

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft teams on Wednesday,
31st July, 2024 at 2.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small
and V. Thomson
Apologies:- Estates Surveyor (T. Hill) and R. Wellander
In Attendance:- Principal Solicitor, Statutory Reporting and Treasury Business Partner (K.
Roberston), G. Thomson, Democratic Services Officer (L. Cuerden) and
Trainee Democratic Services Officer.

1. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Chair advised of an additional item of business to be discussed under Item 7.

2. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meetings held on 22 May and 17 June 2024.

DECISION

AGREED the Minutes.

3. **PEEBLES COMMON GOOD EXHIBITION**

3.1 There had been circulated copies of the draft content for inclusion in the Peebles Common Good Exhibition; a draft brochure, draft asset catalogues and draft content for exhibition panels. The exhibition in the Burgh Hall was to be opened on 31 August with a press preview and run for 2-3 weeks, moving to the Eastgate Theatre thereafter. The exhibition materials were to be used at an event in October/November with Andy Wightman.

3.2 Members examined the draft Common Good leaflet and the draft content for the five panels. Several amendments were requested and the Chair agreed to compile a list to send to Mr Wellander. Principal Solicitor Gillian Sellar agreed to liaise directly with Mr Wellander once the draft content had been checked for accuracy, with a deadline of 9 August to allow time for printing. Members were impressed with the materials produced so far.

DECISION

AGREED to

(a) The Chair to compile a list of amendments to send to Mr Wellander; and

(b) Principal Solicitor to examine draft content for accuracy and liaise with Mr Wellander to address amendments by 9 August 2024.

4. **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.**

The Chair reported a communication from Stuart Family Funfair, requesting permission from Members for the funfair to occupy Victoria Park again in September 2024. Members were in agreement subject to the operating hours being similar to the previous event and that additional security be provided. There was also to be a wet weather contingency plan submitted with all applications going forward. The ongoing SBC review of Common Good charges across the region was highlighted.

DECISION

AGREED to the use of Victoria Park by Stuarts Family Funfair subject to similar previous operating hours, additional security and a wet weather contingency plan being provided.

5. **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 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

6. **PRIVATE MINUTE**

Members considered the Private Minute of the meeting held on 22 May 2024.

The meeting concluded at 2.35 pm