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PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024

A MEETING of the PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024 at 5.00 pm.

N. MCKINLAY,
Director Corporate Governance,

19 February 2024

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 5 - 8) Consider Minute of 22 November 2023. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
5.	Financial Monitoring Report to 31 December 2023 (Pages 9 - 28) Consider report from Director Finance and Procurement. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
6.	Haylodge Park Tree Planting Consider planting of fruit trees in Haylodge Park with input from Malcolm Ginns, Ecology Officer.	10 mins
7.	Cluster Primary School Bike Event (Pages 29 - 30) Consider a request to hold a Cluster Primary School event in Victoria Park.	5 mins
8.	Royal Company of Archers Event - Haylodge Park (Pages 31 - 32) Consider request for the use of Haylodge Park for the annual archery competition.	5 mins
9.	Tree Works: Tweed Green (Pages 33 - 34) (a) Permission sought for tree works on Tweed Green. (b) Consider on-going maintenance. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
10.	Peebles Golf Club	5 mins

	Discussion on support for the work undertaken to secure a water supply.	
11.	Funding Application: Common Good Exhibition (Pages 35 - 38) Consider a funding application from Peebles Community Trust. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
12.	Parking in Haylodge Park	5 mins
13.	Astronomy on the Green: Feedback (Pages 39 - 40) Feedback from the Tweeddale Astronomical Society, for noting. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
14.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
15.	Any Other Items Which The Chairman Decides Are Urgent.	
16.	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 Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act. [Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).]”	
17.	Private Minute (Pages 41 - 44) Consider Private Minute of 22 November 2023. (Copy attached.)	
18.	Victoria Park Lighting (Pages 45 - 52) Consider plans and quotation for lighting works. (Copy attached.)	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 G. Ramsay

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

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday,
22nd November, 2023 at 5.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small
and V. Thomson

In Attendance:- Chief Legal Officer, Chief Finance Officer, Estates Surveyor (T. Hill),
Community Engagement Officers (H. Lacon, K. Harrow), M. Bruce, I. Gibson
(Peebles Youth Voice), Democratic Services Officer (L. Cuerden)

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting. Item No. 16 was to be considered as part of public business.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Pirone declared an interest in respect of Item No. 6 and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on Victoria Park Shelter. The Chair and Councillor Thomson declared an interest in respect of Item No. 20 and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the funding application from Nomad Beat.

3. MINUTE AND ACTION TRACKER

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 11 October 2023 and the updated Action Tracker.

DECISION

AGREED the Minute for signature by the Chair and Action Tracker.

4. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

4.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Director Finance and Procurement, the purpose of which was to provide details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the six months to 30 September 2023, a full year projected out-turn for 2023/24 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2024. Chief Financial Officer Lizzie Turner presented the report. Appendix 1 showed the projected income and expenditure position for 2023/24 with a projected deficit of £82,348 for the year. Appendix 2 provided a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024 with a projected decrease in reserves of £262,856. Appendix 3a provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with projected rental income and projected net return for 2023/24 and actual property income to 30 September 2023. Appendix 3b provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with projected property expenditure for 2023/24 and actual property expenditure to 30 September 2023. Appendix 4 provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with projected property valuations at 31 March 2024. Appendix 5 showed the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 30 Sept 2023.

4.2 Ms Turner reported that the £82k deficit had been incurred due to works on Jedderfield Bungalow and the Old Corn Exchange. Of the £25k Common Good grants fund, £8k remained for disbursement. There followed a brief discussion on the disinvestment of funds from the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to manage the deficit. Ms

Turner agreed to provide a forecast of long-term deficit relief through disinvestment against short-term relief by balancing out across the fund.

DECISION

APPROVED the recommendations as follows:

- a) Noted the actual income and expenditure for 2023/24 in Appendix 1 and the revised budget for 2023/24;**
- (b) Noted the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024 in Appendix 2;**
- (c) Noted the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and**
- (d) Noted the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5.**

MEMBER

Councillor Pirone declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion. Councillor Pirone had been involved in discussions with stakeholders.

5. VICTORIA PARK: SHELTER & TOILET FACILITIES

- 5.1 With reference to paragraph 7 of the minute of 24 May 2023, the Chair proposed to continue the matter of Victoria Park lighting to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee. There was to be a site meeting with residents and Alex Young, Lighting Officer in due course.
- 5.2 There had been circulated copies of a presentation from Peebles Youth Voice, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the proposal to build a youth shelter in Victoria Park and summarise the results of the public consultation exercise. Malcom Bruce and Iain Gibson of Peebles Youth Voice were in attendance to answer Members' questions. The public consultation had received in the region of 650 responses, with site 2 the preferred option. There followed a brief discussion, during which it was confirmed that the costs of the supply and installation was to be met through grants and donations from various local groups, Small Schemes and Play Parks budgets. Kenny Harrow agreed to bring a more detailed costing exercise back to Members in early 2024. Members agreed that Common Good land be allocated to the shelter installation at site option 2. Members asked for clarity on the matter of maintenance and associated liabilities. Further discussion with local young people was to be arranged with a view to continuing their involvement and to develop their sense of ownership of the project.
- 5.3 On the matter of toilet facilities in Victoria Park, Members were reminded by Director Corporate Government that the Sub-Committee had delegated authority on those matters within the Scheme of Administration. Discussion on the matter was concluded.

DECISION

AGREED to the use of Common Good land in Victoria Park for the installation of a youth shelter at site 2.

6. COMMERCIAL USE OF COMMON GOOD LAND

Director Corporate Governance reported that work was ongoing with officers from Infrastructure & Environment, Estates, Event Planning and Finance to formalise the process for public asset use. A report was due to be brought before Scottish Borders Council by the end of financial year 2023/24.

DECISION

NOTED.

7. ENERGY AUDIT OF COMMON GOOD PROPERTIES

With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minute of 24 May 2023, a response from Head of Estates, Ray Cherry outlined that an audit of Scottish Borders Council's entire estate was

in the planning stages and would take precedence over any energy audit of Common Good properties.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

8. PUBLIC PROFILE OF COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE

With reference to paragraph 6.4 of the Minute of 23 August 2023, The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting with members of the public to discuss the work of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee. Several matters were discussed and further information was to be obtained from Estates. An annual report of all Common Good Funds was standard practice; it was agreed that the Peebles annual report was to be augmented with additional information and photographs to illustrate the work of the Peebles Common Good Fund, along with an annual public meeting. There was a request for a Peebles Common Good exhibition and further discussion was to be arranged with Live Borders and interested parties. It had also been suggested that the group establish a 'Friends of Peebles Common Good' facebook page'. The public minute of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee meetings were to be on public display via the notice board at the Burgh Hall.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. CHARITABLE DEREGISTRATION OF COMMON GOOD FUNDS

There had been circulated copies of a report by Director Finance & Procurement, the purpose of which was to advise Members of the intention by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to remove the SBC Common Good Funds, charity number SC031538, from the Scottish Charity Register (the Register). Appendix 1 top the report detailed the advance notification from OSCR.

**DECISION
NOTED the notification from OSCR to remove the SBC Common Good Funds,
charity number SC031538, from the Register.**

10. POLICE SCOTLAND RESPONSE TO FUNFAIR

There had been circulated a copy of a response from Police Scotland regarding policing of future funfairs in Peebles.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There had been circulated a copy of a request from the Tweeddale Astronomy Society for the use of Tweed Green for free, ad-hoc 'Sidewalk Astronomy' sessions in the coming weeks between 1800 and 2100 for the purpose of stargazing and the promotion of the Society and its facilities at Kailzie. Telescopes were battery operated with no trailing cables and light levels on Tweed Green were sufficient.

**DECISION
AGREED to the Tweeddale Astronomy Society holding free, ad-hoc stargazing
session on Tweed Green.**

**12. 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.**

13. MINUTE

Members considered the Private Minutes of 11 October 2023.

14. **OLD CORN EXCHANGE HALL LEASE AND ROOF REPAIRS**
Members considered a report by Estates Surveyor and a quotation for roof repairs.
15. **BRIEFING NOTE: OLD CORN EXCHANGE SHOP**
Members considered a briefing note on the lease for the Old Corn Exchange shop.
16. **BIKE PARKING – KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK**
Members considered a briefing note and quotations on the installation of bike loops at Kingsmeadows car park.
17. **FUNDING APPLICATION**
Members considered an application for funding from Nomad Beat.
18. **JEDDERFIELD: REPLACEMENT WATER TANK**
Members considered a quotation to replace the water tank.

The next meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund was scheduled for 22 November 2023 at 5pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm

MONITORING REPORT FOR 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25

Report by Director of Finance & Procurement

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

28 February 2024

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the nine months to 31 December 2023, a full year projected out-turn for 2023/24, projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2024 and proposed budget for 2024/25.**
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides the projected income and expenditure position for 2023/24. This shows a projected deficit of £27,804 for the year, which is less than the projected deficit figure reported at the 22 November meeting, as a result of a decrease in the property repairs and maintenance budget.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024. It shows a projected decrease in reserves of £208,312.
- 1.4 Appendix 3a provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income and projected net return for 2023/24 and actual property income to 31 December 2023.
- 1.5 Appendix 3b provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property expenditure for 2023/24 and actual property expenditure to 31 December 2023.
- 1.6 Appendix 4 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property valuations at 31 March 2024.
- 1.7 Appendix 5 shows the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 31 December 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee:**
 - (a) Agrees the projected income and expenditure for 2023/24 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2023/24;**
 - (b) Agrees the proposed budget for 2024/25 as shown in Appendix 1:**
 - (c) Notes the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024 in Appendix 2;**
 - (d) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and**

(e) 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 31 December 2023, projections to 31 March 2024 and proposed budgets for 2024/25. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.

4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2023/24

4.1 Appendix 1 provides details on income and expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year. The projected net position for the year is a deficit of £27,804. Also included is the proposed budget for 2024/25.

4.2 Income & Expenditure – Property Income

Rental income for 2023/24 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 out-turn 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 £23,350, with the projection for 2023/24 remaining at the 5% target and the monthly distribution profile projections provided by Aegon. The position will be monitored closely with Aegon Asset Management.
- (b) Included within other income is a rebate from Aegon Asset Management of £225, which has been re-invested to purchase an additional 240 units.

4.4 Income & Expenditure – Property Expenditure

- (a) The property expenditure for 2023/24 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) The projected property expenditure has decreased by £55,100, as the required roof reslating at the Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear) will now be completed in 2024/25.
- (c) The total proposed budget for 2024/25 is shown in Appendix 1.
- (d) Appendices 3a and 3b show a full breakdown of the proposed budget for property rental and repairs for 2023/24. These will be revised as further information is received from Estates.

4.5 Income & Expenditure – Grants & Other Donations

The grants and other donations approved and distributed to 31 March 2024 are shown below:

Grant Recipients	Approved	£
Approved and paid to 31 December 2023		
Peebles Community Trust/Peebles Youth Voice	19/04/23	3,000
Peebles Pensioners Association	24/05/23	1,050
Peebles Christmas Lights Association	27/06/23	3,000
Peebles Highland Games	27/06/23	5,000
Interest Link Borders	23/08/23	2,000
Tweeddale Youth Action Group	11/09/23	3,000
Nomad Beat	22/11/23	5,000
Total Paid to 31 March 2024		22,050
Approved but not yet paid		0
Total Grants Approved not paid		0
Approved Budget 2023/24		25,000
<i>(Unallocated)/Overallocated Budget</i>		<i>(2,950)</i>

The budget for 2024/25 is proposed at £14,000, which is the average of the previous 3 years grant expenditure.

4.6 Income & Expenditure – Central Support Service Charge

The proposed charge for 2023/24 was estimated using a 2% uplift on the 2022/23 charge however, after confirmation of the 8.04% agreed pay award for 2023/24, an additional 6.04% has been added. The proposed charge for 2024/25 is currently estimated using a 3% uplift on the 2023/24 charge. A full Service Charge Review is due to be carried out in 2024/25.

4.7 Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge

The projected depreciation charge for the year is £180,508. 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 2023, the projected movement in year and projected balance sheet as at 31 March 2024; along with projected balance to 31 March 2025.

