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PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022

A MEETING of the PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held via Microsoft Teams VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022 at 5.00 pm

All Attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

17 August 2022

| BUSINESS | | |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence. | |
| 2. | Order of Business. | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest | |
| 4. | Minutes (Pages 3 - 8) Consider Minutes of Meetings held on 8 June and 12 July 2022. (Copies attached.) | 2 mins |
| 5. | Financial Monitoring for the 3 Months to 30 June 2022 (Pages 9 - 20) Consider report by Acting Chief Executive. (Copy attached.) | 15 mins |
| 6. | Application for Funding (Pages 21 - 28) Consider request for funding from Peebles Stroke Club. (Copy application attached.) | 10 mins |
| 7. | Property Update Update by Estates Surveyor. | 15 mins |
| 8. | Peebles Memorial to "Witchcraft" Accused on Tweed Greed (Pages 29 - 30) Consider further information received regarding erection of Memorial to "Witchcraft" Accused on Tweed Green. (Copy attached.) | 15 mins |
| 9. | Any Other Items Previously Circulated. | |

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| 10. | Any Other Items Which The Chairman Decides Are Urgent. | |
| 11. | <p>Private Business</p> <p>Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-</p> <p>“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.”</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Property Update</p> <p>Update by Estates Surveyor.</p> | 10 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), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small, V. Thomson and Community Councillor P Maudsley

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTE of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 8
June 2022 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors D, Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small (from paragraph 8), R. Tatler and Community Councillor P. Maudsley
Apologies:- Councillor V. Thomson
In Attendance:- Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Treasury Business Partner (S. Wilson), Estates Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Team Leader

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Douglas, seconded by Councillor Begg, proposed that Councillor Tatler be appointed as Chairman. This was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Tatler be appointed as the Chairman of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Pirone, seconded by Councillor Begg, proposed that Councillor Thomson be appointed as Vice Chairman and this was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Thomson be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meetings of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 23 February and 16 March 2022 had been circulated.

DECISION

NOTED for signature by the Chairman.

4. FINANCIAL MONITORING FOR THE 12 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2022

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director Finance and Corporate Governance providing details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the year 2021/2022 including balance sheet values as at 31 March 2022, a full year projected outturn for 2022/2023 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2023. Appendix 1 provided the actual income and expenditure position for 2021/22 and showed a surplus of £11,858 for the year. Appendix 2 provided an actual balance sheet value as at 31 March 2022 and showed an increase in the reserves of £7,844,603. Appendix 3a provided a breakdown of the property portfolio showing actual rental income and net return for 2021/22. Appendix 3b provided a breakdown of the property portfolio showing actual property expenditure for 2021/22. Appendix 4 provided a breakdown of the actual property valuations at 31 March 2022. Appendix 5 showed the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 31 March 2022. The Treasury Business Partner highlighted the main points in the report

and explained that the increase in reserves was partly due to the annual release from the Revaluation reserve but in the main due to the reclassification exercise being carried out by Estates and Legal Services. It was noted that the final accounts were still subject to audit.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) to note the actual income and expenditure for 2021/22 in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (b) the projected income and expenditure for 2022/23 in Appendix 1 to the report as the revised budget for 2022/23;**
- (c) to note the final balance sheet value as at 31 March 2022, and projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 in Appendix 2 to the report;**
- (d) to note the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4 to the report;**
- (e) to note the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5 to the report.**

5. JEDDERFIELD FARM UPDATE

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director Infrastructure and Environment providing an update on the terms of the lease that had been entered into by Scottish Borders Council on behalf of Peebles Common Good regarding Jedderfield Farm, Peebles as approved by the Committee in private on 17 November 2021. The report explained that Jedderfield Farm was a Common Good Asset that became available following the death of the previous agricultural tenant. The successors to the tenancy had indicated they did not wish to take on the tenancy resulting in the tenancy falling from 4th June 2020. Jedderfield farm was advertised for lease and seven applications for the lease were received. These applications were reviewed and scored using a scoring scheme approved by the Peebles Common Fund Sub-Committee and a preferred tenant was selected and approved by the Sub-Committee. A Lease had been agreed with Susanne McIntosh, the owner of Kailzie Equestrian Centre for 10 years for an annual rent of £17,500. The lease was a Modern Limited Duration agricultural tenancy; with the land being used for pastoral agriculture, with the tenant entitled to grow grain and crops and for grazing of horses, sheep and ponies. The Estates Surveyor answered Members questions. With regards to checking of the farm, Ms Hill advised that this was normally carried out by the Estates Section every 5 years when revaluations were due but the property team could perhaps carry out a more regular inspection. Members were keen that this was done on a more regular basis so Ms Hill undertook to discuss this with the Property Maintenance Team and report back at the next meeting. In response to a question on the potential level of clawback by the tenants for works carried out to the property and concerns that this would result in an overall loss to the Common Good Fund over the 10 year period, Ms Hill advised that it was impossible to predict what level of compensation for improvements there would be but agreed to provide a copy of the lease to Members for their information.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) to note the terms of the Lease agreed with Susanne McIntosh; and**
- (b) that proposals for regular inspection of the property be considered at the next meeting.**

6. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of 23 February 2023, the Estates Surveyor advised that the cost of opening the Haylodge toilets at weekends over the winter period would be £2,600 for cleaning plus approximately a further £250 for utilities. Members were supportive of the opening but expressed some concerns regarding the pipes freezing and asked that the need to insulate the pipes be checked and actioned if required. The Chairman advised that he would ask the Communications section to publicise this additional opening.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the opening of the Haylodge toilets at weekends over the winter period subject to appropriate insulation of the pipes.

7. **REQUEST TO LOCATE PEEBLES MEMORIAL TO “WITCHCRAFT” ACCUSED ON TWEED GREEN**

The Chairman welcomed Elisa Smith to the meeting. She advised that there was support in Peebles for the erection of a memorial to mark the victims who had been executed as a result of accusations of witchcraft. The memorial would be a granite slab approximately 2 feet by 1 foot that would lie close to the ground with a firm foundation. It would be designed to look like the pages of a book and would contain the names of all the victims from the Tweeddale Area. Any ongoing maintenance would be carried out by William Purves Funeral Directors. Members were supportive of the proposal and asked Ms Smith to bring back details of the design and possible siting together with a written agreement from William Purves regarding future maintenance.

DECISION

AGREED in principle to the siting of a memorial to the “witchcraft” accused on Tweed Green subject to the provision of details regarding siting, design and future maintenance.

MEMBER

Councillor Small joined the meeting.

8. **INTEREST LINK GRANT REPORT**

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of 24 February 2021, there had been circulated for information a copy of a report from Interest Link on the outcome of the grant funding provided by the Common Good Fund.

DECISION

NOTED the report

9. **URGENT BUSINESS**

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.

10. **PEEBLES HIGHLAND GAMES 50th ANNIVERSARY**

The Chairman advised that he had been approached regarding the erection of a memorial stone to mark the 50th anniversary of Peebles Highland Games. It was proposed that the memorial be located next to the benches in Haylodge Park. Members agreed to approve the request in principle subject to further details being provided.

DECISION

AGREED in principle to the siting of a 50th anniversary memorial in Haylodge Park subject to further details being provided.

11. **PRIVATE BUSINESS
DECISION**

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

12. **MINUTES**

Members approved the private sections of the Minutes for the meetings held on 23 February and 16 March 2022.

The meeting concluded at 5.50 p.m.

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held Via MS Teams on Tuesday, 12th July,
2022 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small,
V. Thomson and Community Councillor P. Maudsley
In Attendance:- Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Estates Strategy Manger (N. Curtis),
Treasury Business Partner (S. Wilson), Estates Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic
Services Officer (D. Hall)

1. **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

There had been circulated copies of a request for funding of £5,782 from ClubSport Tweeddale to help fund a feasibility study on redeveloping the sporting facilities present in Peebles. Mr Adrian Lucas of the organisation joined the meeting and explained the group's planned activities. The project planned to explore the potential to replace the changing and storage facilities at Whitestone Park Peebles, improve the changing facilities at the Gytes Leisure Centre, relocate Peebles Rovers FC to Violet Bank, create additional athletics facilities at Violet Bank and improve the hospitality facilities at the Tweeddale FC Pavilion. The funds applied for would be used in the creation of a 3D video of the proposed plans to take to the public for consultation. Members praised the application and congratulated ClubSport Tweeddale on their excellent work. The Estates Strategy Manager explained that as part of the feasibility study the appropriate due diligence would involve examining site history, legal titles etc. Councillor Tater, seconded by Councillor Pirone moved to approve the request, which was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the request for funding in the sum of £5,782.

The meeting concluded at 4.10 pm

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MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2022

Report by Acting Chief Executive

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

24 August 2022

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the three months to 30 June 2022, a full year projected out-turn for 2022/23, and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2023.**
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides the projected income and expenditure position for 2022/23. This shows a projected deficit of £8,757 for the year.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023. It shows a projected decrease in reserves of £310,696.
- 1.4 Appendix 3a provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income and projected net return for 2022/23 and actual property income to 30 June 2022.
- 1.5 Appendix 3b provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property expenditure for 2022/23 and actual property expenditure to 30 June 2022.
- 1.6 Appendix 4 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property valuations at 31 March 2023.
- 1.7 Appendix 5 shows the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 30 June 2022.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee:**
 - (a) Agrees the projected income and expenditure for 2022/23 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2022/23;**
 - (b) Notes the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 in Appendix 2;**
 - (c) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and**
 - (d) Notes the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 This report provides the Committee with financial information for the period to 30 June 2022 and projections to 31 March 2023. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2023.

4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2022/23

4.1 Appendix 1 provides details on income and expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year. The projected net position for the year is a deficit of £8,757.

4.2 Income & Expenditure – Property Income

(a) Rental income for 2022/23 is shown in Appendices 1 & 3a, with Appendix 3a detailing the actual annual rental income by individual property. Actual income is reported on a cash basis until the year end with quarter 4 reports incorporating any annual adjustments for prepayments and accruals.

4.3 Income & Expenditure – Non-Property Related Income

(a) The projected outturn position shows an amount of £300 relating to interest receivable on cash held by SBC. Also included are dividends from the Common Good Funds investment in Aegon Asset Management amounting to £23,313 with the projection for 2022/23 returning to the 5% target and the monthly distribution profile projections provided by Aegon. The position will be monitored closely with Aegon Asset Management.

(b) Rebate income received in March 2022 of £126 has been accounted for within income but the corresponding 117 units were not purchased until April 2022.

4.4 Income & Expenditure – Property Expenditure

(a) The property expenditure for 2022/23 is shown in Appendices 1 & 3b, with Appendix 3b detailing the actual property expenditure by individual property. Actual expenditure is reported on a cash basis until the year end with quarter 4 reports incorporating any annual adjustments for prepayments and accruals.

(b) Appendices 3a and 3b show a full breakdown of the projections for property rental and repairs for 2022/23. These will be revised as further information is received.

4.5 Income & Expenditure – Grants & Other Donations

The grants and other donations approved and distributed to 31 March 2023 are shown below:

| Grant Recipients | Approved | £ |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Approved and Paid to 30 June 2022 | | |
| Peebles Xmas Light Association | 16/03/22 | 1,885 |
| Tweeddale Citizen of the Year | Annual | 20 |
| Total Paid to 31 March 2023 | | 1,905 |
| Approved but not yet paid | | |
| ClubSport Tweeddale | 12/07/22 | 5,782 |
| Total Grants Approved not paid | | 5,782 |
| Approved Budget 2022/23 | | 20,000 |
| (Unallocated)/Overallocated Budget | | (12,313) |

4.6 Income & Expenditure – Central Support Service Charge

The proposed charge for 2022/23 is currently estimated using a 2% uplift on the 2021/22 charge. This is subject to revision once a full Service Charge Review has been completed and approved by Council.

4.7 Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge

The projected depreciation charge for the year is £301,939, which is an increase of £200 in the projection due to the Haylodge Pavillion site. This is not a cash transaction and is off-set by a corresponding contribution from the Revaluation Reserve at the end of the financial year.

4.8 Appendix 2 provides the actual balance sheet value as at 1 April 2022, the projected movement in year and a projected balance sheet as at 31 March 2023.

4.9 Balance Sheet – Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued every 5 years as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2019. Appendix 4 shows the actual values of the individual properties at 1 April 2022, projected depreciation charges for 2022/23 and projected values at 31 March 2023.

4.10 Balance Sheet – Investment Fund

The fund has a 10.46% unrealised loss in market value since investment, largely due to continued volatility in investment markets. Overall, taking account of the income received the fund has achieved a return of 10.70% since investment in February 2018.

4.11 Balance Sheet – Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £69,247 at 31 March 2023 and is detailed below:

| Cash Balance | £ |
|--|---------------|
| Opening Balance at 1 April 2022 | 78,514 |
| Projected deficit for year from Income & Expenditure Statement | (8,757) |
| Net cash movement in Debtors/Creditors | 0 |
| Rebate Investment in Aegon | (510) |
| Projected Closing Balance as at 31 March 2023 | 69,247 |

4.12 Balance Sheet – Capital Reserve

The movement in the Capital Reserves include the unrealised gain for the Aegon Asset Management Fund as at 31 March 2022, but due to the nature of the markets no estimate has been made for the future years' movement.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no further financial implications other than those explained above in Section 4.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that investments in the Aegon Asset Management Fund may reduce in value due to market or investment performance. This risk cannot be fully mitigated; however, it is being managed by the selection of a Fund Manager with a clear objective of preserving capital values while aiming to produce returns in line with the benchmark.

