premises following the successful asset transfer of Hawick Youth Centre. Building works were agreed and carried out on lower level of premises to enable us to hire out the area on a long term basis (fitting of toilets, separate entrance and blocking access from first level).

Our plans for the future include continuing to develop volunteering programmes, workplace opportunities and training for staff and volunteers of all ages, offering accreditation/qualifications where possible; to further develop and deliver targeted youth work programmes in partnership with other services where appropriate; to continue to increase the promotion of the service throughout schools and the community; to secure funding for all staffing beyond March 2016, securing 3 year funding where possible; to investigate ways of developing the outside space on the premises and appropriate funding; to increase the income generation through general fundraising appeals/events and hires.

We received a donation from the Common Good Fund back in 2005 when the organisation was first established but have had no further assistance to date.

# **Declaration**

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

Signed: Sian Snowdon

Position Held: Manager

Date: 26.01.16

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 Judith Turnbull Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 826556



Company registration number: SC431246 Charity registration number: SC035939

# **Escape Youth Services**

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

Deans Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors 1 Melgund Place Hawick TD9 9HY

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# **Reference and Administrative Details**

**Charity name** Escape Youth Services

**Charity registration number** SC035939

**Company registration number** SC431246

Principal office Hawick Youth Centre

Havelock Street Hawick

Scotland TD9 7BB

Registered office Hawick Youth Centre

Havelock Street

Hawick Scotland TD9 7BB

**Trustees** A J Shields (resigned 27 January 2014)

M Beck S Beck

C M Anderson
C Anderson
R J Jones

**Secretary** S Anderson

**Accountant** Deans

1 Melgund Place

Hawick TD9 9HY

## **Trustees' Report**

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) submit their annual report and the financial statements of ESCAPE YOUTH SERVICES (the company) for the period ended 31 October 2014. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### a. CONSTITUTION

The company, which is a recognised charity in Scotland, is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 August 2012.

The company's objectives include the advancement of education and the provision of recreational facilities and activities.

#### **b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

All of the organisations trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the annual general meeting, which is held in January each year.

#### c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

New directors undergo an induction process which briefs them on their obligations under legislation, the decision making processes, the business plan and the recent financial performance.

#### d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The Company has a Board of Directors who meet monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the committee has six members from a variety of backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the facilities rest with the manager. The manager is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the facilities specified and that key performance indicators are met, together with responsibility for the operational management of the facilities.

#### e. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

There are no related parties at present, but "Escape" works closely with a number of statutory and voluntary bodies and it is anticipated that service level agreements may be entered into in the future.

#### **f. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. The Manager is responsible for preparing regular reports for the directors to ensure that these systems operate correctly and that they mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Particular attention is focused on non-financial risks arising from health and safety issues.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### a. POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

# Trustees' Report

The principal objects of the company are the advancement of education by developing and sustaining a supportive service for young people in Hawick and district, as defined by the TD9 postcode (area of benefit), where young people can succeed. And also the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the condition of life for young people and only in relation to recreational facilities or activities which are primarily intended for persons who need them by reason of their age; by increasing the range, quantity and quality of youth-led provision in the area of benefit, based on identified need, and by increasing youth participation within the service and community, strengthening relationships and acknowledging young people as valued citizens.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE** 

a. REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

## **Trustees' Report**

Through our drop-in clubs, youth committee and additional volunteering opportunities there have been 4,226 youth work opportunities throughout the year with 256 active members (attended twice or more). With the addition of targeted/specific group work and one-off events the total number of youth work opportunities is 4,772 with an additional 59 active members. Throughout the year, staff continues to work on ways of encouraging new members and improvements to the services provided.

56 young people have volunteered throughout the year with their efforts to be rewarded at our prize giving through our own Escape Awards. Throughout 2014 members have collectively volunteered over 1,800 hours and have helped raise almost £2,000. For those aged 12 and over, 19 young people have achieved a Saltire award with another 7 registered and working towards their awards. Of the 19, 3 have achieved their 100 hour award, 2 their 50 hour award, 11 their 25 hour award and 3 their 10. 10 young people are also submitting a Dynamic Youth Award/Youth Achievement Award through their work with the craft group.

Our youth committee now has 10 members who meet each week to discuss ongoing issues and future plans for the café. A residential involving youth committee members from across the Borders will take place in November to look at tackling underage drinking through drama based work. A film is to be edited to show other young people and used as a tool for further engagement.

#### During the year we have

• Added a Friday lunch-time drop-in at members request • Developed an allotment to grow produce and young people learn new skills in a variety of areas • Weekly craft group running with 9 members • With the widening of our service to the Teviot and Liddesdale locality we have continued to seek support and develop work in the outlying areas and introduced a further drop-in club in the village of Denholm to open mid November offering a session for P5-7 and one for S1 up pupils.

Drop-in activities over the year have again covered a wide range of topics and areas from cooking, craft, outdoor activities, indoor football sessions, common riding activities, team building games/challenges, and issue-based sessions including LGBT, sexual heath, the referendum and bullying. Additional group work and programmes have included 8 S1 pupils producing a DVD for use during the transition days, youth committee meeting every fortnight then weekly since schools returned in August (up to 8 members each time), a sponsored walk was completed by 7 senior members raising just over £450, the implementation of the allotment project resulting in over 20 young people volunteering, P7 transition mornings in all 9 feeder primaries reaching 180 pupils and a Youth Summit involving 100 Senior pupils (S1-S4) In addition to a joint training day for staff, volunteers and the board we have ran 6 internal training events including LGBT awareness raising, Introduction to Curriculum for Excellence and new staff all completed Child Protection training externally. Induction of new volunteers for the Denholm project is due to take place shortly, as well as CCard training all for current staff. 2 staff are to commence the PDA course in December where they will work towards a qualification in Youth Work. Partnership Work and Youth Work in Schools has continued through a number of programmes: • Joint programmes as Hawick Youth Partnership (HYP) have included trips and the Summer Programme in the school holidays. This year's programme (also supported by CLD staff) saw 187 attendances over the 2 weeks, 56 young people attended with 41 of those attending twice or more. The trip ay to Whithaugh Park was attended by 36 young people where they were challenged to participate in more physical activities (raft building, gorge walking and zip wire). We had input from the Textile Towerhouse for a bag making workshop in addition to offering sports, crafts, cooking and challenges. Again almost even numbers of juniors/seniors attended (29/27) meaning a mix of pupils from different schools/projects had come together and primary aged building relationships with older pupils. Small group work such as 1st Year 1st Issues (confidence building and settling into High School life), and P7 transition mornings were completed in May targeting all P7 pupils across the locality (187 pupils, 9 feeder primaries) • In the summer we also ran two craft workshops in conjunction with the museum where 14 members made herb pots and ceramic tiles which were then displayed in the museum as part of the artist's exhibition in August. • The manager has continued to chair the Youth Services Subgroup every 8 weeks where service updates and networking continues as well as development of new projects. At present we are looking to update the Youth Information Points in the High School. This has partly been addressed through the need for more information of services/what's on highlighted from the youth summit. • We continue to lead the Wider Achievement Subgroup of DOLF for the area where we are continuing to develop the youth awards event for next year and baseline what current forms of recognising achievement and awards systems are being used by all partners.

This variety ensures generic work is offered as well as targeted to reach as many young people as possible and those with particular needs or are at risk.

#### **b. INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE**

## **Trustees' Report**

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the directors wish. Monies not immediately required can be invested in such investments or securities or property as may be thought fit.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### a. RESERVES POLICY

The management committee has examined the requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the charity. As highlighted, the reserves are not at a level to maintain the charity and it remains the strategy of the company to continue to build these reserves through planned operating surpluses.

#### **b. PRINCIPAL FUNDING**

Our work has been supported by Scottish Borders Council, Children In Need, Cashback for Communities, the Robertson Trust, Foundation Scotland, the Big Lottery Celebrate Fund and Voluntary Action Fund. Donations were received from The Border Club, Hawick Common Riding Committee, Denholm Community Council, Coopers Bar and Mrs Jean Bruce. Special mention must go to Victoria Forbes who ran an Ultra-marathon (63 miles) in aid of Escape in April raising almost £1,000. Thank you to all these bodies, organisations, groups and individuals for their continued support and to all those who supported us through sponsored events, local fundraising events and easyfundraising (donations through online shopping). Local fundraising activities (coffee mornings, sales, fares, sponsored events) have raised almost £2,500.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

#### a. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Board of Directors have met monthly to support the ongoing work of the organisation and through their commitment and volunteering have worked hard to support the development of the service.

Over the next year the project aims to:

Continue to develop and move to the new premises as a result of a successful Asset Transfer with Scottish Borders Council of the current youth centre within Hawick.

Strengthen the board through new members and ongoing training

To continue to develop volunteering programmes, workplace opportunities and training for staff and volunteers of all ages, offering accreditation and qualifications where possible

To further develop and deliver specific and targeted youth work programmes in partnership with other services where appropriate

To continue to develop services in the outlying areas

To increase promotion of the service throughout schools and the wider community

#### **MEMBERS' LIABILITY**

The Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

# Escape Youth Services Trustees' Report

Approved by the Board on 22 July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:
R J Jones Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**

## **Escape Youth Services**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2014, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the Accounts Regulations). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements 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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 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 Accounts Regulations; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with regulation 8 of the 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.

Deans	Chartered Accountant ants and Business Advisors	1 Melgund Place Hawick TD9 9HY
Date:		

# Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year ended 31 October 2014	Total Funds 2 8 August 2012 to 31 October 2013
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	16,641	70,291	86,932	134,375
Activities for generating funds	4	11,880	387	12,267	6,974
Total incoming resources		28,521	70,678	99,199	141,349
Resources expended Costs of generating funds Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs Governance costs Total resources expended	5 5	21,429 300 21,729	78,393 - 78,393	99,822 300 100,122	99,019 301 99,320
Net (expenditure)/income before transfers		6,792	(7,715)	(923)	42,029
<b>Transfers</b> Gross transfers between funds				<del>-</del>	
Net movements in funds		6,792	(7,715)	(923)	42,029
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		9,342	32,687	42,029	-
Total funds carried forward		16,134	24,972	41,106	42,029

# Escape Youth Services (Registration number: SC431246) Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2014

		31 October 2014		31 Octob	er 2013
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b> Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	42,025	42,025	672 43,282	43,954
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10		(919)		(1,925)
Net current assets			41,106		42,029
Net assets			41,106		42,029
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			24,972		32,687
<b>Unrestricted funds</b> Unrestricted income funds			16,134		9,342
Total charity funds			41,106		42,029

For the financial year ended 31 October 2014, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board on 22 July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

R J Jones Trustee

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Fund accounting policy**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 13.

#### **Incoming resources**

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Shop income and income derived from events is recognised as earned (that is, as the related goods or services are provided).

#### Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

#### **Governance costs**

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

#### Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### **Operating leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

# 2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 October 2014 £	Total Funds 28 August 2012 to 31 October 2013 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b> Appeals and donations	2,836	114	2,950	28,344
<b>Grants</b> Grants - other agencies	13,805	70,177	83,982	106,031
	16,641	70,291	86,932	134,37

## **3** Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 October 2014 £	Total Funds 28 August 2012 to 31 October 2013 £
Children In Need	3,545	28,430	31,975	35,271
The Robertson Trust	-	20,000	20,000	28,500
Scottish Borders Council	1,000	13,077	14,077	30,973
Youth Borders	1,650	-	1,650	247
Youth Link	-	6,720	6,720	11,040
Big Lottery Fund	7,610	-	7,610	-
Foundation Scotland		1,950	1,950	
	13,805	70,177	83,982	106,031

# 4 Activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 October 2014 £	Total Funds 28 August 2012 to 31 October 2013 £
Operating activity				
Subscriptions	642	-	642	504
Tuck shop	4,487	-	4,487	3,823
Activities	6,751	387	7,138	2,647
	11,880	387	12,267	6,974

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

# 5 Total resources expended

	Operating activity	Governance	Total
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Purchases	4,533	-	4,533
Wages and salaries	69,561	-	69,561
Staff NIC (Employers)	2,548	-	2,548
Staff training	350	-	350
Travelling	346	-	346
-	77,338		77,338
Support costs			
Rent	7,240	=	7,240
Rates	916	=	916
Light, heat and power	1,571	-	1,571
Insurance	261	-	261
Session support costs	6,969	-	6,969
Repairs and maintenance	2,628	-	2,628
Telephone and fax	687	-	687
Computer software and maintenance costs	50	-	50
Printing, postage and stationery	876	-	876
Trade subscriptions	511	-	511
Cleaning	141	-	141
Accountancy fees	-	300	300
Consultancy fees	470	-	470
Bank charges	164	-	164
· ·	22,484	300	22,784
	99,822	300	100,122

#### 6 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

#### 7 Employees' remuneration

The average number of persons employed by the charity (including trustees) during the year was as follows:

Charitable activities	Year ended 31 October 2014 No. 8	28 August 2012 to 31 October 2013 No.
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
Wagon and calaries	Year ended 31 October 2014 £	28 August 2012 to 31 October 2013 £ 71,805
Wages and salaries Social security	69,561 2,548 72,109	71,805 4,059 75,864

