

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in Council Chamber, Council
Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on
Thursday, 27th August, 2015 at 2.00 pm.

Present:- Councillors W. Archibald (Chairman), S. Bell, C. Bhatia, K. Cockburn,
G. H. T. Garvie, G. Logan.
Community Councillor L. Hayworth.

In Attendance:- Solicitor (G. Nelson), Financial Officer (J. Yallop), Democratic Services Officer
(K. Mason)

1. **MINUTE**

The Minute of Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee of 25 June 2015 had been circulated.

DECISION NOTED.

2. With reference to paragraph 3(b) in relation to the application for financial assistance from Tweeddale Rovers AFC, Community Councillor Hayworth asked for an update on clarification of the ownership of the pavilion. The Democratic Services Officer advised she would seek an update from the Estates Manager and report back to a future meeting.

DECISION

AGREED that the Democratic Services Officer would liaise with the Estates Manager and provide an update on clarification of the ownership of the pavilion at a future meeting.

3. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - GRANTS AND OTHER DONATIONS**

In response to a query raised, the Senior Finance Officer advised he would check the position in respect of the contribution of £2,500 from Scottish Gas Network towards the landscaping of the garden area of the new sheltered housing complex at Dovecot, Peebles. He further advised that the accounts for the Peebles Common Good Fund detailed there was a balance of £1,075 remaining of the £30,000 budget allocation for funding applications for financial assistance.

DECISION

AGREED that the Senior Finance Officer would check the position in respect of the contribution of £2,500 from Scottish Gas Network towards the landscaping of the garden area of the new sheltered housing complex at Dovecot, Peebles.

4. **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

(a) Peebles Arts Festival

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Peebles Arts Festival in the sum of £2,500 towards the work of a contractor towards increasing the Arts Festival's on-line and social media promotion of the Festival. The Democratic Services Officer advised that the Treasurer of Peebles Arts Festival had amended the application and the sum requested was now £1,000.

In discussing the application and noting there were high levels of reserves detailed in the Peebles Arts Festival's accounts; Members agreed that the application for financial assistance be refused.

DECISION

AGREED that the application from Peebles Arts Festival for financial assistance be refused.

4(b) Peebles Hendaye Twinning Association

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance in the sum of £2,360 from Peebles Hendaye Twinning Association towards supporting administration relating to functions/hospitality to facilitate the visit of Mutxiko (a Basque dance group) which comprised of 32 members. Members discussed the application and agreed that it was reasonable to provide some support to the Twinning Association. Councillor Bell recommended that the Twinning Association be granted the sum of £1,580 towards parts of their request which the association could not cover for themselves, noting that the Association could charge an entry fee for the Ceilidh, and this was approved by Members. Members also asked that the Democratic Services Officer liaise with officer bearers of the Twinning Association for arrangements to be held for an informal discussion with Councillors regarding their plans for funding similar events in the future.

DECISION

AGREED

- (i) to grant the sum of £1,580 to Peebles Hendaye Twinning Association towards supporting administration relating to functions/hospitality to facilitate the visit of Mutxiko; and**

- (ii) that the Democratic Services Officer would liaise with the Office Bearers of the Twinning Association to make arrangements for them to have an informal meeting with Councillors regarding their plans for funding similar events in the future.**

The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm