

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 27th
June, 2023 at 4.30 pm

- Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chair), M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small and Community Councillor G. Ramsay
- Apologies:- Councillors D. Begg and V. Thomson
- In Attendance:- Acting Chief Corporate Governance Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Democratic Services Officer (L. Cuerden), Malcom Bruce (Peebles Christmas Lights Association)

1. PEEBLES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ASSOCIATION

There had been circulated a funding application from the Peebles Christmas Lights Association. The Association had planned to purchase a replacement Christmas light display to be installed on the exterior wall of the Eastgate Theatre. The Association had recently been awarded £2,000 from the Neighbourhood Support Fund and had a funding shortfall of £5,500. An award of £3,000 was proposed which was agreed.

DECISION

AGREED to award £3,000 to Peebles Christmas Lights Association to part finance the purchase of a replacement lighting display.

2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There had been circulated a funding application from Frances Graham, secretary of Peebles Highland Games that requested £5,000 contribution to the cost of replacing the marquee used to stage the guests and competitors during the event each September. There followed a brief discussion on the possibility of other community groups being afforded the use of the marquee. Concern was expressed at liability if the marquee was to be damaged during or after such events. There was a suggestion that the Peebles Highland Games Committee consider charging other groups for the erection and removal of the marquee which would mitigate any damage by a third party. There was general agreement in principle to the proposal that the full amount be awarded with the proviso that other groups had the opportunity to hire the marquee, subject to adequate insurance cover.

DECISION

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to award £5,000 to Peebles Highland Games for the purchase of a new marquee, on condition that other community groups were able to use it, subject to adequate insurance cover.

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 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

4. **PEEBLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members were informed that the application was to be considered at the meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund on 23 August 2023.

The meeting concluded at 5.05 pm