#### 8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

#### 9 Debtors

	31 October 2014 £	31 October 2013 £
Trade debtors		672

#### 10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 October 2014 £	31 October 2013 £
Taxation and social security	-	1,578
Accruals and deferred income	919	347
	919	1,925

# 11 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

## 12 Related parties

# **Controlling entity**

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

## 13 Analysis of funds

	At 1 November 2013	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2014
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	9,342	28,521	(21,729)	16,134
Restricted Funds				
Children In Need	13,367	28,430	(35,103)	6,694
CYPPP	8,763	13,077	(17,436)	4,404
Robertson Trust	6,397	15,000	(16,876)	4,521
Youth Link	4,160	6,720	(6,440)	4,440
Foundation Scotland	-	1,950	(1,478)	472
Denholm Youth Club		5,501	(1,060)	4,441
	32,687	70,678	(78,393)	24,972
	42,029	99,199	(100,122)	41,106

## 14 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31 October 2014	Total Funds 31 October 2013
	£	£	£	£
Current assets Creditors: Amounts falling due	17,053	24,972	42,025	43,954
within one year	(919)	-	(919)	(1,925)
Net assets	16,134	24,972	41,106	42,029

	Unrestricted income fund 2014	Unrestricted income fund 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds	1.0.041	12 110
Voluntary income	16,641	12,119
Activities for generating funds	11,880	6,974
Total incoming resources	28,521	19,093
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds		
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	21,429	14,883
Governance costs	300	301
Total resources expended	21,729	15,184
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Net (expenditure)/income before transfers	6,792	3,909
Transfers		
Gross transfers between funds	_	5,433
oross transfers between rands		
Net movements in funds	6,792	9,342
Net movements in funds	0,732	3/3 .2
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	9,342	
Total funds carried forward	16,134	9,342

	Children In Need 2014	Children In Need 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	28,430	39,373
Total incoming resources	28,430	39,373
Resources expended Costs of generating funds Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	35,103	26,006
Total resources expended	35,103	26,006
Net movements in funds	(6,673)	13,367
Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward	13,367	_
Total funds carried forward	6,694	13,367

	CYPPP 2014	CYPPP 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	13,077	32,011
Total incoming resources	13,077	32,011
Resources expended Costs of generating funds	47.406	22.240
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	17,436	23,248
Total resources expended	17,436	23,248
Net movements in funds	(4,359)	8,763
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	8,763	
Total funds carried forward	4,404	8,763

	Robertson Trust 2014	Robertson Trust 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds Voluntary income	15,000	39,832
Total incoming resources	15,000	39,832
Resources expended Costs of generating funds		
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	16,876	28,002
Total resources expended	16,876	28,002
Net (expenditure)/income before transfers	(1,876)	11,830
<b>Transfers</b> Gross transfers between funds		(5,433)
Net movements in funds	(1,876)	6,397
Reconciliation of funds	6 207	
Total funds brought forward	6,397 4,521	6,397
Total funds carried forward	4,321	0,397

	Youth Link 2014	Youth Link 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	6,720	11,040
Total incoming resources	6,720	11,040
Resources expended Costs of generating funds Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	6,440	6,880
Total resources expended	6,440	6,880
Net movements in funds	280	4,160
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	4,160	<u> </u>
Total funds carried forward	4,440	4,160

	Foundation Scotland 2014	Foundation Scotland 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds Voluntary income Total incoming resources	1,950 1,950	<u>-</u>
Resources expended Costs of generating funds Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs Total resources expended	1,478 1,478	
Reconciliation of funds Total funds carried forward	472	

# **Escape Youth Services**

# Statement of financial activities by fund Year Ended 31 October 2014

	Denholm Youth Club 2014	Denholm Youth Club 2013
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary income	5,114	=
Activities for generating funds	387	-
Total incoming resources	5,501	
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds		
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	1,060	-
Total resources expended	1,060	
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds carried forward	4,441	_





# Monitoring Report for 9 Months to 31 December 2015

## **Report by the Chief Financial Officer**

## **Hawick Common Good Sub Committee**

## **16 February 2016**

#### 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Hawick Common Good Fund for the 9 months to 31 December 2015 and full year projected out-turn for 2015/16 and projected balance sheet values to 31 March 2016
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides a projected Income and Expenditure position. This shows a projected deficit of £37,719 for the year. An increase in the £37,442 deficit reported in November 2015 due to rental income movements as detailed in Section 4.2.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected Balance Sheet to 31 March 2016. It shows a projected decrease in the reserves of £80,512 due to the projected reduction in revenue reserve and the revaluation reserve.
- 1.4 Appendix 3 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing actual Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2015.
- 1.5 Appendix 4 shows the value of the Newton Fund to 31 December 2015.