5.3 Intergrated Impact Assessment

There is no impact or relevance to Equality Duty or the Fairer Scotland Duty for this report. This is a routine financial monitoring report which forms part of the governance of the management of the Common Good Funds. Nevertheless, a light touch assessment has been conducted and this will be published on SBC's Equality and Diversity Pages of the website as in doing so, signifies that equality, diversity and socio-economic factors have duly been considered when preparing this report.

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

Whilst there are no economic, social or environmental effects arising from the proposals contained in this report, there are, through the activities reported upon, positive impacts upon the economy through protection of employment, positive impacts upon the quality of community life and improvements in local amenities and nurturing of local talent. The potential improvement in levels of income through the use of the new investment fund will act to make the Common Good Fund more sustainable in the future.

5.5 Climate Change

There are no effects on climate change arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

There are no effects on rural proofing arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Legal Officer (including as Monitoring Officer), the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Communications have been consulted and their appropriate comments have been incorporated into this report.

Approved by

David Robertson
Acting Chief Executive

Signature

Author(s)

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Background Papers:

Previous Minute Reference: Peebles Common Good Committee 8 June 2022 and 12 July 2022

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**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2022/23**

APPENDIX 1

| | Actuals at 30/06/22 | Full Year Approved Budget 2022/23 | Full Year Projected Out-turn 2022/23 | Full Year Projected Over/ (Under) Spend 2022/23 | Para Ref | Comments |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Property Income | | | | | | |
| Rental Income | (58,604) | (69,571) | (69,571) | | 4.2 | |
| Non-Property Related Income | | | | | | |
| Interest on Cash deposited with Council | (0) | (300) | (300) | | 4.3 | |
| Investment Funds – Dividends Rec'd | (2,601) | (23,313) | (23,313) | | 4.3 | Est 5% return |
| Other Income | (0) | (500) | (500) | | 4.3 | |
| Total Income | (61,205) | (93,684) | (93,684) | | | |
| Property Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Property Costs – General | 2,501 | 65,000 | 65,000 | | 4.4 | |
| Haylodge Toilets – Cleaning etc | 3,600 | 8,500 | 8,500 | | 4.4 | |
| Total Property Expenditure | 6,101 | 73,500 | 73,500 | | | |
| Grants & Other Donations | 1,905 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | 4.5 | |
| Central Support Service Charge | 0 | 8,941 | 8,941 | | 4.6 | Subject to review |
| Depreciation | | | | | | |
| Depreciation Charge | 0 | 301,739 | 301,939 | 200 | 4.7 | Haylodge Pavillion site |
| Contribution from Revaluation Reserve | (0) | (301,739) | (301,939) | (200) | 4.7 | |
| Net impact of Depreciation on Revenue Reserve | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year | (53,199) | 8,757 | 8,757 | 0 | | |

PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

| | Opening Balance at 01/04/22 | Projected Movement in Year | Projected Closing Balance at 31/03/23 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 8,611,641 | (301,939) | 8,309,702 |
| Feu Duties | 1,619 | 0 | 1,619 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 8,613,260 | (301,939) | 8,311,321 |
| Capital in Investment Fund | | | |
| Investment Fund Book Value | 505,179 | 510 | 505,689 |
| Unrealised Gains/(Loss) | 3,099 | 0 | 3,099 |
| Market Value | 508,278 | 510 | 508,788 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 11,832 | 0 | 11,832 |
| Cash deposited with SBC | 78,514 | (9,267) | 69,247 |
| Total Current Assets | 90,346 | (9,267) | 81,079 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors | (2,927) | 0 | (2,927) |
| Receipts in Advance | (6,389) | 0 | (6,389) |
| Total Current Liabilities | (9,316) | 0 | (9,316) |
| Net Assets | 9,202,568 | (310,696) | 8,891,872 |
| Funded by: | | | |
| Reserves | | | |
| Revenue Reserve | (164,209) | 8,757 | (155,452) |
| Capital Reserve | (474,894) | 0 | (474,894) |
| Revaluation Reserve | (8,563,465) | 301,939 | (8,261,526) |
| Total Reserves | (9,202,568) | 310,696 | (8,891,872) |

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2022/23
(Actual income to 30 June 2022 and projections to 31 March 2023)

| Rental Income – Land & Buildings | 2022/23 | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Approv'd Budget | Project'd Budget | Actuals As at 30/06/22 | Project'd Net (Return) /Loss £ |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 33. Tweed Green Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. Greenside Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. Kings Meadows Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. George Meikle Kemp Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. Victoria Park | (801) | (801) | 0 | (801) |
| 10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peebles Disused Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Peebles Golf Course | (15,290) | (15,290) | (15,290) | (15,290) |
| 1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing | (17,500) | (17,500) | (11,241) | 47,500 |
| 2. Neidpath Grazings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Haylodge Park | (250) | (250) | (104) | (250) |
| 17. Haylodge Depot | (9,500) | (9,500) | (8,260) | (9,500) |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Hall | (450) | (450) | (225) | (450) |
| 34. Walkershaugh Store | (6,500) | (6,500) | (4,875) | (6,500) |
| 28. Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. Cuddy Green (Part 1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29. Venlaw Wood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Tweed Fishings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Peebles Town Clock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Front) | (10,830) | (10,830) | (14,950) | (10,830) |
| 32. Garage 1 Tweed Green | (300) | (300) | (300) | (300) |
| 12. Venlaw Quarry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. Venlaw Amenity Ground | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Old Town Wall Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Haylodge Park Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37. Walkershaugh ACF Site | (500) | (500) | (375) | (500) |
| 36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40. Former Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19. Old Town Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32. Garage 2 Tweed Green | (175) | (175) | (88) | (175) |
| 32. Garage 3 Tweed Green | (175) | (175) | (88) | (175) |
| 23. Land at March Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38. Gas Governor Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Fotheringham Bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Haylodge Cottage & Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8) | (800) | (800) | (808) | (800) |
| 21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Haylodge Toilets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,500 |
| 39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear) | (3,000) | (3,000) | (2,000) | (3,000) |
| 18. Haylodge Pavilion Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Elliots Park Grazings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Kingsland Primary School & Site | (3,500) | (3,500) | 0 | (3,500) |
| 7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Kingsland Nursery School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Property Expenditure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | (69,571) | (69,571) | (58,604) | 3,929 |

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2022/23
(Actual expenditure to 30 June 2022)

| Property Expenditure – Land & Buildings | 2022/23 | | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Approv'd Budget | Actual (Repair & Maint) | Actual (Other) | Actual Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 33. Tweed Green Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. Greenside Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. Kings Meadows Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. George Meikle Kemp Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. Victoria Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts | 0 | 0 | (67) | (67) |
| Peebles Disused Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Peebles Golf Course | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing | 65,000 | 0 | 2,580 | 2,580 |
| 2. Neidpath Grazings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Haylodge Park | 0 | (200) | 0 | (200) |
| 17. Haylodge Depot | 0 | 0 | (241) | (241) |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Hall | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34. Walkershaugh Store | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28. Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. Cuddy Green (Part 1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29. Venlaw Wood | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Tweed Fishings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Peebles Town Clock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front) | 0 | 0 | (51) | (51) |
| 32. Garage 1 Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | (8) | (8) |
| 12. Venlaw Quarry | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. Venlaw Amenity Ground | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Old Town Wall Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Haylodge Park Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37. Walkershaugh ACF Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40. Former Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19. Old Town Green | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32. Garage 2 Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | (2) | (2) |
| 32. Garage 3 Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | (2) | (2) |
| 23. Land at March Street | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38. Gas Governor Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Fotheringham Bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Haylodge Cottage & Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Haylodge Toilets | 8,500 | 658 | 3,554 | 4,212 |
| 39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear) | 0 | 0 | (120) | (120) |
| 18. Haylodge Pavilion Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Elliots Park Grazings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Kingsland Primary School & Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. Kingsland Nursery School | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Property Expenditure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 73,500 | 458 | 5,643 | 6,101 |

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO VALUATION FOR 2022/23
(Projected property valuation to 31 March 2023)

| Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings | Net Book Value at 01/04/22 | Project'd Depn Charge 2022/23 | Project'd Net Book Value at 31/03/23 |
|--|---|--|---|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| 33. Tweed Green Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. Greenside Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. Kings Meadows Car Park | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. George Meikle Kemp Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11. Victoria Park (part) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts | 28,600 | 0 | 28,600 |
| Peebles Disused Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Peebles Golf Course | 158,000 | 0 | 158,000 |
| 1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing | 142,700 | (4,100) | 138,600 |
| 2. Neidpath Grazings | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| 8. Haylodge Park | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17. Haylodge Depot | 45,280 | (12,240) | 33,040 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Hall | 20,300 | (7,900) | 12,400 |
| 34. Walkershaugh Store | 23,920 | (9,360) | 14,560 |
| 28. Tweed Green | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. Cuddy Green (Part 1) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29. Venlaw Wood | 16,000 | 0 | 16,000 |
| 20. Tweed Fishings | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Peebles Town Clock | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front) | 47,550 | (22,150) | 25,400 |
| 32. Garage 1 Tweed Green | 2,300 | (900) | 1,400 |
| 12. Venlaw Quarry | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. Venlaw Amenity Ground | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Old Town Wall Monument | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Haylodge Park Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37. Walkershaugh ACF Site | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| 36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| 40. Former Railway | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Park | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. Ninians Haugh Play Area | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19. Old Town Green | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32. Garage Tweed 2 Tweed Green | 1,380 | (540) | 840 |
| 32. Garage 3 Tweed Green | 1,380 | (540) | 840 |
| 23. Land at March Street | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38. Gas Governor Site | 750 | 0 | 750 |
| 4. Fotheringham Bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Haylodge Cottage & Land | 149,556 | (6,444) | 143,111 |
| 15. Garage Sites at Kirkland St (1-8) | 8,000 | 0 | 8,000 |
| 21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land | 98,989 | (5,211) | 93,779 |
| 13. Haylodge Toilets | 10,810 | (4,730) | 6,080 |
| 39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear) | 22,700 | (9,100) | 13,600 |
| 18. Haylodge Pavilion Site | 4,800 | 200 | 4,600 |
| 5. Elliots Park Grazings | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 |
| 7. Kingsland Primary School & Site | 7,356,501 | (210,399) | 7,146,102 |
| 7. Kingsland P'mary School Sub Stn | 750 | 0 | 750 |
| 7. Kingsland Nursery School | 390,875 | (8,125) | 382,750 |
| 14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8,611,641 | (301,939) | 8,309,702 |

