



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2025, 2PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON
AND VIA HYBRID MEETING FACILITY**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor Allan (remote)
Councillor Bennett (remote)
Councillor Cassini (remote)
Councillor Collins (remote)
Councillor Forrest
Councillor Hampshire
Councillor McFarlane
Councillor McGuire (remote)
Councillor McMillan – Convener

Council Officials Present:

Mr I Forrest, Solicitor
Matthew Conlon, Interim Principal Accountant
Carlo Grilli, Service Manager - Governance
Simon Davie, Service Manager – Connected Communities
Mrs M Scott, Clerk

Apologies:

Councillor Akhtar
Councillor Jardine
Councillor McIntosh
Councillor Trotter

Declarations of Interest:

N/A

The Convener advised that the meeting was being held as a hybrid meeting, as provided for in legislation; that the meeting would be recorded and live streamed; and that it would be made available via the Council's website as a webcast, in order to allow public access to the democratic process in East Lothian. He noted that the Council was the data controller under the Data Protection Act 2018; that data collected as part of the recording would be retained in accordance with the Council's policy on record retention; and that the webcast of the meeting would be publicly available for five years from the date of the meeting.

The clerk recorded the attendance of Members by roll call.

1 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of the Musselburgh Common Good Committee on 17 July 2025, Haddington Common Good Committee on 28 November 2024, Dunbar Common Good Committee on 5 June 2025 and North Berwick Common Good Committee on 19 June 2025 were approved.

2 FINANCE REPORT – COMMON GOOD BUDGET UPDATE

Mr Matthew Conlon, Interim Principal Accountant presented his report to Committee and highlighted the remaining grants budgets for each Common Good area; Dunbar - £750, Haddington - £6000, Musselburgh - £71,110 and North Berwick - £6000.

Following a question from Councillor Forrest, Mr Conlon confirmed if more money was required for repairs and maintenance it would need to come back to Committee for approval and further discussion regarding merits.

3 SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

A summary of Common Good applications was provided to Committee.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Committee agreed to exclude the public from the following business containing exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Application from The Pantry

An application was submitted by The Pantry for £1051.66. The Committee unanimously agreed to continue this item.

https://eastlothian.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1009776

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4 APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Pantry

The Pantry submitted an application seeking £1051.66 to support the setting up of their second location in Newbigging.

The Common Good Committee discussed the application.

Decision

The Common Good Committee unanimously agreed to continue the item. A request was made for the application to be heard again as soon as possible.

Signed

Councillor John McMillan
Chair of the Common Good Committee