4.9 Balance Sheet – Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2019 and will next be revalued at 31 March 2025. Appendix 4 shows the actual values of the individual properties at 31 March 2023, projected depreciation charges for 2023/24 and projected values at 31 March 2024; along with projected value as at 31 March 2025.

4.10 Balance Sheet – Investment Fund

The fund has an 8.34% unrealised loss in capital market value since investment, an improvement on last quarter following the continuing improvement of markets and taking account of the income received the fund has achieved a total return of 24.15% since investment in February 2018. The investment objective of the Fund is to generate income of 5% per annum with the potential for capital growth in the medium term. This is reflected in the asset allocation of the Fund with over 50% of the Fund being Bonds whose credit returns have improved following the markets anticipation of rate cuts.

4.11 Balance Sheet – Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £2,869 at 31 March 2024 and is detailed below:

Cash Balance	£
Opening Balance at 1 April 2023	31,254
Projected deficit for year from Income & Expenditure Statement	(27,804)
Net cash movement in Debtors/Creditors	(0)
Rebate Investment in Aegon	(581)
Projected Closing Balance as at 31 March 2024	2,869

4.12 Balance Sheet – Capital Reserve

The movement in the Capital Reserves includes the unrealised loss for the Aegon Asset Management Fund as at 31 March 2023, 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 Integrated 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

Suzy Douglas
Director of Finance & Procurement

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Background Papers:

Previous Minute Reference: Peebles Common Good Committee 22 November 2023

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**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2023/24 AND 2024/25**

APPENDIX 1

	Actuals at 31/12/23	Full Year Approved Budget 2023/24	Full Year Projected Budget 2023/24	Full Year Projected Over/ (Under) Spend 2023/24	Full Year Proposed Budget 2024/25	Para Ref	Comments
	£	£	£	£	£		
Property Income							
Rental Income	(58,360)	(67,770)	(67,770)		(60,940)	4.2	
Non-Property Related Income							
Interest on Cash deposited with Council	(0)	(300)	(300)		(300)	4.3	
Investment Funds – Dividends Rec'd	(20,040)	(23,350)	(23,350)		(23,370)	4.3	Est 5% return
Other Income	(224)	(500)	(500)		(500)	4.3	
Total Income	(78,624)	(91,920)	(91,920)		(85,110)		
Property Expenditure							
Property Costs – General	72,513	130,100	75,000	(55,100)	55,100	4.4	
Haylodge Toilets – Cleaning etc	8,600	9,780	9,780	0	10,400	4.4	
Total Property Expenditure	81,113	139,880	84,780	(55,100)	65,500		
Grants & Other Donations	22,050	25,000	25,000		14,000	4.5	3 year average
Central Support Service Charge	9,944	9,388	9,944	556	10,242	4.6	Subject to review
Depreciation							
Depreciation Charge	0	180,508	180,508		63,033	4.7	
Contribution from Revaluation Reserve	(0)	(180,508)	(180,508)		(63,033)	4.7	
Net impact of Depreciation on Revenue Reserve	0	0	0		0		
Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year	34,483	82,348	27,804	(54,544)	4,632		

PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AS AT 31 MARCH 2024 AND 31 MARCH 2025

	Opening Balance at 01/04/23 £	Projected Movement in Year £	Projected Closing Balance at 31/03/24 £	Projected Closing Balance at 31/03/25 £
Fixed Assets				
Land & Buildings	890,092	(180,508)	709,584	646,551
Feu Duties	1,619	0	1,619	1,619
Total Fixed Assets	891,711	(180,508)	711,203	648,170
Capital in Investment Fund				
Investment Fund Book Value	505,760	581	506,341	506,922
Unrealised Gains/(Loss)	(59,345)	0	(59,345)	(59,345)
Market Value	446,415	581	446,996	447,577
Current Assets				
Debtors	19,344	0	19,344	19,344
Cash deposited with SBC	31,254	(28,385)	2,869	(2,344)
Total Current Assets	50,598	(28,385)	22,213	17,000
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	0	0	0	0
Receipts in Advance	1,960	0	1,960	1,960
Total Current Liabilities	1,960	0	1,960	1,960
Net Assets	1,390,684	(208,312)	1,182,372	1,114,707
Funded by:				
Reserves				
Revenue Reserve	(136,318)	27,804	(108,514)	(103,882)
Capital Reserve	(412,450)	0	(412,450)	(412,450)
Revaluation Reserve	(841,916)	180,508	(661,408)	(598,375)
Total Reserves	(1,390,684)	208,312	(1,182,372)	1,114,707

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2023/24
(Actual income to 31 December 2023 and projected 2024/25)

Rental Income – Land & Buildings	2023/24				2024/25	
	Approv'd Budget	Project'd Budget	Actuals as at 30/09/23	Proposed Net (Return) /Loss £	Proposed Budget	Proposed Net (Return) /Loss
	£	£	£		£	£
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	(17,500)	(17,500)	(14,477)	57,500	(17,500)	(17,500)
2. Neidpath Grazings	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Haylodge Park	(250)	(250)	0	(250)	(250)	(250)
17. Haylodge Depot	(9,500)	(9,500)	(8,260)	(9,500)	(9,500)	(9,500)
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	(450)	(450)	(675)	(450)	(450)	(450)
34. Walkershaugh Store	(6,500)	(6,500)	(11,375)	(6,500)	(6,500)	(6,500)
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
29. Venlaw Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Front)	(10,830)	(10,830)	(703)	(10,830)	(2,500)	(2,500)
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0	0	0	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	(500)	(500)	(875)	(500)	(500)	(500)
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
40. Former Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
32. Garage 2 Tweed Green	(175)	(175)	(155)	(175)	(175)	(175)
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	(175)	(175)	(88)	(175)	(175)	(175)
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	(800)	(800)	(808)	(800)	(800)	(800)
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Haylodge Toilets	0	0	0	9,780	0	10,400
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(5,000)	(2,000)	(3,500)	51,600
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	0	0	(354)	0	0	0
5. Elliots Park Grazings	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	(3,500)	(3,500)	0	(3,500)	(3,500)	(3,500)
7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Property Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	(67,770)	(67,770)	(58,360)	17,010	(60,940)	4,560

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2023/24
(Actual expenditure to 31 December 2023 and projected 2024/25)

Property Expenditure – Land & Buildings	2023/24					2024/25
	Approv'd Budget	Project'd Budget	Actual (Repair & Maint)	Actual (Other)	Actual Total	Proposed Budget
	£	£	£	£	£	£
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	0	0	0	(365)	(365)	0
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	0	0	0	0	0	0
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	75,000	75,000	72,439	(117)	72,322	0
2. Neidpath Grazings	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Haylodge Park	0	0	353	0	353	0
17. Haylodge Depot	0	0	0	(192)	(192)	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	0	0	570	0	570	0
34. Walkershaugh Store	0	0	0	0	0	0
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	337	0	337	0
29. Venlaw Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front)	0	0	141	(2)	139	0
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	(2,640)	0	(2,640)	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
40. Former Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
32. Garage 2 Tweed Green	0	0	0	(7)	(7)	0
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Haylodge Toilets	9,780	9,780	120	8,704	8,824	10,400
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	55,100	0	0	(525)	(525)	55,100
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Elliots Park Grazings	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0	0	0
General Property Expenditure	0	0	929	1,368	2,297	0
Total	139,880	84,780	72,249	8,864	81,113	65,500

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO VALUATION FOR 2023/24

Projected property valuation to 31 March 2024 and to 31 March 2025)

Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings	Net Book Value at 01/04/23 £	Project'd Dep'n Charge 2023/24 £	Project'd Net Book Value at 31/03/24 £	Project'd Dep'n Charge 2024/25 £	Project'd Net Book Value at 31/03/25 £
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park (part)	0	0	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	40,000	0	40,000	0	40,000
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	158,000	0	158,000	0	158,000
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	150,176	(4,824)	145,352	(4,824)	140,528
2. Neidpath Grazings	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000
8. Haylodge Park	0	0	0	0	0
17. Haylodge Depot	51,400	(30,600)	20,800	(20,800)	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	24,250	(19,750)	4,500	(4,500)	0
34. Walkershaugh Store	28,600	(23,400)	5,200	(5,200)	0
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0	0	0
29. Venlaw Wood	16,000	0	16,000	0	16,000
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front)	58,625	(55,375)	3,250	(3,250)	0
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	2,750	(2,250)	500	(500)	0
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0	0	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	500	0	500	0	500
40. Former Railway	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0	0	0
32. Garage Tweed 2 Tweed Green	1,650	(1,350)	300	(300)	0
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	1,650	(1,350)	300	(300)	0
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	750	0	750	0	750
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	144,175	(11,825)	132,350	(11,825)	120,525
15. Garage Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	8,000	0	8,000	0	8,000
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets	2,600	0	2,600	0	2,600
13. Haylodge Toilets	18,176	(6,824)	11,352	(6,824)	4,528
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	27,250	(22,750)	4,500	(4,500)	0
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	4,790	(210)	4,580	(210)	4,370
5. Elliots Park Grazings	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	70,000	0	70,000	0	70,000
7. Kingsland P'mary School Sub Stn	750	0	750	0	750
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0	0
Total	890,092	(180,508)	709,584	(63,033)	646,551

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, Commerative 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 OfficesPortraits 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

Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings (owned by the Common Good Fund but not included in the Balance Sheet)	Projected Net Book Value at 31/03/24 £
Kingsland School Site	7,496,900
Kingsmeadows Toilets	101,600
Kingsland Nursery School	399,000
Total	7,997,500

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)	596	581
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2023-2024)	240	225
Total Invested to 31 December 2023	467,103	505,985

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
30 September 2022	423,681
31 December 2022	447,500
31 March 2023	446,416
30 June 2023	448,329
30 September 2023	439,057
31 December 2023	463,553
Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested	(42,432)

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
to 30 September 2022	-16.12	+5.84
to 31 December 2022	-11.43	+12.81
to 31 March 2023	-11.69	+13.46
to 30 June 2023	-11.30	+16.45
to 30 September 2023	-13.16	+15.88
to 31 December 2023	-8.34	+24.15

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Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

Part 1 Scoping

1 Details of the Proposal

Title of Proposal:	MONITORING REPORT FOR 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2023
What is it?	A new Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/> A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description of the proposal: (Set out a clear understanding of the purpose of the proposal being developed or reviewed (what are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes, including the context within which it will operate).	Quarterly report to Peebles Common Good Fund on the projected out-turn for 2023/24, the projected balance sheet for 2023/24 and proposed budget for 2024/25
Service Area: Department:	Common Good Funds Finance & Regulatory
Lead Officer: (Name and job title)	Kirsten Robertson – Statutory Reporting & Treasury Business Partner
Other Officers/Partners involved: (List names, job titles and organisations)	
Date(s) IIA completed:	25/01/2024

2 Will there be any cumulative impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?

Yes / No (please delete as applicable)
If yes, - please state here:

3 Legislative Requirements

3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty:	
<p>Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010? <i>(If you believe that your proposal may have some relevance – however small please indicate yes. If there is no effect, please enter “No” and go to Section 3.2.)</i></p>	
Equality Duty	Reasoning:
Elimination of discrimination (both direct & indirect), victimisation and harassment. <i>(Will the proposal discriminate? Or help eliminate discrimination?)</i>	Given the subject matter of this assessment, it is not relevant to Equality duty.
Promotion of equality of opportunity? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the Council with this)</i>	
Foster good relations? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the council s relationships with those who have equality characteristics?)</i>	

3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal? (You should consider employees, clients, customers / service users, and any other relevant groups)				
Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.				
	Impact			Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
All of the protected characteristics including Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation.	X			No impact or relevance. This is a routine monitoring report required as part of good governance of the Common Good Funds
3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty				
This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.				
The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.				
Is the proposal strategic? No				
Yes / No <i>(please delete as applicable)</i>				
If No go to Section 4				
If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:				
	Impact		State here how you know this	

	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
Low and/or No Wealth – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.				
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies				
Area Deprivation – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)				
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parents' education, employment and income				
Looked after and accommodated children and young people				
Carers paid and unpaid including family members				
Homelessness				
Addictions and substance use				
Those involved within the criminal justice system				

4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Select No if you have answered “No” to all of Sections 3.1 – 3.3.

