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## WILLIAM HILL TRUST SUB-COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2016

A MEETING of the WILLIAM HILL TRUST SUB-COMMITTEE will be held in the THE LEADER'S OFFICE, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2016 at 2.00 PM

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,

16 February 2016

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
2.	<b>Order of Business.</b>	
3.	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b>	
4.	<b>Minute.</b> (Pages 1 - 2)  Minute of 30 September 2015 to be noted and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
5.	<b>Upgrade to Gibson Play Park, Melrose</b> (Pages 3 - 6)  Consider report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
6.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>	
7.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.</b>	

### 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 Committee:-** Councillors I. Gillespie (Chairman), D. Parker, J. Torrance.  
Community Councillor A. Smith. Mr W. Windram.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**WILLIAM HILL TRUST**

MINUTE of MEETING of the WILLIAM HILL TRUST SUB COMMITTEE held in the LEADER'S OFFICE, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on Wednesday, 30 September 2015 at 3.00 pm.

Present:- Councillors I Gillespie (Chairman), D Parker, J Torrance  
Apologies:- Mr W Windrum.  
In attendance:- Solicitor (H McLeod), Capital and Investment Manager (K Robb), Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull).

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**MINUTE**

1. The Minute of Meeting of 28 October 2014 had been circulated.

**DECISION**

**NOTED for signature by the Chairman.**

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

With reference to paragraph 5(c) of the Minute of 28 October 2014, the Chairman advised that Melrose Golf Club had not requested additional financial assistance.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

3. **MONITORING REPORT FOR 6 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2015**

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing the year end out-turn for the year 2014/15 and included balance sheet values at 31 March 2015 and the proposed budget for 2015/16. Ms Robb explained that the income for the year was £6,632. Grants and other donations amounting to £3,752 had been dispersed. Overall the Fund had a £5,702 surplus. The final out-turn for the Newton Investment at the end of March showed a market value of £168,960 however, owing to the financial markets the value was presently in the region of £160k. Members discussed the financial details in Appendices 1 to 4 and Ms Robb provided clarification on points raised.

**DECISION**

(a) **NOTED the report and Appendices.**

(b) **APPROVED the proposed budget for 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.**

*The meeting concluded at 3.50 pm.*

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**UP-GRADE OF PLAY PARK, GIBSON PARK, MELROSE**

**Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services**

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**WILLIAM HILL TRUST FUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

**23 February 2016**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report proposes to request £33,000 funding from the William Hill Trust Fund Sub Committee in 2015/16 to contribute to the upgrade of the existing play park in Gibson Park, Melrose.**
- 1.2 £33,000 of funding has been identified in the Council's Capital programme for 2015/16 to upgrade the 20 year old children's play park in Gibson Park, Melrose. This funding would only provide a minimal upgrade to the play park.
- 1.3 Following discussion with local Members, it was agreed to try and identify additional funding to maximise the upgrade of the play park.
- 1.4 An overall budget of £66,000 would provide a significant improvement in the quality and diversity of new equipment for the play park.
- 1.5 Tenders have been sought for two options. One valued at £33,000 and the other at £66,000.

**2 STATUS OF REPORT**

- 2.1 This is an urgent paper, as the preferred option is the tender for a £66,000 improvement to the play park and it is proposed to install the new equipment in March 2016.

**3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 **I recommend that the Committee approve the funding of £33,000 from the William Hill Trust Fund Sub Committee in 2015/16 to contribute to the new proposed play park in Gibson Park, Melrose.**

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The existing play park in Gibson Park, Melrose was installed approximately 20 years ago. Although this equipment is functional, it is dated, and new improved facilities, which enhance the play experience for children, are widely available now.
- 4.2 The site available is limited, approximately 650 square metres, Tender Option 1, £33,000, retained several pieces of existing equipment which reduced the area available to the contractors to install new equipment. Tender Option 2, £66,000, removes all existing equipment to maximise the area available for the improved facilities.
- 4.3 This play park is the main play park in Melrose and is very popular with Melrose families and visitors, especially from the adjacent caravan site.

## **5 IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1 Financial**

£33,000 is being requested from the William Hill Trust Fund Sub Committee to contribute to the provision of a new, enhanced play park for Gibson Park, Melrose.

### **5.2 Risk and Mitigations**

If the contribution is not granted, then additional existing capital budget will be required, which will result in a delay to an already planned upgrade elsewhere in the Borders.

### **5.3 Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

### **5.4 Acting Sustainably**

The upgrade of the play park in connection with the proposal within this report, which will have an environmental impact when the work is undertaken, is designed to provide new improved community facilities which enhance the play experience for children and improve community quality of life.

### **5.5 Carbon Management**

There is no impact associated with this project

### **5.6 Rural Proofing**

There is no impact associated with this project.

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

There is no impact associated with this project.

**6 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council are being consulted and any comments received will be incorporated into the final report.
- 6.2 Others to be consulted are the Procurement Officer and Corporate Communications.

**Approved by**

**Jenni Craig**  
**Service Director Neighbourhood Services**    **Signature .....**

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**Background Papers:** n/a  
**Previous Minute Reference:** n/a

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