

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

MINUTE of MEETING of the JEDBURGH  
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE  
held in Council Headquarters, Newtown St  
Boswells on 26 November 2014 at 4.30 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors J. Brown, S. Scott, R. Stewart, Community Councillor Mr. H. Wight.  
 In Attendance:- Legal and Licensing Services Manager, Capital and Investment Manager,  
 Democratic Services Officer (Mrs Fiona Henderson).

Members of the Public:- 0

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**MINUTE**

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 1 October 2014.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**OUTTURN FOR 2013/14, BUDGET SETTING FOR 2014/15 &  
MONITORING REPORT FOR 6 MONTHS TO END OF SEPTEMBER 2014**

2. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer which set out the outturn for 2013/14, variances from the final budget and the effect on revenue and capital reserves at 31 March 2014. It also set out a budget for the year to 31 March 2015 for which approval was sought, together with details of transactions for the 6 months to 30 September 2014 and their projected impact upon reserves at 31 March 2015. The report explained that during 2013/14 the Common Good Fund had total expenditure of £24,417 and income of £30,016 supplemented by £10,271 from the Revaluation Reserves, resulting in an outturn net revenue surplus of £5,870. Appendix 5 brought together key financial data on the revenue performance and balance sheet for 2014/15 while Appendices 6 to 9 provided details on the revenue budget in an extended format, showing grants paid and payable, revenue and capital reserves and property income and expenditure. Projected income from interest and dividends for 2014/15 incorporated the dividend distribution from the Newton Fund made in September and a second distribution in respect of dividends was expected to follow in February 2015, although interest was not added until the end of the year and was therefore dependent on interest rates over the remainder of the year. Taking all of the above into consideration the Common Good Fund projected expenditure was £40,892 and income of £28,202 supplemented by £10,271 from the Revaluation Reserve, resulting in an outturn of a net deficit of £2,419 in 2014/15. The Sub-Committee requested that the financial report be simplified in order to report its contents to other bodies i.e. Community Council. In terms of Appendix 4, the Sub-Committee queried the amount under movements during 2013/14 and the £15,870 detailed under Revenue Reserves – Excess of income over expenditure. The Capital and Investment Manager agreed to check the figures and advise Members.

**DECISION**

**(a) AGREED that the Capital and Investment Manager check the figures in Appendix 4 and report back to Members of the Sub-Committee.**

**(b) APPROVED the budget for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 6.**

**(c) NOTED:-**

- (i) the key outturn figures for 2013/14 shown in Appendix 1 to the report;**

- (ii) the financial performance for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix 2;
- (iii) the Grants Analysis provided in Appendix 3 to the report; and
- (iv) the balances on Revenue and Capital Reserves at 31 March 2014 as shown in Appendix 4 to the report;
- (v) the key figures for 2014/15 shown in Appendix 5;
- (vi) the donations and contributions paid and approved 2014/15 in Appendix 7 of the report;
- (vii) Projected movement in reserves for year to 31 March 2015 in Appendix 8 of the Report; and
- (viii) the Assets, Rent Generated and Property Costs in 2014/15 in Appendix 9 of the Report.

### **URGENT BUSINESS**

3. 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 for Members informed to make an early decision.

### **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

4. There had been circulated copies of an Application for Financial Assistance from the Jedburgh Community Council towards providing Festive Lights in Jedburgh. The application was in the sum of £5,000 towards the costs of installing and dismantling the Festive Lights in Jedburgh. The application explained that two quotes had been sought for the works in relation to the Festive Lighting – one from Scott and Foggan Ltd Electoral Contractors in the sum of £4,500 plus VAT and the other from Kevin W Liddle Electrical Contractor in the sum of £5,150 plus VAT. The Community Council would provide £1,000 towards the costs. There followed discussion with regard to a separate Organisation being established solely to raise funds for providing Christmas lights for the Jedburgh Town Centre along the same lines as Kelso, which would allow them to seek funding from other sources and so relieve the Community Council dependence on the Common good Fund.

### **DECISION**

**AGREED to award a grant of £5,000 to the Jedburgh Community Council in respect of the installation and dismantling of Festive Lighting in Jedburgh.**

### **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 they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act.**

### **SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS**

#### **Minute**

1. The Private Section of the Minute of 1 October 2014 was approved.

#### **Jedburgh Golf Club**

2. The meeting received an update on the outstanding loan to Jedburgh Golf Club.

*The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.*