

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

KELSO COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the KELSO
COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE held in
Via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 8th
December, 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: - T. Weatherston (Chairman), S. Mountford, E. Robson.

Apologies:- Community Councillor G. Horsburgh.

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

Members of the Public: - 0

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Kelso Over 60s Club

- 1.1 There had been circulated copies of an application for Financial Assistance from Kelso Over 60s Club requesting £400 towards the Over 60's Annual Christmas Lunch. The application explained that the main aim of the Club was to keep Members active by organising events and trips to allow them to feel involved in the community and not isolated. Everyone over the age of 60 in the Kelso area was welcome to join and prior to COVID, the Club held regular events with the highlight of the year being the annual Christmas lunch held in Ednam House Hotel. Members paid an annual subscription and a small amount towards the Christmas Lunch. It was acknowledged that there was a hard working Committee running the club and the Annual Christmas lunch was of significant value to those who may be socially isolated and look forward to this event every year.

DECISION

AGREED to support the application for financial assistance for Kelso Over 60s Club in the sum of £400 towards the costs of the Annual Christmas Dinner in 2021.

2.0 HERITABLE AND MOVEABLE ASSETS

- 2.1 With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 16 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 Kelso 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 Kelso 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.

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 Kelso;**
- (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 2.15 pm