

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CHAMBERS INSTITUTION TRUST

MINUTES of Meeting of the CHAMBERS
INSTITUTION TRUST held in Council
Chamber, Rosetta Road, Peebles on
Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 at 4.00
pm

Present:- Councillors S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small, R. Tatler
Apologies:- Councillors H. Anderson
In Attendance:- Solicitor (C. Kubala), Capital and Investments Manager, Estates Surveyor (A. Graham), Democratic Services Officer (P. Bolson).

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that Councillor Chapman be appointed as Chairman and this was unanimously approved.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Chapman be appointed as Chairman.

2. **CHAMBERS INSTITUTION BUILDING - FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Steven Renwick, Project Manager and representatives from Page Park Architects who gave a presentation on the proposals for the building which outlined 3 options either within the existing fabric or with extensions. Members rejected Option 1 which was contained within the existing fabric. Option 2 included a 4 storey building extension with more office space; public space (museum, gallery and library) with Option 3 being very similar to Option 2 but also including access to and from the High Street. Members agreed that modern interiors could work well with historical aspects of building and create better access for all users. It was anticipated that costs would be in the region of £3.5m - £4m. However, it was not clear if the Burgh Hall was included and costed in to this figure. The Capital and Investments Manager advised that the property currently provided an income of £50k per annum to the Trust and there was currently £250k held in account. The Project Manager advised that while the capital costs had been investigated there was no information on future revenue costs.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) that Options 2 and 3 be used as the basis for public consultation; and
- (b) that at the next meeting appropriate officers advise on how budget for the required works might be provided.

The meeting concluded at 4.45 pm