

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL DUNS COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the DUNS
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 15
December 2021 at 12.00 pm

Present:- Councillors J. Greenwell (Chairman), D. Moffat and M. Rowley

In Attendance:- Principal Solicitor, Democratic Services Team Leader, Democratic Services
Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

1. **MINUTE.**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 2 September 2021.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

2. **CONSULTATION ON HERITABLE AND MOVEABLE ASSET REGISTERS**

2.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Principal Solicitor seeking approval of the draft Common Good Registers for the former Burgh of Duns and to advise on the next steps in the process for consultation and publication under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Following such approval, the list would be published on Citizen Space, together with a consultation survey. The intention was to publish the consultation survey before the end of December 2021. In addition to the electronic survey, the proposed lists of Common Good assets were to be published on the Council's website and paper copies were to be made available, free of charge, on request. Notification advising of the publication of the lists and the consultation period were to be made on the Council's website and social media. The Council was to make all of the Community Councils and other community bodies aware of the publication of the proposed Common Good Asset lists and invite those community bodies and the public to make representations in respect of these lists. The statutory minimum period for consultation was twelve weeks. However, it was suggested to extend this period until the start of April 2022. After the consultation period, the Council was to publish all representations received. The Common Good Fund Sub-Committee would then reconvene to consider any representations made, and to agree the finalised Asset Register. The finalised Asset Register would then be published within six months from the end of the consultation period. It was possible that following this process, further assets may be identified as being Common Good, and where that was the case, the Council would update the Common Good Asset Registers. The Registers would similarly be updated if existing property was disposed of or reclassified. The Council would also ensure that the Common Good Asset Registers were reviewed on a regular basis, and at least every five years.

2.2 The Principal Solicitor advised that Duns Common Good had one item of land on the register. This was the showground public car park. There were no moveable assets however the community may wish to comment on whether items that should be considered Common Good were in any museum. Members agreed that the Dunse Historical Society, the Jim Clark Memorial Group and the Community Council be encouraged to participate.

DECISION
AGREED to:

- (a) Approve the contents of the draft list of heritable and moveable property assets held by the Council within the former Burgh of Duns;**
- (b) Approve the publishing of the draft list to be made available for public consultation for a period of at least twelve weeks; and**
- (c) Note that following the period of consultation all comments will be brought to the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee for their consideration.**

The meeting concluded at 12.05 pm.