Yes / No (please delete as applicable)

If a full impact assessment is not required briefly explain why there are no effects and provide justification for the decision.

Report is a regular governance report required to ensure good governance of the Common Good Fund. All members of the Fund have equal status under the regulations followed.

Signed by Lead Officer:	Kirsten Robertson
Designation:	Statutory Reporting & Treasury Business Partner
Date:	25/01/2024
Counter Signature Service Director	
Date:	

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CLUSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL BIKE EVENT – 30 MAY 2024

On Fri, 1 Dec 2023 at 10:30, Mrs Wallace <carolinewallace@glow.sch.uk> wrote:
Hello,

I am writing to enquire if we would be able to use Victoria park for a Primary 7 Peeblesshire cluster bike event on Thursday the 30th of May 2024. The event would bring together all p7's for a day of biking stations. The aim is to make it a transition event for the students to not only learn bike skills but meet and create connections with what will be their S1 cohort at Peebles HS. The day would run from 10-2pm with time prior to and afterwards for set up and pack away. The plan would be to use the skatepark and pump track within the stations and all stations will have appropriate qualified leaders with them.

If you could let me know if this was possible and if there would be a charge for the use of the park that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Caroline Wallace
Inspire Teacher for the UCI world cycling championships

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Dear Julie,

The Royal Company of Archers request the approval of Scottish Borders Council to run an archery competition for the Peebles Arrow at Haylodge Park in Peebles on 19 July 2024. This is a Scottish Borders Council Heritage Event last run in 2016 with the much-appreciated support of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub Committee. **The Peebles Arrow has been competed for since 1628.**

Our Park & Outdoor Space Booking application form is attached: Also attached are our three insurance certificates and a draft risk assessment to be confirmed at a site visit with the Haylodge Park Manager and a map of the archery competition area: **Please send me the name and email/mobile number for the Haylodge Park Manager so we can arrange a site visit to Haylodge Park in March 2024.**

In 2016 we had a parade from the Tontine Hotel to Haylodge Park at about 2.30-3pm down the A72 and a return march back on the A72 to the Tontine Hotel at about 5.30-6pm; in previous years this parade has had a mobile Police front and rear escort on the A72. We would very much like to parade again on 19 July 2024 in order to maintain the historic traditions of the Peebles Arrow since 1628. **We request that you send us the Scottish Borders Council Parades Application Form; any parade guidance you may have and your Risk Assessment form for parades. Please respond to royalcompany@archershall.co.uk with a copy to matchsecretary@archershall.co.uk**

On the evening of 19 July 2024 we will have a private dinner at the Tontine Hotel with local guests.

Please email me if any more details are required for approval. I can join a planning videoconference with the Business & Events Group if required.

Best regards,

John Craig

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Trees in Conservation Area – Tweed Green, Peebles

Further to your application, I can confirm I have no objections to the proposed crown reduction (not exceeding one third of their current height) to 32 Limes at Tweed Green. The Beech in decline can also be reduced to live wood, there is discretion for the arborist once aerial work commences. The crowns all to be left balanced and all work to adhere to BS3998:2010 (Tree works).

Any queries, its trees@scotborders.gov.uk

Regards,
Simon Wilkinson

Hi Neil,

We pollard these trees every 10 years, because they grow too big for Tweed Green and overshadow the whole area. They are right beside the road and their branches impede traffic, especially at Beltane festival time, when lots of children are getting on and off of lorries, as it's a collection point for the festival. We can't reach them with pole saw, and it wouldn't look good if we only cut one side of the trees.

Yours, Campbell.

We had talked about accepting the Alex Ballantynes quote which was :-
"Tweed Green

Pollard all lime trees on tweed green
Crown reduce 3 trees nearest the bridge.
Chip and remove all branches

Cost for this works would be £XXX+vat"

You said that you would have to get authorisation because of the cost, was this accepted? Then I can get Alex to complete the works in the Winter.

I have spoken to Comms who can send out a public message before works commence, we just have to let them know the details.

Yours, Campbell.