Fixed Assets – Moveable Assets

Eastgate Fountain

Arts & Artefacts – held in locations below:

Chambers Institute

Leather Chairs (14), Chairs (5), China Cabinet, Antique Mirror, Square Coal Scuttle, Oak Mantle Clock (1930), Antique Fire Irons & Grate, Log Effect Electric Fire, Oval Oak Table, Light Pendants (5), 4 Single Brass Gas Wall Fittings

Tweeddale Museum

Silver Bowl, Provosts Chain (2), Weights & Balances, Provosts Chain & Baillie's Insignia 1957, Provost & Baillie's Robes 1957, Commemorative Bronze Plaque, Beltane Cup & Saddle 1663, Beltane Silver Plate 1677, Town Drum 1677, Silver Arrow for St Bartholomew's Fair 1628, Silver Plate donated by Earl of March 1708, Silver Bell of Peebles with 2 smaller bells 1647, Engraving of Neidpath Castle, Rennie Trophy and Silver Medallion, Civic Photograph Album, Old Fire Engine, Portrait of Sir Michael Grieve Thorburn

Rosetta Road Offices

Portraits of J Ramsay Smith, Sir Michael Thorburn of Glenormiston, Alexander-7th Lord Elibank, Harry B Marshall of Rachan, Sir Graham Graham-Montgomery of Stanhope, Sir R J Thompson of Kaimes, Montolieu-10th Lord Elibank, Sir John Hay c1818, Back of Old Town Peebles

INVESTMENTS EXTERNALLY MANAGED

| Cost of Investment | Units | £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Aegon Asset Management Investment (February 2018) | 387,354 | 419,388 |
| Aegon Asset Management Investment (August 2018) | 22,187 | 24,000 |
| Aegon Fund Rebate – (2018-2019) | 422 | 452 |
| Aegon Asset Management Investment – (May 19) | 18,254 | 20,000 |
| Aegon Fund Rebate – (2019-2020) | 350 | 392 |
| Aegon Asset Management Investment – (January 2021) | 36,802 | 40,000 |
| Aegon Fund Rebate – (2020-2021) | 434 | 437 |
| Aegon Fund Rebate – (2021-2022) | 464 | 510 |
| Aegon Fund Rebate – (2022-2023) | 117 | 126 |
| Total Invested to 30 June 2022 | 466,384 | 505,305 |

| Value of Investment | £ |
|---|-----------------|
| 31 March 2018 | 418,032 |
| 31 March 2019 | 446,938 |
| 31 March 2020 | 393,681 |
| 31 March 2021 | 508,284 |
| 31 March 2022 | 508,278 |
| 30 June 2022 | 452,112 |
| Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested | (53,193) |

| Return on Investment from inception | Capital Return % | Total Return % |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| to 31 March 2018 | -0.30 | |
| to 31 March 2019 | +3.86 | +9.41 |
| to 31 March 2020 | -15.16 | -5.98 |
| to 30 June 2020 | -8.52 | +2.76 |
| to 30 September 2020 | -7.91 | +4.83 |
| to 31 December 2020 | -0.61 | +14.09 |
| to 31 March 2021 | +0.78 | +16.84 |
| to 30 June 2021 | +1.10 | +18.71 |
| to 30 September 2021 | +0.36 | +19.52 |
| to 31 December 2021 | +3.93 | +25.02 |
| to 31 March 2022 | +0.68 | +22.56 |
| to 30 June 2022 | -10.46 | +10.70 |

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2022/23*

*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 Stroke Club |
| Name of your project: | 2022 Restart |
| The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to: | Peebles Common Good Fund |

What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

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

Peebles Stroke Club meet up every 2 weeks to improve and maintain their health and quality of life through social interaction, educational and fun activities and appropriate exercise. Membership is open to anyone who has had a stroke, or to family, friends and carers of such a person.

