

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL INNERLEITHEN COMMON GOOD FUND SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTE of Meeting of the INNERLEITHEN  
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE  
held in Innerleithen Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday, 4 March, 2020 at 3.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), S. Bell and S. Haslam.

In Attendance:- Capital and Investments Manager (K. Robb), Solicitor (G. Sellar), Estates  
Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Officer (F. Walling).  
R. McGinn (Innerleithen Community Trust).

## 1. **MINUTE**

The Minute of Meeting of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 22 August 2019 had been circulated.

### **DECISION**

**APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.**

## 2. **FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT FOR 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2019**

2.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Financial Officer providing details of the assets held by the Innerleithen Common Good Fund for the nine months to 31 December 2019, a full year revenue out-turn for 2019/20 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2020. Detail on income and expenditure for the year to 31 December 2019 was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 provided a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2020, which showed a decrease in the reserves of £16,605. The next revaluation of the Innerleithen Memorial Hall would be carried out during 2019/20. The difference between the current Net book value and the revaluation figure would also be reflected in the revaluation reserve.

2.2 With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Minute of 22 August, 2019, with regard to ownership of the grassed area around the Memorial Hall, Ms Hill advised that this land was included in the same title as the Memorial Hall which was owned by the Common Good. She confirmed that this area of ground would be included with the building when the property was revalued.

### **DECISION**

#### **AGREED:-**

(a) **to note within the appendices to the report:-**

(i) **the actual income and expenditure for 2019/20 in Appendix 1; and**

(ii) **the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2020 in Appendix 2.**

## 3. **INNERLEITHEN MEMORIAL HALL**

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 22 August 2019, the Chairman advised that the Memorial Hall User Group had taken note of requests and a significant number of improvements had been made by Live Borders. The paintwork in the hall had been completed and the whole floor re-varnished. There had been carpeting carried out on the upper floor and two larger rooms, a smaller office and attic space had been let out. There was still some electrical work outstanding. As a number of events required catering

provision the Community Trust had purchased a gas cooker, which was being installed in the kitchen along with the required extraction equipment. Live Borders had reported that lettings had improved significantly. On behalf of the User Group, Mr McGinn, explained that a list of priorities for repainting had been prepared and a number of options for further work explored. He added that the considerable amount of work carried out by Live Borders and the Community Trust should be noted. He agreed to circulate to Members the minute of the recent meeting of the User Group.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the update on work carried out in the Memorial Hall.**

4. **INNERLEITHEN WAR MEMORIAL**

The Chairman explained that he had received a request from a local resident and Chair of Innerleithen Civic Association for permission to incorporate a structure on the War Memorial to hold wreaths. The association was willing to raise money for this. After discussion Members agreed that this would be an improvement to the Memorial and asked the association to come forward with a proposed design. Councillor Haslam suggested the Peebles Men's Shed may be able to provide assistance. Members noted that the whole garden adjacent to the hall was considered part of the memorial ground and suggested that money could be sourced from the VE Celebration fund to tidy up its appearance.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to give permission for a structure to be added to the War Memorial for the support of wreaths and that the Chairman request a proposed design.**

*The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm*