

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of Meeting of the HAWICK  
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE  
held in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Hawick  
on Friday, 13 July 2018 at 2.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors: G Turnbull (Chairman), S Marshall, D Paterson, C Ramage,  
N Richards, Mr J Little (Hawick) and Mrs A Knight (Burnfoot).

Apologies:- Councillor W McAteer.

In Attendance:- Estates Strategy Surveyor (N Curtis), Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull)

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## 1. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 15 June 2018

## **DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute of the Meeting held 15 June 2018.**

## 2. **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 make an early decision.

## 3. **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### 3.1 **Live Music Hawick**

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Live Music Hawick requesting £3,550.00 towards marketing of the Heart of Hawick Music Festival. Mr Taylor and Mr Finnie representing Live Music Hawick were in attendance. Mr Taylor explained that their first Festival, the previous year, had been a success and they had decided to continue with the event. This year's Festival would be held from 3 August to 5 August and would include additional events. Mr Taylor advised that the Festival would attract visitors to the town, provide entertainment for local people and encourage young people to take part in music by providing free music workshops. Mr Eric Faulkner (ex-Bay City Roller) would also be attending and this had attracted visitors from around the world including Japan and the USA. Mr Taylor explained that last year's evaluation forms had highlighted a relatively low number of visitors from the Scottish Borders. Their aim this year was to target these potential visitors through a social media campaign and new website.

3.2 In response to questions, Mr Taylor apologised for the lateness of the application which had been due to work commitments. He advised that if funding was not granted, the Festival would still proceed but they would have to reduce the number of events. With regard to the new website, he confirmed that this would be active within the next few days. The Chairman clarified that Live Music Hawick had also applied for funding of £3,200.00 to the Community Grant Scheme, a decision on this application was awaited.

3.3 Members discussed the application and agreed that the Heart of Hawick Music Festival was a successful event that would promote and bring visitors to the town. It was therefore unanimously agreed to grant £3,550.00 to Live Music Hawick. It was also agreed, in

principle, that if the application to the Community Grant Scheme was unsuccessful, that Hawick Common Good grant an interest free loan to Live Music Hawick for £3,200.00. The arrangements and particulars for the loan were to be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chairman.

#### **DECISION**

#### **AGREED:**

- (a) to award a grant of £3,550.00 to Live Music Hawick to improve marketing in advance and during the Heart of Hawick Music Festival; and
- (b) in principle, that if the Community Grant Scheme application was unsuccessful, Hawick Common Good grant an interest free loan of £3,200.00 to Live Music Hawick, the detailed arrangements of which were delegated to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chairman.

#### **SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

4. **PRIVATE MINUTE**

Members approved the private Minute of the Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 15 June 2018.

5. **ST LEONARD'S COTTAGE AND PARK**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure regarding the tenancy of the St Leonard's Cottage and Park.

***The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm***