

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the INNERLEITHEN
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday,
15th December, 2021 at 9.30 am

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), S. Bell, S Haslam and Community
Councillor M. Douglas (from paragraph 2)

In Attendance:- Principal Solicitor, Treasury Business Partner (S. Halliday), Solicitor (G.
Sellar), Estates Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Team Leader,
Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall).

1. **MINUTE**

The Minute of meeting of the Innerleithen Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 3 June 2021 had been circulated.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

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

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Principal Solicitor seeking approval of the draft Common Good Registers for the former Burgh of Innerleithen and to advise on 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. Council approved the process for compliance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 on 31 January 2019, and since that date 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 Innerleithen Common Good had been prepared, and was appended to the report. One area of land had been identified at Damside Park at the Strand that should be included on the list as it was donated to the Burgh Council in 1947. Mrs MacLeod advised that although the consultation would commence before Christmas the 12 week period would be counted from January and the consultation would be widely publicised. Mrs Macleod stressed that once the list had closed it was still open to future revision.

DECISION

AGREED to:-

- (a) **approve the contents of the draft list of heritable and moveable property assets held by the Council within the former Burgh of Innerleithen;**
- (b) **approve the publishing of the draft list to be made available for public consultation for a period of at least twelve weeks;**
- (c) **note that following the period of consultation all comments would be brought to the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee for their consideration;**
and
- (d) **note that the Section 95 Officer would amend the Common Good accounts to include the additional asset identified as Common Good.**

MEMBER

Community Councillor Douglas joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The meeting concluded at 9.35 am