



Appointments of Members in Accordance with the Scheme of Administration - Newbyres Community Trust (SC052650)

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Report for Decision

1 Recommendations

The Council is invited to consider the appointment of an elected member to the Newbyres Community Trust, following the resignation of Councillor Ellen Scott.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

In accordance with Standing Order 14, consideration requires to be given by Council to the appointments of representatives to Joint Committees, Outside Bodies and other partnership working where there is a vacancy.

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3 Background/Main Body of Report

3.1 On 2 August 2023, Midlothian Council received a written request from the Chair of Newbyres Community Trust (SC052650) requesting the Council nominate a local Councillor from the Gorebridge area to represent the Council on the Board of Trustees.

3.2 As per their Constitution (Appendix B), the purpose of Newbyres Community Trust is:

- The advancement of public participation in sport. To benefit and serve the Gorebridge and district communities by identifying and improving sporting, recreational, environmental, health and emotional opportunities as well as infrastructure, for children, young people, adults and families. Working with voluntary and statutory professionals, local businesses and funders, to improve outcomes for the community by providing improved sporting facilities. The area within which the organisation shall operate shall be Gorebridge and district communities.
- The provision and organisation of local recreational and sporting facilities with the object of improving the opportunities for the community to pursue and take part in these activities.
- To help and promote participation in sport to some protected groups, e.g. age, disability etc by offering opportunities for walking football and any other assistance to ensure inclusion.
- The advancement of health. To relieve and support people to pursue a better quality of life by promoting access to positive physical and mental health. Working with community groups and local health organisations to offer information and support on healthy eating and advocating and promoting sport as a means to improve mood, decrease anxiety and depression leading to a more balanced lifestyle and better mental health.

3.3 At its meeting of 29 August 2023, Council nominated Councillor Ellen Scott to represent the Council on the Board of Trustees.

3.4 Councillor Ellen Scott has submitted their resignation on 26 November 2024, therefore Council is recommended to nominate an elected member to represent the Council to replace Councillor Ellen Scott.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

None

4.2 Digital

None

4.3 Risk

Any delay in making the necessary appointments could impede the discharge of business affecting both these bodies and the Council.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)

No IIA required

4.4 Additional Report Implications (See Appendix A)

See Appendix A

Appendices

Appendix A – Additional Report Implications

Appendix B – Newbyres Community Trust Constitution

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- Hub and Spoke
- Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement
- One size fits one
- None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- One Council Working with you, for you
- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious
- None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

No implications

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

No implications

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable