

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTE of MEETING of the HAWICK COMMON GOOD
FUND SUB-COMMITTEE held in the Lesser Hall, Hawick
on 20 May 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

Present:- Councillors G. Turnbull (Chairman) A. Cranston, S. Marshall, R. Smith; Community
Councillors Mrs A. Knight (Burnfoot Community Council).

Apologies:- Councillor D. Patterson.

In Attendance:- Senior Financial Analyst (A. Mitchell), Solicitor with Legal Services (R. Kirk) Property
Officer (F. Scott), Estates Surveyor (J. Morison), Democratic Services Officer (J.
Turnbull).

MINUTE

1. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 18 March 2014.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE

Whitlaw Wood House

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of 18 March 2014, it was reported that the Estates Officer had received a request for vehicular access over the road belonging to the Common Good.

DECISION

TO request that the Estates Surveyor report back to the next meeting regarding vehicular access over the road at Whitlaw Wood House.

Hawick Moor

3. With reference to paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of the Minute of 18 March 2014, the Property Officer reported that the road resurfacing works had been completed. The horse friendly gate had also been installed. The refresh of the railings had commenced but had not been completed.
4. The Property Officer circulated a photograph showing damage to a container at Hawick Moor. He reported that insurance would cover £250.00 for a new container and £400.00 towards cleaning cost; the contents of the container were not covered by insurance.

DECISION

NOTED.

Pilmuir Farm

5. The Property Officer reported that he had obtained a second estimate of £7,000 for the repairs to the silage pit walls. However, it was now too late this year to commence the works. It had been suggested that the steel beams also required replacement, a photograph was circulated at the meeting for Members' information. The Property Officer had requested test holes to the beams and

would report back once he had received the results. The approximate cost would be in the region of £25k.

6. The Committee highlighted that this was an example of funds being used to maintain assets to ensure that income was received for Common Good funds; a recent press article had been an inaccurate representation of facts. The Chairman added that he would be responding to the article in the press regarding passing the rights of the Common Good to Hawick residents.

DECISION

TO request that the outcome of the test holes to the steel beams be reported back to the next meeting of the Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

St Leonard's Farm

7. The Property Officer reported that a further inspection had been carried out, the fence had been completed and he had been impressed with the improvement.

DECISION

NOTED.

VIV SHARP MEMORIAL

8. The Committee discussed a letter received from Mr Wear requesting permission for a memorial to Mr Viv Sharp to be located on Common Good land. The Committee considered the proposal and supported in principle a memorial for Mr Sharp. However, they considered that a bench with a suitable plaque, placed in a location where Mr Sharp was known to have frequented – such as the corner of the park at The Moat or at the Auld Man's seat would be more appropriate. The Sub-Committee stated that they would assist Mr Wear with sourcing funding for the memorial if required and would work with him to find a suitable memorial and site which would mark the high regard Hawick had and has for Mr Viv Sharp.

DECISION

TO request that the Clerk inform Mr Wear of the Sub-Committee's decision.

PRIVATE BUSINESS

DECISION

9. **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 of the Act.**

SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUSINESS

MINUTE

10. Members approved the private section of the Minute of 18 March 2014.

The meeting concluded at 4.20 pm.