

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the SPECIAL MEETING of the LAUDER COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE held in The Leader's Office, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on 30th April, 2015 at 9.15 am

Present:- Councillors D Parker (Chairman), I Gillespie and J Torrance.
Apologies:- Community Councillor A Smith.
Absent:- Councillors
In Attendance:- Solicitor (H Macleod), Capital and Investment Manager (K Robb), Estates Surveyor (J Morison), Democratic Services Officer (P Bolson).

1. URGENT BUSINESS

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the items dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision.

2. LAUDER GOLF COURSE

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of 28 October 2014, the Chairman informed Members that he had received a request from Lauder Golf Club that its existing loan from Scottish Borders Council be converted to an interest-free loan with capital only to be repaid. Mrs Robb advised Members that, if agreed, this would result in £1,619 interest being waived by the Council, given the current rate of interest of 2.58%. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Lauder Community Council to inform them of the Sub-Committee's decision.

DECISION

AGREED that-

- (a) **consent be granted to Lauder Golf Club to pay an additional lump sum towards the existing loan it has with Scottish Borders Council with no interest payable against this lump sum; and**
- (b) **the remainder of the loan be repayable on an interest-free basis, amounting to a waiver of £1,619 interest for the rest of the life of the loan.**

3. LAUDER TOWN HALL

The Chairman advised Members that he had received a request from the Lauder Common Riding Committee to consider some redecoration and the renewal of the carpet within Lauder Town Hall. Discussion followed in terms of the flooring at the Hall and the Chairman gave some background to this situation, advising Members that this had been reviewed previously. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to meet with the Council's Property Manager in order to take this forward and the Chairman would make arrangements for Members to meet with Mr Stuart Mawson.

DECISION

AGREED that arrangements be made for Members to meet with Mr Stuart Mawson, the Council's Property Manager to discuss proposals for redecoration and flooring at the Town Hall, Lauder.

4. 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 contained in the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

ACCESS RIGHTS TO MUIRCLEUGH WIND FARM, LAUDER

1. The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Service Director Commercial Services on Access Rights to Muircleugh Wind Farm, Lauder.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 am