



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2015
REGENT ROOM, BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J McNeil, Chair
Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor F McAllister
Councillor J Williamson

Council Officials Present:

Ms P Maciver, Senior Accountant
Mrs F Stewart, Clerk

Applicants Present:

Ms J Burr, Clark Choir (Item 4a)
Mr S Fairnie, Maitland Park Residents Association (Item 4b)
Mr R Denholm, Musselburgh Curling Club (4c)
Mr G W Burnet (Item 4f)

Apologies:

Councillor S Currie
Councillor A Forrest

Declarations of Interest:

None

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

a) Meeting of 19 May 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 19 May 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

b) Meeting of 25 August 2015

The minutes of the meeting on 25 August 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

3. FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS IN RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING

The Chair was pleased to note a letter of thanks received from Musselburgh Grammar School thanking the Common Good Committee for funding they received to allow pupils to represent Scotland in the British Schools Gymnastics Finals on 3 May 2015 in Stoke-on-Trent. A photograph of the team taken at the event accompanied the letter.

Councillor McAllister commented that feedback from organisations or individuals in receipt of grant funding should be made a condition of receiving funding and the Finance Officer replied that, in her correspondence with applicants, she requests that they provide evidence of how their funding was spent.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

4a Application for Assistance – Clark Community Choir

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Audrey Bell on behalf of the Clark Community Choir for funding of £6000 to visit the French town of Champigny as part of a cultural exchange/charity concert on 1-4 April 2016. The Choir had received an invitation to attend the event from the Musselburgh/Champigny Twinning Association.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full.

4b Application for Assistance – Maitland Park Residents Association

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Simon Fairnie on behalf of the Maitland Park Residents Association for funding of £4,500 to repair and update the childrens' play area by restoring the boundary wire fencing, levelling and resurfacing the enclosed area and providing play equipment.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to reject this application and to invite the applicant to re-apply when he had received detailed quotations for the work the Association wished to undertake and had evidence of fundraising by its members.

4c Application for Assistance – Musselburgh Curling Club

The Common Good Committee considered an application from Audrey Hendry on behalf of Musselburgh Curling Club for funding of £3,700 to celebrate the club's 200th anniversary and to promote the game of curling in Musselburgh.

Decision

The Common Good Committee agreed to fund the application in part in the sum of £1000 to cover the costs of Come and Try (Item 1 on the Club's Schedule of Costings). This funding would enable 25 pupils from Musselburgh Grammar School to attend a coaching session at Murrayfield Ice Rink and include transportation and lunch costs.

4d Application for Assistance – Loretto RC Primary School

The Common Good Committee considered an application by the Head Teacher of Loretto RC Primary School for funding of £500 to purchase digital cameras for each of the 8 classes and nursery. The original request had been for £1000 but, after submission of the application, the Parents' Council had contributed £500 to the cost.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to fund the application in full.

4e Application for Assistance – St David's High School

The Common Good Committee considered an application from St David's High School for funding of £500 to part fund a pupil to go on an expedition to Southern India for 2 weeks from 11 June 2016. The pupil will do voluntary work in a small community.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to fund the application in full.

4f Application for Assistance – St Michael's Inveresk Church

The Common Good Committee considered an application from St Michael's Inveresk Church for funding of £30,000 to meet part of the cost of roof repairs, repairs to down pipes and gutters, stained glass windows and repointing of the east and west sides of the building.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to recommend a grant of £30,000.

Note: in accordance with the Common Good Committees Scheme of Administration, proposed expenditure in excess of £10,000 must be determined by East Lothian Council and that this application will therefore be submitted to the meeting of the Council on 27 October 2015.

4g Application for Assistance – [REDACTED]

The Common Good Committee considered an application from [REDACTED], for funding of £1125 to compete in the Karate World Championships in Jakarta in November 2015.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to fund the application in full.

URGENT BUSINESS

The Finance Officer advised that the property at [REDACTED], Musselburgh ([REDACTED]) required a structural survey and the estimated cost of this was £300. As this property was a Common Good tenancy lease, the cost of this survey was the responsibility of the Common Good Committee.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed that the Council could use delegated powers to approve the structural survey and the Common Good Committee would fund the survey in full.

Signed

Councillor J McNeil
Convener of Musselburgh Common Good Committee