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INNERLEITHEN COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 2023

A MEETING of the INNERLEITHEN COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held via MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 8 MARCH 2023 at 3.00 pm

All Attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days .

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

26 February 2023

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 3 - 6) Minute of Meetings held on 24 August 2022 and 15 September 2022 for noting. (Copies attached).	
5.	Cycle Storage at Innerleithen Memorial Hall (Pages 7 - 8) Discussion on the installation of cycle storage Veloboxes at Innerleithen Memorial Hall. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
6.	Memorial Garden Request an update report from Ross McGinn, Community Trust.	5 mins
7.	Memorial Hall: Development of Play Park site Suggestions for development of the green space behind the Memorial Hall.	10 mins
8.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 1 June 2023 at 3pm.	

9.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
10.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	

NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors M. Douglas, J. Pirone and R. Tatler

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the INNERLEITHEN
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday,
24th August, 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present:- Councillors M. Douglas, J. Pirone and R. Tatler.
Also Present:- R. McGinn (Memorial Hall User Group)
In Attendance:- Treasury Business Partner (S. Wilson), Solicitor (G. Sellar), Estates Surveyor
(T. Hill), Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall).

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Tatler, seconded by Councillor Pirone proposed that Councillor Douglas be appointed as Chairman of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee. There being no other nominations, Councillor Douglas was appointed as Chairman and took the Chair.

DECISION

AGREED that Councillor Douglas be appointed as the Chairman of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee.

2. **MINUTE**

The Minute of Meeting of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 15 December 2021 had been circulated.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

3. **MONITORING REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2022 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23**

There had been circulated copies of a report by Director, Finance and Corporate Governance which provided details of the assets held by the Innerleithen Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2022, a full year revenue out-turn for 2021/22 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2023. Appendix 1 to the report provided the actual Income and Expenditure account for the year to 31 March 2022. Appendix 2 to the report provided an actual balance sheet value as at 31 March 2022. It showed a decrease in the reserves of £31,230 which was due to the annual release from the Revaluation Reserve. In response to a question regarding arts and artefacts uncovered as a result of the consultation on Common Good assets, Ms Wilson confirmed that the Principal Solicitor had headed up that exercise and that a report outlining the result of the consultation would be brought to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) **to note the actual income and expenditure for 2021/22 in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (b) **the proposed budget for 2022/23 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (c) **to note the final balance sheet value as at 31 March 2022, and projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 in Appendix 2 to the report; and**
- (d) **note the summary of the property portfolio in Appendix 3 to the report.**

4. **SECURE BIKE STORAGE**

There had been circulated copies of a proposal by ESO Sports to install 2 secure bicycle parking pods within the grounds of the Memorial Hall, Innerleithen. ESO sorts was based in Innerleithen and had secured funding from Cycling Scotland for the pods. A representative of the group was not present due to the timing of the meeting. Mr Ross McGinn of the Memorial Hall User Group explained that the proposals had been extensively discussed with the User Group, and that a location had been identified that was suitable. Members explained that there were no objections from Planning, and that discussions had been held with the Community Council, who were in favour of the pods. The Estates Surveyor recommended that a brief agreement with ESO Sports should be sought regarding the placement of the pods.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the proposal to install 2 secure bicycle parking pods within the grounds of the Memorial Hall, Innerleithen

5. **WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Mr McGinn provided an update on maintenance and upkeep of the War Memorial Garden. The upkeep for the gardens had been carried out by a group of volunteers, who had felt that the gardens were an important asset that should be maintained. A project was planned to restore the gardens to the state that they were originally laid down, however the progress had been slower than anticipated, and the upkeep of the gardens in their current state required attention. Members agreed to write to the Parks Department of Scottish Borders Council to request that assistance was provided to help with the maintenance of the gardens. In response to a question regarding the funding being sought by the Group for the major project, Mr McGinn explained that the project had been priced at £60k, and that the funding was being sought from a variety of different funding sources. Mr McGinn confirmed that the clock at the Hall had been returned from repair work and was due to be installed.

DECISION

AGREED that the Members of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee would write to the Parks Department seeking assistance with maintenance issues at the War Memorial Gardens.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 am

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
INNERLEITHEN COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of Meeting of the INNERLEITHEN
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 15th
September, 2022 at 1.30 pm

Present:- Councillors M. Douglas (Chairman), J. Pirone and R. Tatler
In Attendance:- Principal Solicitor, Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall)

**1. CONSULTATION ON HERITABLE AND MOVEABLE ASSET REGISTERS FOR
FORMER BURGH OF INNERLEITHEN**

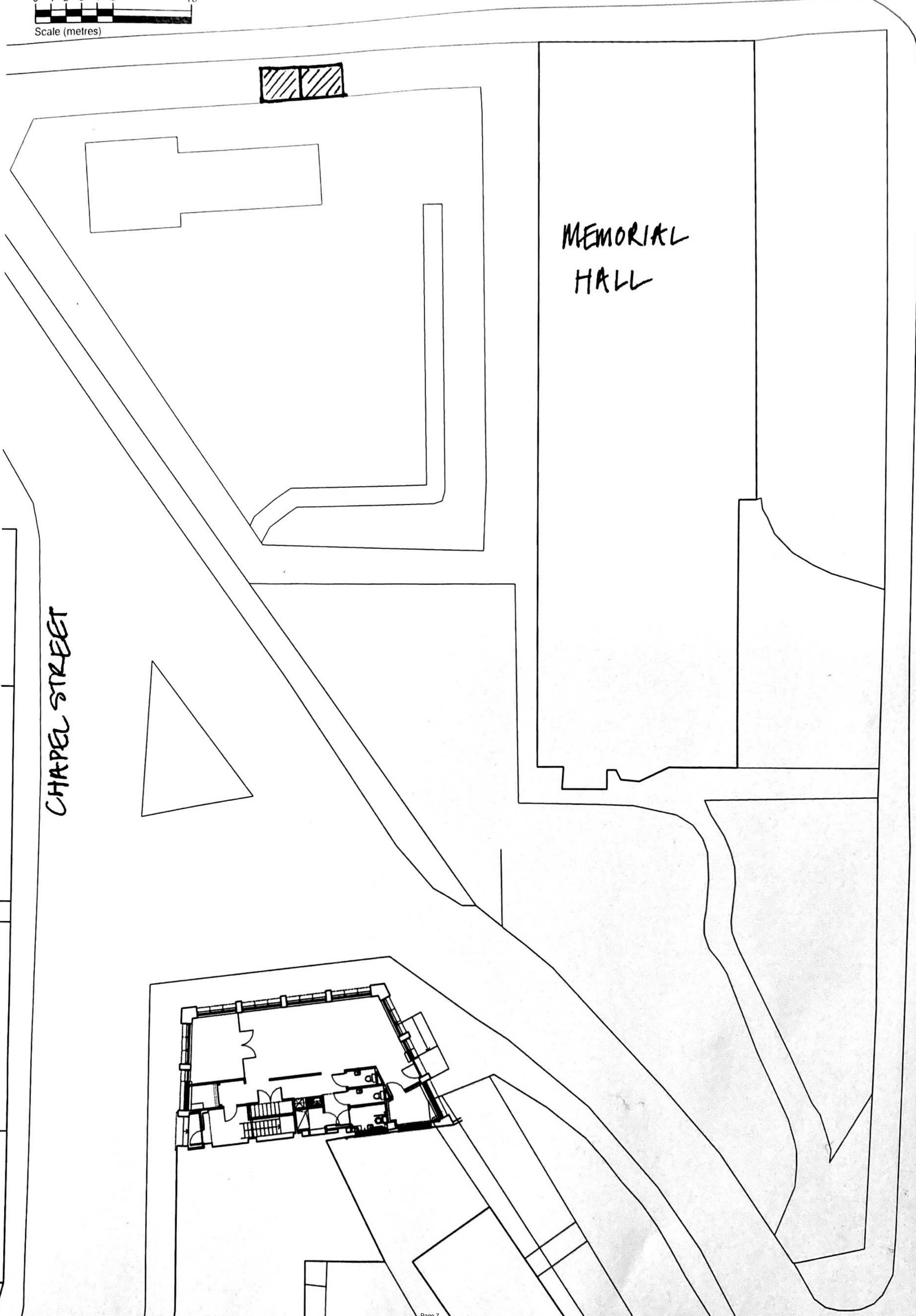
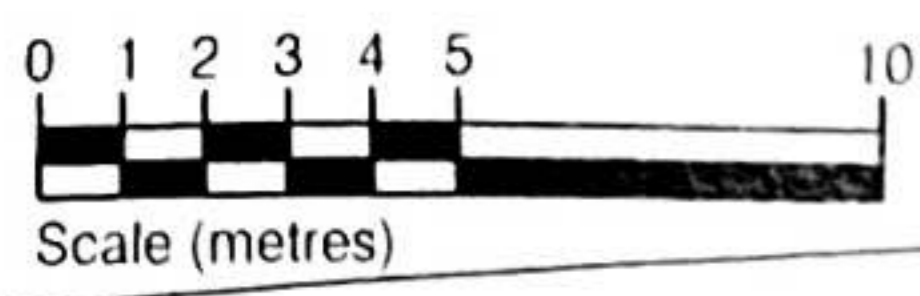
There had been circulated copies of a report by the Principal Solicitor which advised on the outcome of the consultation under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, and sought approval of the final Common Good Register for Innerleithen. Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 the 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 the list. The Innerleithen Common Good Sub-Committee approved the draft asset register in December 2021 and agreed to the commencement of the public consultation. The consultation ran from December 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Sub-Committee was required to consider the responses received to the consultation and approve the final register to be recommended to Council for publication. The Principal Solicitor, Mrs Hannah Macleod, presented the report, and highlighted that 3 of the 65 substantive responses had been related to Innerleithen. In response to a question, the Principal Solicitor agreed to add a note to the asset register regarding the Cameron Memorial, which would explain that whilst the Memorial was not Common Good owned it had been erected by public subscription.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) to note the consultation responses and officers' comments thereon, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (b) to approve the contents of the final list of heritable and moveable property assets held by the Council within the former Burgh of Melrose, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report; and**
- * (c) to recommend to Council the said final asset list for publication as a completed Common Good Register for Melrose.**

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm

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