

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

MINUTES of Meeting of the HAWICK
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 29
March 2022 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Councillors G. Turnbull (Chairman), D. Paterson, C. Ramage, N. Richards; Mr J. Campbell (Hawick CC) and Mr W. Fletcher (Burnfoot CC).

Apologies:- Councillors S. Marshall and W. McAteer

In Attendance:- Chief Legal Officer, Pensions and Investments Manager (K. Robb), Estates Strategy Manager (N. Curtis), Property Officer (F. Scott) and Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Turnbull declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the Chamber during the discussion. Councillor Richards assumed the Chair.

1. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - HAWICK EX-SERVICE ASSOCIATION**

There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Hawick Ex-Service Association for £1082.40 to purchase a commemorative bench for a residential care home facility. During discussion, Members noted that the application did not make explicit where the bench was to be located. Members unanimously approved the application for financial assistance.

DECISION

AGREED to award Hawick Ex-Service Association the grant of £1082.40 for the purchase of a commemorative bench.

MEMBER

Councillor Turnbull re-joined the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ramage declared an interest in the following item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the Chamber during the discussion. Councillor Richards assumed the Chair.

2. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - HAWICK COMMON RIDING**

2.1 There had been circulated copies of an application for financial assistance from Hawick Common Riding for £864 for the cost of extra toilets for the common riding weekend. The financial position of Hawick Common Riding was discussed. Members observed that the application did not outline why funding was required from the Hawick Common Good Fund given the available funds that had been outlined in the submitted audited accounts from the applicant. The Pensions and Investments Manager advised that, normally, common good fund sub-committees would review submitted accounts to assess whether the applicant is able to use their own funds, and observed that the applicant had £95,000 of unrestricted funds. Additionally, Hawick Common Riding was in receipt of an annual grant from Scottish Borders Council.

- 2.2 Councillor Richards moved to reject the application which was second by Councillor Paterson.

DECISION

AGREED to reject the application for financial assistance from Hawick Common Riding.

MEMBER

Councillor Ramage re-joined the meeting.

3. **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

DECISION

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

4. **ST LEONARD'S PARK PROJECT**

Members considered the business case from Bright Light Marketing for the St Leonard's Park Project.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm.