

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL – 27 AUGUST 2020

STARRED ITEM FROM COMMITTEE MINUTES

SELKIRK COMMON GOOD FUND – 2 JULY 2020

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MEMBERS

All three elected Members of the Sub-Committee declared an interest in the funding application considered in 3.1 below, in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of Scottish Borders Council of 30 January 2020, it was noted that, as the Sub Committee would otherwise be inquorate, the Members could consider the application but that their decision would be in the form of a recommendation to Council, where the application would be finally determined.

3.1 Selkirk Common Riding Trust

There had been circulated copies of an application on behalf of Selkirk Common Riding Trust for financial assistance towards the cost of a new platform system at the Victoria Hall. In the application it was explained that the platform would accommodate the annual ceremony of “Bussin” the Royal Burgh Flag on Common Riding Morning. The new system would, in the long term, save the Common Riding Trustees a considerable amount of money and serve to perpetuate the Common Riding tradition. In a discussion of the application a question was asked as to where the platform would be stored. After further consideration, Members agreed to recommend that the full amount requested of £2,250 be granted, subject to the arrangements and cost of storage being the responsibility of the Trust.

DECISION

*** AGREED to RECOMMEND to COUNCIL approval of a grant of £2,250 to Selkirk Common Riding Trust, towards the cost of a new platform system at the Victoria Hall subject to the following:-**

- (a) that the arrangements and cost of storage of the platform be the responsibility of the Trust; and**

- (b) the work associated with the construction of the platform be carried out in accordance with current guidelines relating to the Covid-19 restrictions.**