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PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022

A MEETING of the PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022 at 5.00 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

9 March 2022

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
3.	Request for Financial Assistance (Pages 3 - 10) Continue consideration of request for financial assistance from Peebles Christmas Lights Association. (Amended application attached.)	15 mins
4.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
5.	Any Other Items Which The Chairman Decides Are Urgent.	
6.	Private Business Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act."	
7.	Haylodge Toilets Consider re-opening Haylodge Toilets for 2022.	5 mins

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 R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small and Community Councillor P Maudsley

Please direct any enquiries to Louise McGeoch Tel: 01835 825005
Email: lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2020/21*

*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	Peebles Christmas Lights Association
Name of your project:	A better, safer display
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Peebles

What does your organization do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. one hundred words)

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community.

We are a small group of volunteers who plan, erect, take down, maintain and store the Christmas Lights display for Peebles town centre. In addition, we plan and run a 'switch on' event as close as possible to 1 December each year which now incorporates a fully licensed and regulated Christmas market, late night shop opening, a funfair and on street entertainment. The benefit to the Community comes in two ways. Firstly, a Christmas 'feel good' factor for all in these depressing times. Secondly, an economic benefit for those trading from a market stall at our switch on and for the local businesses who open for the switch on, who see increased footfall in the town

Summarise what you want to use this funding for (max. 100 words)

(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)

We would like to use this funding for two essential purchases:

1. Funding was previously granted to allow us to purchase handheld radios. The 2021 display was the first chance we have had to use them 'in anger' both during our installation phase and during the Sunday switch on event. In the case of the latter they allowed key personnel to maintain contact whilst marshalling the street event, which was very well attended, and in the case of the former they proved quite simply invaluable for the team installing the high wall mounted displays. To do this we have two volunteers on a personnel platform hoisted into position, sometimes three stories up. Efficient communication between the installers and the driver of the machine below them are essential to allow the driver to place the installers within a few inches of where they need to be, and the radios now provide this. However, we now realise from this year's experience that we need harnesses to hold these expensive handsets securely on the body, and 'shoulder mikes' for hearing and making transmissions as we need to be as hands free as possible when working at height.
2. The missing link in our display is at the foot of the Old Town, where in previous years the Castle Warehouse have provided their own display. Their hardware is now obsolete, and detracted somewhat from our own display further up the street this past year in as far as the bulbs used by them were of different quality and luminescence. Their existing display also partly failed this year, which ruined the effect of the rest of our display. We have had discussions with the Castle Warehouse and they have agreed to our proposal to replace their own lights ribbons with new ones provided by us, and compatible with the rest of our display. We will also become responsible for the installation of this section. This all makes sense as we draw our power for this section from the Castle Warehouse, and it would put that particular business on the same footing as every other business in the town who host and benefit from part of our display.

Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated (max. 100 words)

We rely heavily on public perception of our display to guide future direction, and use social media in the main to canvass this. We will continue to use this methodology in future. However, we also embarked during lockdown in a Just Giving fund raising effort to supplement funds lost through the suspension of normal activity. Many comments accompanied financial donations from both local residents and some from further afield. We would expect this project to attract the same level of appreciation and enthusiasm. Common comments were "Love the lights" "Cheer us up during dark times" "So appreciate what you do as volunteers"

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the current/former Burgh (max. 200 words)

Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it.

We try and continually improve our display, make it relevant and make sure our volunteers are safe when putting it up and taking it down. The funds requested for radio harnesses will continue our recent drive to continually improve on and provide the safest working environment for our volunteers who often have to work in the dark and at height, in most weathers. The element of our application for extra lighting cable and bulbs will mean that the entire town display is erected and maintained by us, and built to identical technical specifications. It should also avoid the unfortunate occurrences this year where electrical short circuits caused by the failing equipment of the third party provider detracted from part of our existing display. Like many Third Sector organisations we are at present working through our own recovery from the trials and tribulations caused by the pandemic. We believe we have the full support of the public in this journey, suitably evidenced by the turn out of an estimated 2000 -3000 adults and children for our switch on event. Although run by us as a not for profit event, the economic benefits to local outlets, and to the occasional traders and crafter who use one of our market stalls is huge. Planning for Christmas 2022 starts as soon as the lights are taken down and stored away, and once again we will try and out do ourselves. A joyful, safe display across all of the main town centre streets, and a well run switch on event makes for a happy Community at Christmas. If we achieve that, we are happy.

Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)

For the past couple of years we have been gradually moving towards a wholly LED (light emitting diode) lighting display. This draws less power than before and the bulbs have much longer lives and are safer to handle as the globes are hard plastic as against brittle glass. Our power, in the main, is donated by businesses on the town, or drawn from the street lighting circuit and paid for by the Royal Burgh of Peebles Callants Club. We are staffed entirely by volunteers and enjoy good relationships with other Community groups. Our radios, in particular, were quite a big purchase, and we have made it known to other groups that they are available to them if they need them. We expect The Beltane Committee, in particular, to make use of them as we return to normality in 2022. We usually have one major fund raising event per year in the form of a coffee morning and we hope to be able to do that this year, but have been unable to do so for the past two years. We also intend to launch a Crowdfunder soon to allow the public to contribute to what is, after all, their display. A previous Crowdfunder allowed us to meet our recurring financial obligations during lockdown. Our switch on event is run, as far as we can do, as a not for profit event but of course as we stage better and better events there is always a price tag. Our sponsorship by businesses such as Stobo Castle allows us to go from strength to strength in terms of what we hope to continue delivering by way of events, but would not allow us the flexibility to make these capital purchases. Like all small Community groups, we like to be financially secure which by necessity requires the retention of an element of funds raised for unforeseen expenses. Once we have all the lighting ribbons on a stable footing we intend to turn our attention to 'feature' displays. The illuminated deer on top of the Tontine was very popular this year, but unfortunately it got frostbite and will be replaced by next year with a new one from our Crowdfunding campaign. We would also like to work with local primary schools to design new features for the town like our very popular "Welcome to Peebles" sign. These features are expensive and so once again, we will identify suitable funding sources in due course to take this ambition forward.

Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)	
Item of Expenditure	Cost (£)
New 'ribbon' for Old Town, and bulbs to match existing. Approx 140 metres plus 200 bulbs at £1.37 each. Cable comes in 100 metre rolls so 2 required. Remaining length will be used to maintain exiting ribbons. Unable to provide competitive quotes as we would need to use our existing supplier to ensure compatibility. Quote is copied below.	1380.00
8 radio harnesses and 8 shoulder microphones/speakers. Cost is shown for Motorola original equipment. Cheaper after-market versions are available but we would rather buy UK gear than cheap Chinese alternatives. See copy page below, using same supplier as radios already purchased.	504.91
Total Expenditure	1884.91
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	1884.91
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	

Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.		
Fund	Amount	Purpose
Community Grant	1125.00	Purchase of radios

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.		
	Amount	Purpose
Collection boxes in local shops	196.04	Community contributions
Donations and sponsorship from local businesses and or benefactors	3376.12	To meet recurring expenses
Previous crowdfunding	1152.00	Community contributions

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
Contact Name:	Malcolm Bruce
Position in Group/Org:	Committee member

(if appropriate)	
Home Address:	
Post Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Date:	28.1.2022
Signature:	C M Bruce

Equalities
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010 N/A

Public Protection
Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.
Write here...

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

- A lease agreement (Date of lease _____ and duration _____ years)
- Written permission of owner
- Planning permission (Reference No. _____)

Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the current/former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councillors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 825005

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Quote as per email

Item Code	Description	Quantity	Price	Tax	Net
B000C	832 BARNACLE LIGHTS 1200-1200 (200 500000) 2 Per 100, 800mm HUBBARD	2	455.00000	60.00	515.00
CHARGE	CHARGE as per email	1	85.00000	0.00	85.00
	Payment Terms - Net 30 days from date of invoice				
					600.00

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Peebles Christmas Lights Association
Income and Expenditure Account for the 12 months ending 31st March 2021

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20		2020/21
£:p	£:p	£:p	£:p	£:p		£:p
1,068.00	815.93	4,105.48	5,216.11	4,384.22	Brought Forward	4,508.55
					Income :-	
					Donations & Grants	
					Just Giving Appeal	1,152.67
					Grant received for Equipment	1,125.00
2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	Sponsorship - Stobo	0.00
				500.00	Legacy - Logan	
1,000.00					Bridge Inn - Raffle	
300.00	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00	Glenrath Farms/Mrs Campbell	500.00
	300.00	350.00	200.00	500.00	Rotary Club	500.00
250.00					Castle Warehouse	
100.00	65.00	200.00	70.00		TSB	
	100.00				Peebles Circle of Friends	
120.00			192.13		Callants (Electricity)	200.00
			300.00	300.00	Holland & Sherry (Xmas cards)	
150.00	100.00	100.00	80.00		Guildry Corporation	
					Michael Banks	250.00
					M Sommerville	200.00
				100.00	Mr & Mrs Stark	
	117.00				RBS	
	400.00				Torchlight Procession	
		150.00		200.00	Manor Sheepdog Trials Bowling	
		250.00			Tontine	
				300.00	Haystoun - Sponsorship - lighting	
					Alistair MacDonald	100.00
					Other Donations less than £100	395.00
1,000.73	962.52	811.44	901.64	539.44	Collecting Cans	195.17
5,000.73	4,444.52	4,261.44	4,743.77	4,439.44		4,617.84
					Fundraising	
600.00	680.00	720.00	715.00	72.40	Christmas Switch On (Net)	(40.00)
	2,655.98	2,241.00	0.00		Calendars	
105.00					Quiz Night - Bridge Inn	
1,110.00	168.58		1,070.00	908.00	Christmas Cards	40.00
					Bulb Initialling	
	3.00				Advent Calendars	
15.00	196.00	153.00	53.00	12.00	Baubles	17.00
				30.00	Sale of old Equipment/Ladders	
529.80	465.85	348.32	324.10	372.66	Events - Coffee Morning	
	873.64	300.00	508.00		Kindling Income	
2,359.80	5,043.05	3,762.32	2,670.10	1,395.06		17.00
7,605.53	9,487.57	8,023.76	7,413.87	5,834.50	Total Income	4,634.84
					Expenditure :-	
					Lighting Expenses	
3,798.07	2,475.81	3,137.99	1,317.81	2,515.14	Purchase of bulbs/materials,	
698.87	524.63	357.00	448.39		Installing, dismantling & testing	171.00
949.93		76.54	3,343.20		New Lights, Crests, etc	1,315.32
					Radios, other equipment	1,807.19
124.99	175.00	175.00	210.00		Christmas Trees	
827.82	831.60	805.96	817.06	844.18	Insurance	661.77
57.90	201.20	164.07	128.20	184.02	Stationery/Other Costs	33.00
2.00	480.00	852.00	1,074.00	1,152.00	Radio Borders	
25.00					Advertising	
490.00	1,094.58	1,091.40	638.00	674.40	Calendars/Cards	
	174.00				Baubles	
72.00	74.00	77.00	77.00	82.00	Licences	
95.33	80.45	87.58	104.55	8.28	Electricity	254.08
85.00	86.75	88.59	89.55	108.65	Rent	77.50
168.00					Road Signs	
224.69				141.50	Ladders & Hi Viz vests	
7,857.60	6,198.02	6,913.13	8,245.76	5,710.17	Total Expenditure	4,319.86
(252.07)	3,289.55	1,110.63	(831.89)	124.33	Surplus/Deficit	314.98
815.93	4,105.48	5,216.11	4,384.22	4,508.55	Carried Forward	4,823.53

Represented by funds held in the Bank of Scotland

Treasurer (Colin G Snoddy)

Date 14/4/2021

I have examined the books and records of Peebles Christmas Lights Association for the Year Ended 31st March 2021 and in my opinion these accounts give a true and fair record of the affairs and of the profit/loss shown.

Examiner (Donald Swanson)

Date 15/4/2021

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