



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

**WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER, 2PM  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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### **Committee Members Present:**

Councillor Bennett (Chair for 1a)  
Councillor Cassini  
Councillor Forrest (Chair for items 1b & 1c)  
Councillor McIntosh

### **Council Officials Present:**

Ms M Scott, Committee Clerk  
Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor

### **Apologies:**

### **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Forrest declared an interest in item 1a (Musselburgh Community Council). This item was heard last, and Councillor Forrest left the meeting before discussions began.

### **1a. Application for Consideration**

#### **Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council**

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council for £64,407.13 for new lights placed beside the Rennie and Roman bridges in Musselburgh.

Members discussed the application highlighting the high cost and the fact previous lights were damaged, partly from vandalism. One Member abstained from the vote and others felt the decision should be reached by full Council on 29 October.

### **Decision**

The Committee recommended the application should be heard by full Council on 29 October for a decision.

### **1b. Application for Consideration**

#### **Fostering Compassion**

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Fostering Compassion for £9500 to assist with the ongoing delivery of all services to children referred from the Musselburgh area.

Members discussed the application and praised the service for its work. Members felt as sessions were mixed with children from the Musselburgh and other areas within East Lothian that the overall cost of the service would be paid for by Musselburgh Common Good but would be benefitting other towns and this went against the proposed use of the Common Good funds. Members unanimously decided to award a partial grant of £4500 to Fostering Compassion as Musselburgh had a large geographical area and would likely have a larger number of children attending the service.

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to partially grant £4500 to Fostering Compassion.

**1c. Application for Consideration**

**The Teapot Trust**

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by The Teapot Trust for £4970 to provide art therapy to 12 children and young people in Musselburgh.

Members discussed the application and felt more information was required from the applicant before a decision could be reached. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the applicant for the requested information and a new date would be set to make a decision.

**Decision**

No decision was reached.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor Andrew Forrest  
Chair of the Musselburgh Common Good Committee