#### 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Common Good Sub Committee:
  - (a) Agrees the projected Income and Expenditure for 2015/16 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2015/16.
  - (b) Notes the projected Balance Sheet value to 31 March 2016 in Appendix 2.
  - (c) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3.
  - (d) Notes the current position of the investment in the Newton Fund in Appendix 4.

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#### 3 BACKGROUND

3.1 This report provides the Committee with financial information for the period to 31 December 2015 and projections to 31 March 16. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund to 31 March 2016.

## 4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2015/16

4.1 Appendix 1 provides detail on income and expenditure for the 2015/16 financial year. The projected net position for the year is a deficit of £37,719, assuming full expenditure of the grants and donations budget of which £12,710 remains to be allocated.

## 4.2 Income & Expenditure - Rental Income

- Rental income for 2015/16 is shown on Appendices 1 & 3, with Appendix 3 detailing the projected annual rental income by individual property. Current actual rental income is greater than the budgeted projection due to the receipt of income relating to the 2016/17 financial year. A "pre-payment" journal will be processed at our financial year end to reflect income in the relevant year.
- b) At the meeting of the Common Good Fund Committee on 17 November 2015 the Estates Officer reported that the winter Shooting Rights at Hawick Moor had been agreed. This will increase the proposed budget for 2015/16 by £100.
- c) Unfortunately the organisers of the Roger Albert Clark Rally due to have taken place on 29 November 2015 had to cancel the event due to lack of entries. The proposed fee of £1,000 had not been included in the projections at 30 September 2015.
- d) At a meeting of the Common Good Fund Committee on 18 June 2013 the Committee agreed that the Hawick Golf Club would be granted a rent free period of 3 years of £9,200 pa (2014/15, 2015/16 & 2016/17) with the next Invoice due for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 September 2018. In addition to this a reduction in rent for 2013/14 was agreed. Overall this totals £31,600 in lost revenue to the Common Good Fund. It is proposed that for clarity and transparency in accounting for this rent reduction that a notional grant is made from the Common Good Fund to the Golf Club for the same amount and the full rent is accounted for. This would have a nil financial effect on the Common Good Fund (see para 4.6).

The Estates Officer has suggested to the Golf Club that they attend a Common Good Committee meeting in May 2016 to discuss the Club's position going forward.

- e) An increase of £148 is projected in the Williestruther Cottage Rent due to the change of tenants and increase in annual rental, taking into account the time that the cottage was vacant.
- f) A reduction of £525 to the Hawick Moor Racecourse has been included to reflect a true accruals accounting practice.

#### 4.3 Income & Expenditure - Non-Property Related Income

The projected out-turn includes an estimate for the interest receivable on cash deposited with the Council. This, however, does not show as an actual income until the end of the financial year as amount is dependent on interest rates and the average cash revenue balance invested with the Council over the full financial year. The annual rate of interest applied to the cash deposits is expected to be around 0.4%, an amount of £300 has been budgeted for.

- 4.4 The capital reserve is invested in the Newton Fund and distributions are made twice a year in September and February. Dividends of £5,067 were received in September 2015 in line with the proposed budget of £8,979 for the year. The proposed budget for 2015/16 is based on a distribution of 2.5% which will be subject to the overall performance of the fund.
- 4.5 The projected out-turn includes £8,700 the balance of a contribution from the Community Council for work to complete the work at Williestruther, £25 donation for use of Bunting and £1,461 for Squirrel Control.

### 4.6 Income & Expenditure - Property Expenditure

- a) The property expenditure to 31 December 2015 is detailed in Appendix 3 by property. The proposed Budget for 2015/16 includes £71,000 to complete silage pit work at Pilmuir, £8,700 for Williestruther Path, offset by balance of income received from Community Council in 2014/15.
- b) The balance of the additional income from the Community Council for work on the Williestruther Path will be spent on a strimmer costing approximately £480.
- c) The fund has paid the original £6,480 2015/16 Rates bill for the Common Haugh. A proportion of this will be credited back to the fund once the new Rates Bill for Geraud Markets has been produced but there will be also be a bill for work to remark the Car Park, both of which are yet to be quantified.
- d) Additional legal costs of between £400 to £1,000 may be payable for establishing the ownership of the land on which the Hornshole Memorial sits.
- e) The work at Pilmuir Silage pit may not be completed this financial year due to delay in Building Regulations and SEPA approvals. The project is going out to tender mid-January 2016 to establish costs and timescales and until this has been quantified the budget has not been amended at this round of monitoring.
- f) The uncertainty over the timing of various planned expenditures may result in a change to the surplus/deficit position at the year end.

#### 4.7 Income & Expenditure – Grants & Other Donations

The grants and other donations distributed to 31 December 2015 are shown below. A late application from Hawick Reivers Association was approved at the Hawick Common Good Sub Committee on 17 November 2015.

<b>Grant Recipients</b>	Approved	£
Approved and Paid to 31 December 2015		
Hawick Honorary Provost Running Costs	26/05/15	2,000
History of Hawick & District during WW1	18/08/15	600
Burnfoot CC-Remembrance Grdn Wilton Cemetery	18/08/15	2,000
Burnfoot CC-Remembrance Grdn Wilton Cemetery	18/08/15	190
Hawick Reivers Association – Running Costs	17/15/15	2,500
Total Paid to 31 December 2015		7,290
Approved but not yet paid		
-		0
Total Grants Approved		7,290
Carla Bandina Associati		
Grants Pending Approval		
Hawick Golf Club Rent Contribution		9,200
2015 /16 Budget (as increased by HCC Centr)		20.200
<b>2015/16 Budget</b> (as increased by HGC Contr)		29,200
Unallocated Budget		12 710
Unanocated budget		12,710

## 4.8 Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge

The depreciation charge is projected to be £42,792 based on the revaluation of the properties at 1 April 2014. This is not a cash transaction and is off-set by a corresponding contribution from the Revaluation reserve.

4.9 Appendix 2 provides the balance sheet value to 31 March 2015, the projected movement in year and a projected balance at 31 March 2016.

#### 4.10 Balance Sheet - Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued every 5 years as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2014. Appendix 3 shows the values of the individual properties at 31 March 2015, projected depreciation charges 2015/16 and projected value at 31 March 2016.

#### 4.11 Balance Sheet - Newton Investment

- a) Investment markets continue to remain volatile. This is partly due to increasing uncertainties relating to the cooling Chinese economy and its sinking currency (significant losses on the Shanghai Stock Market resulted in it to be abandoned early twice in 4 days in early January). This volatility is also compounded by uncertainty on how the US economy will react to the 0.25% interest rate rise announced by the US Central Bank, the first rate rise for nearly a decade, with a pledge for further rate rises. There was a small but positive return in the Newton Fund of 1.3% for the quarter despite market volatility.
- b) Due to the volatility of the market conditions the projections do not include estimates for movements in the unrealised gains. Appendix 4 shows the performance of the Newton Fund since inception.

#### 4.12 Balance Sheet - Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £96,685, an in year projected decrease of £37,719. The projected cash movement for 2015/16 is as follows:

Cash Balance	£
Opening Balance at 1 April 2015	134,404
Transfer to Newton Fund	0
Projected Deficit for year from Income & Expenditure	
Statement	(37,719)
Net cash movement in Debtors/Creditors	0
Projected Closing Balance at 31 March 2016	96,685

#### 4.13 Balance Sheet - Capital Reserve

The projections for the Capital Reserves include the unrealised gain for the Newton Fund as at 31 March 2016 but due to the extremely volatile nature of the markets no estimate has been made for the current years' movement.

#### **5** IMPLICATIONS

#### 5.1 Financial

There are no further financial implications other than those explained above in Section 4.

## 5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that investments in the Newton Fund may reduce in value due to market or investment performance. This risk cannot be fully mitigated; however it is being managed by the selection of a Fund Manager with a clear objective of preserving capital values while aiming to produce returns in line with the benchmark

#### 5.3 **Equalities**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

#### 5.4 **Acting Sustainably**

Whilst there are no economic, social or environmental effects arising from the proposals contained in this report, there are, through the activities reported upon, positive impacts upon the economy through protection of employment, positive impacts upon the quality of community life and improvements in local amenities and nurturing of local talent. The potential improvement in levels of income through the use of the new investment fund will act to make the Common Good Fund more sustainable in the future.

## 5.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

## 5.6 Rural Proofing

There are no effects on rural proofing arising from the proposals contained in this report.

## 5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the proposals contained in this report.

#### **6 CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their appropriate comments have been incorporated into this report.

## Approved by

**David Robertson Chief Financial Officer** 

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#### **Background Papers:**

Previous Minute Reference: Hawick Common Good Committee 17 November 2015

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## **APPENDIX 1**

## **HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015/16** 

	Actuals at 31/12/15	Full Year Approved Budget	Full Year Projected Out-turn	Full Year Projected Over/	Para Ref	Commentary
		2015/16		(Under) Spend		
Duamanta Transacca	£	£	£	£		
Property Income Rentals Receivable	(105 771)	(OE 420)	(104,361)	(0.022)	4.2	Pilmuir, HCG, Williestruther
	(105,771)	(95,438)	(104,361)	(8,923)	4.2	Pilitiuit, ACG, Williestruttiei
Non-Property Related Income Interest on Cash deposited with Council	0	(300)	(300)	0	4.3	Calculated at 0.4%
Newton Fund Investment – Dividends Rec'd	(5,067)	(8,979)	(8,979)	0	4.4	Calculated at 0.4%
Other Income	(10,186)	(10,186)	(10,186)	0	4.5	Calculated at 2.5%
	(121,024)		(10,186)	(8,923)	4.5	
Total Income  Property Expenditure	(121,024)	(114,903)	(123,820)	(8,923)		
Property Costs - General	47,039	49,423	49,423	0	4.6	Williestruther Path & Common
Property Costs – Pilmuir	17,481	72,225	72,225	0	4.6	Haugh Rates
Property Costs – St Leonards	3,797	5,532	5,532	0	4.6	Pilmuir Silage Pit
Total Property Expenditure	68,316	127,180	127,180	0		
Grants & Other Donations	7,290	20,000	29,200	9,200	4.7	Hawick Golf Club
Running Costs						
Central Support Service Charge	10,841	10,841	10,841	0		
SBC Grant towards Service Charge	(5,676)	(5,676)	(5,676)	0		
Net Running Costs	5,165	5,165	5,165	0		
Depreciation						
Depreciation Charge	0	42,792	42,792	0		
Contribution from Revaluation Reserve	0	(42,792)	(42,792)	0		
Net impact of Depreciation on Rev Res	0	0	0	0		
Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year	(40,253)	37,442	37,719	(277)		

## **HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND**

## **PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2016**

	Opening Projected Projected							
	Balance at	Movement in	Balances at					
	01/04/15	Year	31/03/16					
	£	£	£					
Fixed Assets								
Land & Buildings	3,674,859	(42,792)	3,632,066					
Heritable Assets	3,000	0	3,000					
Feu Duties	18	0	18					
Total Fixed Assets	3,677,877	(42,792)	3,635,084					
Capital in Newton								
Investment Fund								
Investment in Newton Fund	359,171	0	359,171					
Unrealised Gains/(Loss)	18,320	0	18,320					
Market Value	377,491	0	377,491					
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Debtors	6,812	0	6,812					
Cash deposited with SBC	134,404	(37,719)	96,685					
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	141,216	(37,719)	103,497					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>								
Creditors	(21,472)	0	(21,472)					
Receipts in Advance	(19,197)	0	(19,197)					
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	(40,668)	0	(40,669)					
Net Assets	4,155,916	(80,512)	4,075,405					
Funded by:								
Reserves								
Revenue Reserve	(100,547)	37,719	(62,828)					
Capital Reserve	(513,326)	0	(513,326)					
Revaluation Reserve	(3,542,043)	42,792	(3,499,250)					
Total Reserves	(4,155,916)	80,512	(4,075,405)					

## **HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND**

# PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2015/16 (Actual Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2015)

Fixed Assets	Net Book Value at	Projected Depn	Projected Net Book	Projected Rental	Actual	Property	Expendi	ture at 31	L/12/15
	31/03/15	Charge 2015/16	Value at 31/03/16	Income 2015/16	Repairs	Rates, Water & Power	Ins	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General									
Moat Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moat Park Playground	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawick Golf Course	73,000	0	73,000	9,200	0	0	0	0	0
Acreknowe Reservoir (Part)	0	0	0	0	206	0	0	0	206
Williestruther Loch	4,500	0	4,500	375	12,167	0	0	785	12,952
Wัตไiestruther Cottage	175,371	4,629	170,742	5,700	1,078	0	60	0	1,138
Lognian Street Store	17,537	463	17,074	2,550	0	0	83	0	83
Common Haugh Car Park	82,000	0	82,000	7,741	1,313	6,550	0	90	7,952
Underhaugh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawick Moor Racecourse & Bldgs	33,760	1,240	32,520	175	5,815	0	1,477	125	7,417
Hawick Moor Shootings	4,000	0	4,000	300	0	0	0	0	0
Woodend Grazings (West)	1,500	0	1,500	75	0	0	0	0	0
Millpath Stables	21,940	560	21,380	0	45	0	2	0	47
Ca'Knowe Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Volunteer Park & Stand	325,067	14,933	310,134	1,750	1,026	0	152	356	1,534
Hawick Burgh Woodlands	99,000	. 0	99,000	0	. 0	0	0	0	Ó
Woodend Grazings (East)	1,000	0	1,000	80	0	0	0	0	0
Hawick Golf Club Sub Stn Site	750	0	750	75	0	0	0	0	0
Common Riding	0	0	0	0	1,524	0	0	0	1,524
Haggis Ha/Burnflat Wall	0	0	0	0	1,005	0	0	0	1,005
Williestruther Path	0	0	0	0	7,951	0	0	0	7,951
100 Stairs and Adjacent Land	0	0	0	0	, 0	0	0	0	Ź
Property Expenditure (General)	_	_	_	-	889	1,580	-39	2,239	5,229
General Sub Total	839,425	21,825	817,600	28,021	33,019	8,130	1,735	4,155	47,039

