

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the JEDBURGH
COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE held in
Board Room, Jedburgh Grammar School,
Jedburgh on Wednesday, 12th September,
2018 at 4.30 pm

Present:- Councillors J. Brown, S. Hamilton, S. Scott.
Apologies:- Community Councillor R. Stewart
In Attendance:- Pension and Investment Manager, Solicitor
(Karen Scrymgeour), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public:- 1

1.0 **MINUTE**

- 1.1 There had been circulated copies of Minutes of the Jedburgh Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 6 June 2018.

DECISION

NOTED the Minutes.

2.0 **MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS 30 JUNE 2018**

- 2.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer which provided the income and expenditure for the Jedburgh Common Good Fund for three months to 30 June 2018, a full year projected out-turn 2018/19 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2019. Appendix 1 provided the projected income and expenditure for 2018/19 which showed a projected surplus of £24,154 for the year. Appendix 2 provided projected Balance Sheet value at 31 March 2019 and showed a projected decrease in the reserves of £12,554. Appendix 3 provided a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected depreciation charges and actual property expenditure to 30 June 2018. Appendix 4 detailed the value of the Kames Capital Investment Fund to 30 June 2018. The Capital and Investments Manager advised that Kames Capital Investment was on track to meet the 5% return.

DECISION

- (a) **AGREED the projected income and expenditure for 2018/19 in Appendix 1 to the report.**
- (b) **NOTED:-**
- (i) **the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2019 in Appendix 2 to the report;**
 - (ii) **the summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3 to the report;**
 - (iii) **the current position of the investment in the Kames Capital Investment Fund contained in Appendix 4 to the report;**

3.0 **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

3.1

Jethart Callant's Festival

There had been circulated copies of an application for Financial Assistance from the Jethart Callant's Festival for the grant of £5,000 towards the costs of the 2018. The application, which was submitted on an annual basis, advised that the festival covered a 3 week period of horse rideouts, ceremonial events and public entertainment for all ages – dances, family days, swimming gala, bike run etc. It was acknowledged that the Festival brought the townspeople together and generated considerable income for the town trades while attracting visitors to the town. Following considerable discussion around the lack of fund raising for the event year on year and loss being made on the Ball, it was agreed to grant the Jethart Callant's Festival £4,500. However it was to be stipulated in the letter to the Festival Committee that should they return to the Common Good Fund for funding in the future they should be able to demonstrate that they had used their best endeavours to increase their own fund raising. The Common Good should be considered as a last resort, when funding could not be secured from others sources.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) to award a grant of £4,500 to the Jethart Callant's Festival for 2018.
- (b) that it be stipulated in the letter to the Festival Committee that should they return to the Common Good Fund for funding in the future they should be able to demonstrate that they had used their best endeavours to increase their own fund raising. The Common Good should be considered as a last resort, when funding could not be secured from others sources.

3.2

Jedburgh Horticultural Society

There had been circulated copies of an Application for Financial Assistance from the United Roxburghshire and Jedburgh Horticultural Society towards the cost of creating floral displays throughout the Town in the sum of £3,000, which was match funded by the local business community, Jedburgh Rotary Club, The Jed Eye and various local organisations. The application explained that the Society aimed to promote horticultural excellence and encouraged the growing of fine examples of fruit, vegetables and flowers through friendly competition. The Society nurtured the gardeners of the future by donating small potted plants to the Primary Schools each year, which are grown on by the children and entered into the Annual Show. The Society also raised funds and organised the annual Jedburgh Flower Show which incorporated flowers, vegetables, handicrafts and school exhibits and involved the whole community by encouraging people of all ages to take part. The application went on to advise that since 2015, the Society had organised and maintained 80 hanging baskets and numerous flower tubs in the town centre, which was a great success and they aimed to continue and provide many more baskets on the Ramparts, Fountain and around the Town Hall in coming years.

DECISION

AGREED to award a grant of £3,000 to the United Roxburghshire and Jedburgh Horticultural Society from financial year 2018/2019.

The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.