

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

MINUTE of MEETING of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chamber, Rosetta Road,
Peebles on 28 November 2018 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small, Community Councillor L. Hayworth
Apology:- Councillor K. Chapman
In Attendance:- Chief Financial Officer, Solicitor (E. Moir), Estates Surveyor (A. Graham), Democratic Services Team Leader

Members of the Public:- 3.

1. MINUTE

The Minutes of the Meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 29 August and 25 September 2018 had been circulated.

- 1.1 With reference to paragraph 1.1 of the Minute of 29 August 2018, the Democratic Services Team Leader advised that it was hoped to take a report to Council in the New Year to approve a common form for all Council Grants.
- 1.2 With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of 29 August 2018, the Estates Surveyor presented a map which showed the location of all Common Good land. It was hoped to make this available in electronic form with further detail included.
- 1.3 With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of 29 August 2018, the Chairman advised that he had discussed this with the Neighbourhood Area Manager. The trees concerned had required to be felled as they presented a danger to the public but it had been agreed that the Sub-Committee would be consulted before any such decisions were taken in future.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minutes and noted the information provided.

2. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of 25 September 2018, the Sub-Committee continued their consideration of the application for funding from Peebles CAN. The additional information requested had been circulated and it was noted that the amount of funding now required had reduced to £1,940. Members agreed to approve the funding request.

DECISION

AGREED to approve a grant of £1,940 to Peebles CAN.

3. MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the six months to 30 September 2018 and full year projected out-turn for 2018/19 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2019. Appendix 1 to the report provided a projected Income and Expenditure position which currently showed a projected surplus of £24,636 for the year. Appendix 2 to the report contained a projected Balance Sheet to 31 March 2019 and projected a decrease in the reserves of £12,805. Appendix 3 to the report detailed the breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income for 2018/19 and actual

property expenditure to 30 September 2018. Appendix 4 to the report showed the value of the Kames Capital Investment Fund to 30 September 2018. The Chief Financial Officer outlined the main highlights in the report and in response to a question it was noted that the next revaluation of property was due in 2019/20. The Chairman was pleased to note the performance of the Kames Capital Investment Fund.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) the projected Income and Expenditure for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (b) to note the projected Balance Sheet value as at 31 March 2019, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (c) to note the summary of the property portfolio, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; and
- (d) to note the current position of the investment in the Kames Investment Fund, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

4. HAYLODGE PARK TOILETS

It was reported that a request had been received from Park Run, Peebles asking that the toilets in Haylodge Park be opened on Saturdays over the winter period for use by runners. It was noted that the cleaning charge per opening was £40. However, the toilets were drained down during the winter to prevent frost damage so it was considered that it would not be feasible to carry this out on weekly basis. It was therefore agreed that the request could not be approved.

DECISION

AGREED to refuse the request from Park Run, Peebles to use the Haylodge Toilets.

5. ELLIOT'S PARK GRAZING

The Chairman advised that Mr Hayworth in his role as a member of the Peebles Community Trust wished to put forward a proposition for the future use of Elliot's Park Grazing. It was noted that this area of land was not currently being used. Mr Hayworth advised that the Peebles Community Trust wished to put forward proposals for the land which could include use as allotments, somewhere to grow plants for the town (including the possible involvement of Borders College and the High School) and to construct a small building to serve as a tool library. He was seeking an in principle decision from the Sub-Committee that they would be prepared to consider such proposals. Members agreed that they would be happy to receive proposals.

DECISION

AGREED to consider proposals from Peebles Community Trust for the future use of Elliot's Park Grazing.

The meeting concluded at 5.25 p.m.