

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the JEDBURGH  
COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE held in  
via Microsoft Teams on Monday, 16th  
August, 2021 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Councillors J. Brown, S. Hamilton.

Apologies:- Councillor S. Scott, Community Councillor J Taylor.

In Attendance:- Pension & Investment Manager, Chief Legal Officer,  
Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public:- 0

## 1.0 APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Jedburgh Rotary

- 1.1 There had been circulated copies of an application, together with a copy of recently audited accounts from the Jedburgh Rotary requesting financial support for the Birl and Beer Festival to be held in September 2021.
- 1.2 The Common Good had previously supported the event and the Rotary had hoped to be self-funded using the proceeds from previous events and local sponsorship by 2021, however the pandemic had restricted the timescale to raise sponsorship for the event and the Rotary were requesting that the JCGF assists with 33% of the running costs for the event, which was an increase on previous years. The Application explained that the funding was required to partially cover the running costs of the event, which had been held in previous years. Following feedback from the Community, there would be more focus on the entertainment aspect of the event, using local musicians, which should appeal to a wider audience and increase footfall.
- 1.3 Mr Chapman, Event Organiser was present via Microsoft Teams and explained that Jedburgh Rotary Club raised money from many sources to aid and assist projects within the local community, Foodbank, Borders children's charity, JGS projects to name a few. The benefits such an event can bring to the town, especially following the restrictions over the past 18 months were immeasurable. This festival was now fixed in the annual events calendar of the town and would bring a much-needed economic boost to other third-party businesses trading in the Royal Burgh. The spin off economy that The Birl and Beer would bring not only benefits economically but benefits the community as a whole.

## DECISION

**AGREED to award £1,500 to the Jedburgh Rotary towards the running costs of the Birl and Beer Festival.**

## SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

2.0 **Jedburgh Legion Football Club**

- 2.1 With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 7 June 2021, there had been circulated copies of an application from the Jedburgh Legion Football Club requesting financial support towards the upgrade of the Pavilion. The Sub-Committee considered the application and sought further information.

*The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm*