SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 4, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on Wednesday, 19th October, 2016 at 1.00 pm

Present:- Councillors J. Brown, S. Scott, Community Councillor Mr. H. Wight.

Apologies:- Councillor R. Stewart.

In Attendance:- Senior Finance Officer (John Yallop), Solicitor (Karen Scrymgeour),

Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public:- 0.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Cheviot Youth Project – Community Connections Project Hub – 5/7 High Street, Jedburgh

With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Minute of 14 September 2016, there had been circulated copies of an Application for Financial Assistance from the Cheviot Youth Project in respect of the Community Connections Project Hub at 5/7 High Street, Jedburgh. Also circulated were copies of the Community Connections Business Case, Cheviot Youth Community Connections Project Workplan and additional information in support of the application. The Sub-Committee again raised concerns with regard to the ownership of the property, the fact that the building would be improved for the Landlord and there did not appear to be any lease agreement, which would require to be for more than 1 year. Community Councillor Wight highlighted that the owner was looking for a 10yr lease and the papers circulated indicated that the Community Connections Project wanted to secure a 5yr lease. The general consensus was to support the Project although there were a number of matters which required to be resolved prior to payment being made.

DECISION AGREED:-

- (a) to support the application in principle;
- (b) that no funding be made available until the following matters were resolved:-
 - (i) the Common Good Sub-Committee have sight of a signed lease between the Landlord and Cheviot Youth Project, including a lease period of no less than 5 years;
 - (ii) the broken window at the premises be repaired;
 - (iii) appropriate insurance be put in place; and
 - (iv) all required consents were in place i.e. change of Use, any planning consents.
- (c) that written representation be requested in terms of the entrance of 5/7 High Street, Jedburgh to ensure DDA compliance;

(d) A further report be brought back to the Sub-Committee to confirm that all the above work detailed at (b) had been completed which would allow the Sub-Committee to make a final decision on the release of funding.

The meeting concluded at 1.20 pm