

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the CHAMBERS
INSTITUTION TRUST held in Via Microsoft
Teams on Wednesday, 14th September,
2022 at 4.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chair), M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small

Apologies:- Councillors D. Begg, V. Thomson

In Attendance:- Chief Legal Officer, Capital and Investments Manager, Estates Strategy
Manager, Estates Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Team Leader

1. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 3 August 2022.

DECISION

APPROVED for signature by the Chairman.

2. **BENEFICIARIES GROUP FEEDBACK**

The Chairman reported on the most recent meeting of the Group held the previous evening and shared a copy of the Actions that the Group wished to be taken forward, a copy of which is appended to this Minute. As Live Borders managed the property the Chairman agreed to write to the Chief Executive, Ewan Jackson to raise the requests for work to be carried out. It was noted that the Director Resilient Communities should also be copied in as she had oversight of Live Borders. The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the Acting Chief Executive regarding support for the Group who would hopefully be able to identify some resource.

DECISION

AGREED to support the actions contained in Appendix I to this Minute.

3. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Estates Strategy Manager advised that Listed Building Consent had now been approved for the works to the ceiling although some conditions had been attached which needed to be resolved e.g. the colour scheme. He was currently discussing with his manager who would be responsible for project managing the works. In response to a question by the Chairman on how quickly the works needed to be carried out, Mr Curtis advised that there were timescales attached to the grant funding and there was also the issue of build price inflation.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

4. **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

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 II to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

5. **MINUTE**

The private section of the Minute of the meeting held on 3 August 2022 was approved.

6. **LEASE UPDATE**

The Chief Legal Officer gave Members an update on the lease of 25 High Street.

The meeting concluded at 4.25 pm