

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the JEDBURGH
COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE held in
Via Microsoft Microsoft Teams on
Wednesday, 8th December, 2021 at 1.00 pm

Present: - J. Brown (Chairman), S. Hamilton, S. Scott.

Apologies:- Community Councillor J. Taylor.

In Attendance: - Pensions and Investments Manager, Principal Solicitor (Hannah MacLeod), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public: - 0

1.0 HERITABLE AND MOVEABLE ASSETS

1.1 With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of 17 November 2021, there had been circulated copies of a report by the Principal Solicitor which sought approval of the draft Common Good Registers for the former Burgh of Jedburgh and to advise of the next steps in the process for consultation and publication under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The report explained that Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 the Council was required to establish and maintain a register of property which was held by the authority as part of the Common Good ("a Common Good Register"). Before establishing a Common Good Register, the Act required the Council to publish a list of property that it proposed to include in the Register and consult the public on this list. The Council approved the process for compliance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 on 31 January 2019, and work had been ongoing in consolidating all information held in respect of heritable and moveable Common Good assets. From the work carried out, a draft list of assets considered to be a complete list of heritable and moveable assets held by the Jedburgh Common Good had been prepared, and was contained in appended to the report. Following approval, the list would be published on Citizen Space, together with a consultation survey. The survey would seek representations on (i) whether a proposed asset should be included as part of the Common Good; or (ii) whether there should be other assets included in the Common Good asset list. It was proposed to publish the consultation survey before the end of December 2021. In addition to the electronic survey, the proposed lists of Common Good assets would be published on the Council's website and paper copies would be made available, free of charge, on request. All Community Councils and other community bodies would be made aware of the publication of the proposed Common Good Asset lists and invited to make representations in respect of these lists.

1.2 The Chairman raised the matter of an area of ground on Oxnam Road, which he understood to be in the ownership of the Common Good but was not listed on the asset register and the Principal Solicitor agreed to investigate the matter

DECISION

(a) **APPROVED the:-**

(i) **contents of the draft list of heritable and moveable property assets held by the Council within the former Burgh of Jedburgh;**

- (ii) publishing of the draft list to be made available for public consultation for a period of at least twelve weeks;
- (b) NOTED that following the period of consultation all comments would be brought to the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee for their consideration.

The meeting concluded at 1.20 pm