

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

MINUTE of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 10
June 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, S. Haslam, E. Small
and Community Councillor L. Hayworth
Absent:- Councillor K. Chapman
In Attendance:- Treasury Business Partner (S. Halliday), Solicitor (G. Sellar), Estates
Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Officer (F, Henderson)

1. STREET TRADERS USE OF COMMON GOOD LAND

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of 26 May 2021, there had been circulated copies of a briefing note by the Estates Surveyor in respect of requests received from Street Traders to use Peebles Common Good land. The briefing note provided details on the traders, proposed locations, proposed trading days and times and a recommendation on the use of the land as follows:-

- 1.1 The Underdog was a local business serving food and drink from a converted horse trailer and were granted a roaming Street Trading Licence to operate within the Peeblesshire area. The business currently operated from a pitch at the Peebles Thursday Market at the Edinburgh Road Carpark and from other locations around Peebles and were looking to secure a pitch closer to the town centre in order to help in offering experience, support and potentially paid employment to local young people who are very much in need. The business worked in partnership with Tweeddale Youth Action Food Punks opening up many possibilities to work with disadvantaged young people. The locations which they sought were Victoria Park, Haylodge Park, Tweedgreen and Kingsmeadows Car Park.
- 1.2 The Flower of Milk was the producer and seller of artisan ice cream and sorbets and operated from a van or bike and had requested use of Victoria Park, Kingsmeadow Car Park and Tweedgreen Car Park.
- 1.3 Neighbourhood Services had been consulted on the use of the parks and they would not support regular entry into parks with a vehicle and trailer. In terms of the use of car parks, roads had been consulted and requested information on the specific pitch location within the car park prior to approving the use. In terms of charging for the use of car parks, it was SBC standard practice not to charge for the use of adopted roads and car parks by street traders.
- 1.4 Councillor Small was not in favour of allowing the use of car parks for Street Traders.
- 1.5 The Sub-Committee discussed the potential of introducing of a nominal fee of £10 plus vat per day for the use of car parks under the control of the Peebles Common Good by Street Traders. Following considerable discussion it was agreed that a nominal charge be made.

**DECISION
AGREED that:-**

- (a) **permission for the use of parks by street traders be refused;**

- (b) permission for the use of car parks within the ownership of Peebles Common Good by Underdog and Flower of Milk be granted, subject to the following conditions
- Approval of specific pitch locations for SBC Roads
 - Planning approval if using a pitch for more than 28 days in any calendar year
 - Obtaining the necessary Street Trader Licences
- (c) a charge of £10 plus VAT per day be made; and
- (d) the Estates Surveyor draw up the necessary documents of agreement.

2. **TOP UP TAP – TWEEDGREEN**

There had been circulated a request from Scottish Water to install a top up tap on Tweedgreen together with a plan of its location. The tap would enable the public to refill reusable bottles when they're out and about and was seen as a benefit to health and wellbeing as well as saving money and reducing plastic waste and the impact on the wider environment.

**DECISION
AGREED.**

The meeting concluded at 5.15 p.m.