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Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2023/24*

*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 COMMUNITY TRUST
Name of your project:	PUBLIC EXHIBITION - to provide information about, and celebrate, Peebles Common Good Fund
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 Community Trust - takes the form of a Development Trust and is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Its aim is to generate revenues through grants and commercial projects, and to use these revenues to fund community projects and develop community assets

Background to this application: Peebles Common Good lists 40 fixed assets and many movable assets. But, local people, who ultimately are the owners of the Peebles Common Good (PCG) assets, seem to know very little about PCG. In a recent straw poll conducted in the town we found very few had a clear understanding of the history of PCG or how it was managed. And, when asked to name any of the 40 fixed assets that currently make up PCG, very few could name even one asset!

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

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

Because of the lack of public awareness about PCG matters, we think an Exhibition to provide information about, and celebrate, PCG would be very valuable. This will include:

- pull up banners describing the background, history, management of PCG, and listing the assets
- relevant objects held in collection and a folder with complete list of common good assets & photographs; take away leaflets; potential walks and talks.

This will be launched at Door Open weekends in September and will attract further publicity through this event. It will form a unique and accessible way of celebrating PCG with relevant objects on display in the Chambers Room of the Chambers Institution. The Eastgate Theatre has also agreed to host the exhibition in their cafe later in the year.

We are already working with Chris Sawers from Tweeddale Museum on this exhibition. We will also consult with other experts on local history and relevant officers in SBC ensure that the content is accurate. Finally we will liaise with the members of the Peebles Common Good Sub Committee to ensure that they approve of the content.

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

The Exhibition will increase awareness in the town about the PCG Fund. This will be measured by:

1. recording the number of visitors to the exhibition and attending talks and guided walks
2. having a comments book in the exhibition itself
3. noting healthy discussions, and greater involvement, from local people regarding the PCG Fund (in local newspapers, social media, etc)

By exhibiting Common Good assets, sharing this information with the community and offering associated outreach activities this may act as a pilot for other Royal Burghs. There are nearly 200 Common Good Funds in Scotland and we think this may be the first such CG exhibition in recent times in Scotland. This led by the people of Peebles will add kudos to the town.

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 exhibition will provide a clear historical narrative of the history of the PCG assets. It will further good working relationships between the Common Good Committee and the residents of Peebles.

The PCT is pleased to have helped in this aim.

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

This is a once-off Exhibition but when put together it can be displayed at various locations around Peebles.

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 (£)
design of posters and A4 leaflets	£500
printing of same	£300
PCT admin fee for this application	£100
contingency for unexpected additional costs	£200
Total Expenditure	£1,100
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£1,100
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	n/a

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
n/a		

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

	Amount	Purpose
n/a		

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

Contact Name:	Myriam Beate
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Director
Home Address:	school brae hub school brae, Peebles
Post Code:	EH45.8AT
Telephone Number:	01721-728448
Email Address:	myriam.baete@peeblescommunity.org
Date:	9 Feb 2024
Signature:	<i>M.B.</i>

Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes

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? 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.

n/a

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? **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 Lynne Cuerden, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 826527

I thought your committee might like a report from us about our activity. About 10 society members participated. over the two dates and I think it went pretty well.

John

Peebles Common Good Committee

Last November, the Common Good Committee gave its approval for Tweeddale Astronomical Society to run some 'sidewalk astronomy' sessions on Tweed Green with the aim of giving passers-by the opportunity to do some stargazing at astronomical objects.

In practice, the weather during December was awful and the proximity to the holidays made holding a viewing session impractical. We did, however, run two sessions with clear skies on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th January with a variety of telescopes and special binoculars. Despite sub-zero temperatures, around 25-30 passers-by had a look at Saturn's rings; Jupiter and its moons and craters on our own Moon. Included in this number were representatives from the local Scouts and U3A who have asked us to speak to their groups when this can be arranged. The reactions from young and old were great – lots of "wow"s and "oh yes, I can see it" – and everyone was grateful to be given the opportunity to see things that they hadn't seen before.

Hopefully, we can try again in a month or so and give more local residents the chance to go stargazing. Weather permitting, our next opportunity will be a day or two either side of February 15th.

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