



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MUSSELBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY 17 JULY 2025, 10AM
VIA TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Bennett
Councillor Forrest - Chair
Councillor McIntosh

Council Officials Present:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Cassini

Declarations of Interest:

N/A

1. Minute of Musselburgh Common Good Committee 25 June 2025 for approval

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. Applications for consideration:

Musselburgh Community Pantry

The Musselburgh Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by the Musselburgh Community Pantry for £6618.09 to purchase equipment to set up the pantry in a second base. Members discussed the application and were pleased with cleaned up accounts provided from the applicant but as they were aware the applicant could source tables and chairs from the Brunton Theatre they decided to deduct the amount for these from the application. Therefore Members unanimously decided to partially grant the application and grant £5890.09.

Decision

Members unanimously partially granted £5890.09.

Signed: _____

Councillor Andrew Forrest
Chair of the Musselburgh Common Good Committee

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

**TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 2PM
VIA DIGITAL MEETINGS SYSTEM**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor S Akhtar
Councillor G McGuire
Councillor J McMillan (Chair)

Council Officials Present:

Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor
Ms H Barnett, Head of Corporate Support
Ms M Scott, Clerk

Apologies:

Declarations of Interest:

None

1a. Applications for Consideration

Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project

The Common Good Committee considered an application by the Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project for £216 to purchase six hooded sweatshirts with the BCMP logo for volunteers.

Members discussed the application and praised the work the Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project does for youths in the area. Members unanimously agreed to grant the application in full.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application in full, with the sum of £216.

Signed

Councillor John McMillan
Chair of the Haddington Common Good Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DUNBAR COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2025, 2PM
VIA MS TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor D Collins
Councillor N Hampshire (Chair)
Councillor L Jardine

Council Officials Present:

Mr I Forrest, Senior Solicitor
Mrs M Scott, Clerk

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

1A APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION

The Ridge SCIO

The Common Good Committee considered an application by The Ridge SCIO for £3250 towards the final phase of the Empire Close mosaic project.

Members discussed the application, the work of The Ridge and the benefits it brings to the community. All Members were happy to support the application in full and therefore it was a unanimous decision to award the full £3250.

Decision

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

Signed

Councillor Norman Hampshire
Chair of the Dunbar Common Good Committee

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
NORTH BERWICK COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025, 10AM
VIA TEAMS**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Findlay
Councillor McFarlane

Council Officials Present:

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

Apologies:

Declarations of Interest:

N/A

1. Applications for Consideration:

a) Fringe by the Sea

The North Berwick Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by Fringe by the Sea for £8896.50 towards trackmatting to protect the grass within the Lodge Grounds.

Members discussed the application and noted their support for Fringe by the Sea. However, as the Committee are custodians of the North Berwick Common Good budget they have to bare levels in mind when considering applications and they felt unable to fully grant the application.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to partially fund the application (£4000).

b) North Berwick Rotary Club

The North Berwick Common Good Committee considered an application submitted by North Berwick Rotary Club for £2500 subsidise membership costs with the organisations listed in the application.

Members discussed the application and felt unable to reach a decision based on the information provided.

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting of the North Berwick Common Good Committee. The applicant has been asked to provide a statement detailing the exact use of the Common Good funds.

Signed: _____

Councillor J Findlay
Chair of the North Berwick Common Good Committee

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COMMITTEE:	Common Good Committee
MEETING DATE:	4 September 2025
BY:	Executive Director for Council Resources
REPORT TITLE:	Common Good Budget Update
REPORT STATUS:	Public

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on the grants and repairs/maintenance budget positions for each of the Common Good areas.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the current position in relation to the grants budget and repairs/maintenance budget for each of the Common Good areas; and
- 2.2 Take account of fund balances when considering applications for grant funding.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 2025/26 Common Good budgets were set by Council in April 2025, with the budgets for grants and repairs/maintenance as follows:
- Dunbar: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £5,000
 - Haddington: Grants - £10,000; Repairs/maintenance - £12,000
 - Musselburgh: Grants - £112,000; Repairs/maintenance - £70,000
 - North Berwick: Grants - £10,000; Repairs/maintenance - £10,000
- 3.2 As of the date of this report, the balances for each fund are as follows:

- Dunbar: Grants - £3,250; Repairs/maintenance - £6,869
- Haddington: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £0
- Musselburgh: Grants - £40,890; Repairs/maintenance - £15,877
- North Berwick: Grants - £4,000; Repairs/maintenance - £110

3.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the Committee has the authority to award a grant of up to £50,000, provided there are sufficient funds within the budget for that area. Should funding in excess of £50,000 be recommended, then the Committee will put forward a recommendation to the Head of Communities, who, in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer, will prepare a report to Council, and that it will be for the Council to determine the allocation of funding, and any required variation of the approved budget.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance: None

5.2 Human Resources: None

5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): None

5.4 Risk: None

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 ***Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.***

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on: equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.

X

or

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

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Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	
Storage/collection of personal data	
Other	

[Enter information on impacts that have been identified]

The Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this report has been published and can be accessed via the Council's website:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments

7 APPENDICES

7.1 None.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders: Scheme of Administration
- 8.2 Report to East Lothian Council, 29 April 2025: Common Good Budget 2025/26

9 AUTHOR AND APPROVAL DETAILS

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Head of Service Approval

Name	
Designation	
Confirmation that IIA and other relevant checks (e.g. finance/legal) have been completed	
Approval Date	

Common Good Grant Awards
April 25 to August 25

Applicant	Common Good	Amount
The Ridge	DCG	£3,250.00
Nungate Gala	HCG	£4,000.00
Honest Toun Association	MCG	£15,000.00
Musselburgh Congregational Church	MCG	£20,000.00
Musselburgh Community Pantry	MCG	£5,890.09
Fringe by the Sea	NBCG	£4,000.00
Total		£52,140.09

Dunbar Common good	DCG	£3,250.00
Haddington Common Good	HCG	£4,000.00
Musselburgh Common Good	MCG	£40,890.09
North Berwick Common good	NBCG	£4,000.00
Total		£52,140.09

Common Good Committee
Summary of Applications for Meeting of 4 September 2025

Common Good area	Musselburgh
Name of applicant	The Pantry
Description of project	Opening of second base within Newbigging
Amount of funding sought	£1051.66
Date funding required	As soon as possible
Grounds for competency	Meets the requirement of wider community benefit
Community Council view	The CC could not provide a view on this application

Common Good area	
Name of applicant	
Description of project	
Amount of funding sought	
Date funding required	
Grounds for competency	
Community Council view	

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