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

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

The club used to meet Haylodge Day Centre prior to the pandemic, free of charge. Since then, the club have not met and now that they are back up and running, with 14 active members so far, the facility at Haylodge is no longer available for their use. They have found an alternative meeting place, but this comes at a cost. They now meet at Peebles Community Centre and need to pay hall hire costs. These costs are being met by members.

This means that they have running costs that they didn't before and so paying for trips out using Tweed Wheels Community Transport and Christmas lunches will be a stretch on top of their fortnightly meeting room hire and associated refreshments costs.

The club are seeking funding support this year to help them get up and running again. In future they may still need some help but they hope to be able to do some fund raising over the year to help cover all or least most of this.

Seeking £600 for this year.

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

Members will contribute to how the club makes them feel and the impact it has on them. An increase in the number of members is anticipated as the year progresses and the word is out that meetings are once again taking place. This will be gathered together to form next years plan for both activities, trips and place. Demand will drive the outcomes.

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.

The club brings people together who have a shared experience of day to day living with the impacts of having a stroke. It's a support network not only for those who have had a stroke, their family, friends and carers. Regular activities, exercise and social interaction provide stimulation and have such a positive impact on both physical and mental health and wellbeing.

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

Fundraising ourselves but also support from other local organisations who conduct their own fund raising, who have supported the club in the past is intended to cover future costs. If further support is needed the club will possibly consider seeking small pots of funding to 'top up' their own efforts.

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 (£) |
|--|------------|
| Tweed Wheels Community Transport | 300 |
| Christmas lunch | 300 |
| | |
| Total Expenditure | 600 |
| How much would you like from the Common Good Fund? | 600 |
| 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 |
|------|--------|---------|
| | | |
| | | |

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.

| | Amount | Purpose |
|--|--------|---------|
| | | |
| | | |

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

| | |
|---|---|
| Contact Name: | Mags Mills / Lorna McCullough |
| Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate) | Secretary / Area Manager The Bridge |
| Home Address: | Peebles Stroke Club C/O The Bridge Volunteer Resource Centre School Brae Peebles, |
| Post Code: | EH46 8AL |
| Telephone Number: | |
| Email Address: | |
| Date: | 03/08/2022 |
| Signature: | |

Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes No

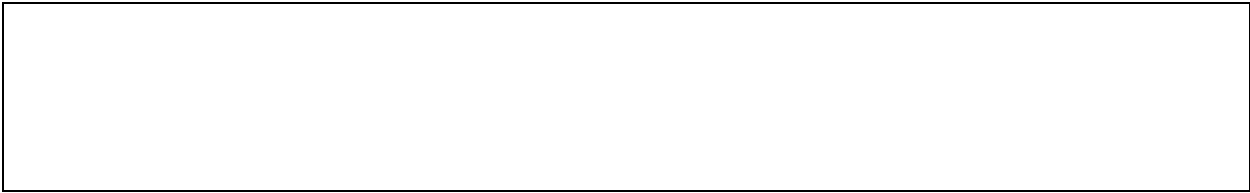
Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

Public Protection

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

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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Peebles Stroke Group Accounts

Accounts for the period 28 June 2017 - 31 March 2018

| Date | Details | Payments | | Balance |
|-----------------|---|----------|---------|------------------|
| | | In | Out | |
| 28 June 2017 | Donation from Borders Bowling Association | £160.00 | | £160.00 |
| 07 July 2017 | Start Up donation CHAS | £500.00 | | £660.00 |
| 12 July 2017 | Donation Avril's Charity Day | £335.50 | | £995.50 |
| 09 January 2018 | Christmas Lunch Costs | | £285.95 | £709.55 |
| 21 March 2018 | Donation Prue's Funeral | £600.00 | | £1,309.55 |
| | End of Year Balance | | | £1,309.55 |

Accounts for the period 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

| | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 01 April 2018 | Balance brought forward | | | £1,309.55 |
| 11 June 2018 | Alex Saunders Eastgate | | £30.00 | £1,279.55 |
| 26 November 2018 | Wine (gift Gerard & Lorraine | | £11.00 | £1,268.55 |
| 19 December 2018 | Christmas Lunch Costs | | £278.65 | £989.90 |
| 29 January 2019 | Donation Mary's charity dancing | £300.00 | | £1,289.90 |
| 20 February 2019 | The Bridge - annual fee | | £15.00 | £1,274.90 |
| 27 February 2019 | Alex Saunders Eastgate | | £30.00 | £1,244.90 |
| 27 February 2019 | Flowers- guest speaker | | £6.00 | £1,238.90 |
| | End of Year Balance | | | £1,238.90 |

Accounts for the period 1 April 2019 - 31 March 2020

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--|--------|---------|----------------|
| 01 April 2019 | Balance brought forward | | | £1,238.90 |
| 25 April 2019 | Donation (balance from outing) | £9.00 | | £1,247.90 |
| 24 April 2019 | Mags Mills (various stamps and gifts for speakers | | £13.60 | £1,234.30 |
| 04 June 2019 | Tweedwheels (Bridge) | | £20.00 | £1,214.30 |
| 07 June 2019 | Jane Holmes (Cake) | | £10.00 | £1,204.30 |
| 18 June 2019 | Friends of Mining Museum (Donation) | | £10.00 | £1,194.30 |
| 26 June 2019 | Borders Trust (Donation) | | £10.00 | £1,184.30 |
| 20 September 2019 | Tweedwheels (Bridge) | | £30.40 | £1,153.90 |
| 31 October 2019 | Donation (balance from outing) | £15.00 | | £1,168.90 |
| 08 November 2019 | Mags Mills (various stamps and gifts for speakers | | £22.65 | £1,146.25 |
| 27 December 2019 | Christmas Lunch Costs | | £247.00 | £899.25 |
| 31 December 2019 | Edelston Church (donation) | | £20.00 | £879.25 |
| 17 January 2020 | Donation (balance from outing) | £10.00 | | £889.25 |
| 17 January 2020 | Tweedwheels (Bridge) | | £20.00 | £869.25 |
| 28 January 2020 | Park Hotel | | £50.45 | £818.80 |
| 06 March 2020 | Cake | | £10.00 | £808.80 |
| 10 March 2020 | Nomad Beat (Donation) | | £25.00 | £783.80 |
| | End of Year Balance | | | £783.80 |

Accounts for the period 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

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|---------------|-------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| 01 April 2020 | Balance brought forward | | | £783.80 |
| | End of Year Balance | | | £783.80 |

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“Witchcraft” Accused Memorial - Email Update

Dear Robin

I trust you are having an enjoyable summer. I am writing to provide you with an update on the very welcome progress we have made towards getting the memorial installed on Tweed Green. With your support, we hope we are now in the home stretch.

We have met with Campbell Johnstone onsite to identify a suitable position. The location we identified with him was by this solitary copper beech tree, which sits apart from the ones lining the avenue of trees. The exact location of the spot, on the "What3Words" app, is [///altitude.buzzer.escalates](https://altitude.buzzer.escalates). A photo of the site, at the foot of the tree, is attached.

We now have our final design for the memorial, which will be a low profile, elevated granite slab engraved with the names of the victims. As previously intimated, this will be secured firmly to the ground in the same way as a modern gravestone memorial - with a concrete foundation under the grass level, and steel pins attaching the memorial to the foundation. I attach two images - the first showing the wording and design, the second showing the elevation. once again, I would reiterate that Purves have kindly said that they will maintain the stone in good condition once it is in situ. That assurance comes in writing with the attached images.

We have also discussed how the memorial should be framed on the site. I am very pleased that we have secured the support of the Callants to construct a modest, stone-walled flowerbed around the spot. Such a border will make grass-cutting easier, according to Campbell Johnstone, and protect both the existing tree and the memorial itself. In terms of final design for that border, we felt that it would be best for the Callants to let us know what they can do. They will prioritise this once we have secured all the necessary permissions from the Common Good Fund sub-Committee.

When Elisa spoke to the sub-Committee several weeks ago, the Committee agreed in principle to the siting of a modest memorial on Tweed Green. The Committee also asked us to come back with more detail on the design of the memorial, and its exact location, before it would give final sign-off. I am therefore hoping you will now be satisfied with what we have done - pending perhaps a drawing from the Callants - and that you will feel able to agree that work can soon start. Of course, Elisa and I are very happy to answer any further questions you may have. Ideally, we would like to get the memorial installed in the late summer to early autumn, if at all possible. Please do let us know what your position is. Without wishing to "jump the gun", our plan is to make quite an event of the official unveiling, with all elected representatives invited, along with historians, authors and legal campaigners from across Scotland, and perhaps some entertainment, followed by light refreshments at the Eastgate. But that is purely an indication of what we would like to do, and we do not take your support in getting to that point for granted. So please do let us know what you think.

I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,
Simon Ritchie

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