

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL LAUDER COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of Special Meeting of the LAUDER
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in The Convener's Room, Council
Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells,
Melrose, TD6 0SA on Wednesday, 14
November 2018 at 1.50 pm

- Present:- Councillors D. Parker and T. Miers
- Apologies:- Councillors K. Drum and Community Councillor A. Smith
- In Attendance:- Pensions & Investments Manager (K. Robb), Principal Solicitor (H. Macleod),
Estates Manager (N. Hastie), Democratic Services Officer (F. Walling).

Note:- In accordance with the Chairman's wishes, which were in consideration of apologies received for the meeting, the need for a quorum and urgency of the item on the agenda, the starting time of this special meeting was brought forward from the original 2.30 pm start time.

WELCOME

The Chairman gave a welcome to the special meeting which had been arranged to consider an application to the Common Good Fund for financial assistance.

1. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM LAUDER COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance submitted on behalf of Lauder Community and Leisure Centre. It was explained that the emphasis at the centre was to promote good health through provision of gym facilities and classes and to provide a relaxed and friendly social gathering place for Lauder and surrounding areas. The sum required was £5,934.70 in total: £1,288 would be used to purchase gym matting tiles for the Gym Floor; £3,000 for air conditioning in the Studio; and £1,646.70 for new energy efficient lighting. The application went on to give details of quotes received for the air-conditioning and installation of lighting. Copies of a Trustees Report and Accounts for the Year Ending 31 May 2017 were provided. The management committee planned to continue to work towards widening access to the centre and increasing involvement in the community. An example was the current discussion with the Lauderdale Men's Shed with a view to siting this new community facility on the Leisure Centre grounds. Members discussed the application and were supportive of the aims of the centre. The Estates Manager explained that officers were in the process of renegotiating a lease of the Council-owned building to the Trust with inclusion of the Men's Shed facility in the discussions. He referred to ongoing issues with the roof of the centre where poor insulation was giving rise to condensation and excessive water running down the walls onto the floor. After further consideration Members agreed to approve the application subject to finalisation of the lease between the Council and the applicant in respect of the subjects. They agreed the grant would be paid in full as soon as possible after the signed lease was returned to the Council.

DECISION

AGREED to grant £5,934,70 to Lauder Community and Leisure Centre for the purchase of gym matting tiles, for air conditioning for the Studio and for new

energy efficient lighting; payment of this grant being subject to the re-negotiated lease in respect of the subjects being signed and returned to the Council.

The meeting concluded at 2.00 pm