

**General Purposes Committee
Tuesday 19 May 2015
Item No 4**

MINUTES of MEETING of the MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 2.00pm.

Present:- Councillors Coventry (Chair), Bryant, Imrie, Johnstone, Milligan, Muirhead, Pottinger, Rosie, Wallace, de Vink and Young.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Baxter, Beattie, Bennett, Montgomery, Russell and Thompson.

1 Order of Business

The Committee noted that the proposed item about the Overprovision Policy relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation had been withdrawn.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 24 February 2015 were approved as a correct record, on the motion of Councillor Rosie, seconded by Councillor Muirhead.

4 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Procedure for Disposing of Applications for Licences

There was submitted report, dated 19 March 2015, by the Director, Resources, concerning the procedure for disposing of applications for licences, in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Decision

To note the report.

5 Dalkeith Common Good Fund – Requests for Financial Assistance

There was submitted report, dated 24 March 2014, by the Director, Resources, requests for disbursements from the Dalkeith Common Good Fund from (a) Mrs Janet Findlay 19 Cowden Terrace Dalkeith, on behalf of the Organisers of the Woodburn Fun Day, for financial assistance in the amount of £600 for the hire of two inflatables on 26 July 2015; and (b) Ms Nicola Inglis, c/o 26 Sandyriggs Gardens, Dalkeith, on behalf of St Bernard's Boys Club for financial assistance towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator for Ironmills Park, in the amount of £1,268.

In his report, the Director confirmed that disbursements from the Common Good Fund had to be unequivocally for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former burghal area of Dalkeith.

Appended to the report were outline potential conditions that could be applied.

Decision

- (a) To approve the award of the disbursements, subject to appropriate conditions; and
- (b) To remit to the Director, Resources, in consultation with the Chair, to determine the conditions to be attached to the release of the funds and the extent of the contribution to the latter.

3 Exclusion of Members of the Public

In view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the Committee agreed that the public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the undernoted items, as contained in the Addendum hereto, as there might be disclosed exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, 12 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Decision

Private Hire Car Driver's Licence – Application – to grant the licence, subject to a warning to the applicant about his future conduct.

The Meeting terminated at 2.20pm.

