



**KELSO COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2023**

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**Please find attached an Urgent Item of Business for the agenda of the above meeting**

8.	<b>Pinnaclehill Woodland</b> (Pages 3 - 4) Consider briefing note from SBC Tree Officer. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
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## BRIEFING NOTE ON WORK REQUIRED AT PINNACLEHILL WOODLAND

Briefing note by Tree Officer

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### KELSO COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

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#### 1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 With reference to paragraph 1.2 of the Minute of the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee of 31 January 2023, Ballantyne Tree Services (on the BSC Works framework) had now quoted for the following works at a cost of £600 + VAT:

(a) From the access next to Pinnaclehill Lodge, the trees on the mount are a mixture of semi-mature Douglas Fir, young Cherry, semi-mature Spruce and Sycamore. In the past, approximately 10 years ago, height was taken off a Fir.

**Recommend:** this time severing a 1m strip of ivy on the trees main stem, in particular those at the rear of 22/23 Pinnaclehill Park, when it dies back, reduce weight and sail affect within the trees crown.

(b) The trees in the Linn (burn running to the river) are a mixture of mature Beech and Sycamore. There is the odd dead Elm and stumps were noted on the opposite bank which was not work of which I was previously aware.

**Recommend:** sever ivy clearing 1m strip on mature trees adjacent the burn.

(c) Rear of 23 Pinnaclehill and top of steps, to the left just before the steps going down is a group of Hazel, four Sycamore and a Laurel. In the past these have been laterally reduced over the fence line.

**Recommend:** Coppice hazel group, laterally reduce by 2m the Sycamore and Laurel.

(d) The bank behind 22 to 32 Pinnaclehill is particularly steep, and there are a number of 22m+ Beech, Lime and Sycamore. Storm Arwen caused the loss of a number of trees, most noticeable being a Beech which did have *Kreztshumaria deusta* which affected the structural length of the main stem. The trees remain where they fell across the banking.

**Recommend:** ivy severance take place on all large trees, including those at the top of the bank. Also here, Maple and Lime may be pruned back and crown lifted 5 over the fenceline.

- (e) The riverside footway between the two benches has a number of low growing Sycamore and Elm.

**Recommend:** crown raise to 4m over the footway.

- (f) At the bottom of the second set of steps a mature Sycamore is leaning towards the river.

**Recommend:** severing ivy to reduce weight.

- (g) Rear of 52 Pinnaclehill Park, the Horse Chesnut was pruned over 10 years ago now. That, along with Holly and Sycamore may be pruned back to clear fenceline.

**Recommend:** Lateral crown reduction to fenceline at 5m.

- 1.2 I recommend that Ballantynes are engaged to carry out the above work at a cost of £600 + VAT.

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#### **Background Papers:**

**Previous Minute Reference:** Kelso CGF Sub-Committee, 31 January 2023