Fixed Assets	Net Book	Projected	Projected	Projected	Actual	Property	Expendit	ure at 31,	/12/15
	Value at	Depn	Net Book	Rental	Repairs	Rates,	Ins	Other	Total
		Charge	Value at	Income		Water &			
	31/03/15	2015/16	31/03/16	2015/16		Power			
	_	•	•	6	_		_		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pilmuir									
Pilmuir Farm	1,796,251	3,749	1,792,502	45,000	10,308	0	1,225	0	11,533
Pilmuir Farm Cottage	156,400	3,600	152,800	7,200	2,584	0	0	0	2,584
Pilmuir Farm Shed & Silage Pit	0	0	0	0	3,050	0	0	0	3,050
Property Expenditure (General)	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	314	314
Pilmuir Sub Total	1,952,651	7,349	1,945,302	52,200	15,942	0	1,225	314	17,481
St Leonards									
St Leonards Farmhouse Buildings	251,111	4,889	246,222	9,600	315	0	454	0	769
St Leonards Cottage & Park	209,471	5,529	203,942	5,400	742	0	78	0	820
St Leonards Hut	3,200	3,200	0	0	1,381	0	31	0	1,412
St_Leonards Grazings (Lot 1)	135,000	0	135,000	1,349	0	0	0	0	0
Staleonards Horse Gallop	17,000	0	17,000	600	0	0	0	0	0
Sറ്റ്Leonards Grazings (Lot 2)	267,000	0	267,000	7,191	0	0	0	0	0
Preperty Expenditure (General)			_	-	482	0	0	314	796
St Leonards Sub Total	882,782	13,618	869,164	24,140	2,919	0	563	314	3,797
Total	3,674,858	42,792	3,632,066	104,361	51,880	8,130	3,524	4,783	68,316

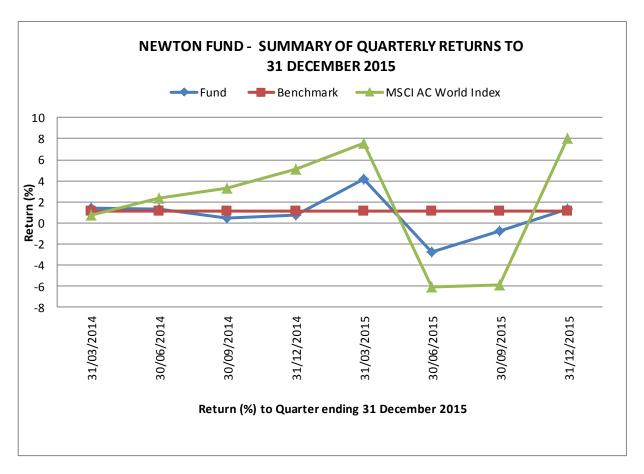
#### **HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND**

#### **INVESTMENTS EXTERNALLY MANAGED IN NEWTON REAL RETURN FUND**

Cost of Investment	Units	£
13 December 2013	102,901	192,394
17 January 2014	30,010	56,884
24 January 2014	29,680	56,036
3 February 2014	28,602	53,857
Total Invested to 31 December 2015	191,193	359,171

Value of Investment	£
31 March 2015	377,491
30 June 2015	366,766
30 September 2015	356,326
31 December 2015	361,164
31 March 2016	
Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested	1,993

The following chart shows the Newton Funds quarterly return performance against the Benchmark and against an equity performance index (MSCI AC World Index).





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