

Consultation on Heritable and Moveable Asset Registers for former Burgh of Galashiels

Appendix 1: Responses to Consultation and Officers' Considerations

Consultation Comment	SBC Response	Recommended action
<p>Leebrae Playground – the play equipment has recently been removed for unknown reasons. This site should remain a park, which was the original intention.</p> <p>Further, there should be recognition of the Pictish significance, further to the discovery of catrails at the site.</p>	<p>SBC's parks team has confirmed that the old play equipment was de-commissioned but that the site is still intended as an informal play area.</p> <p>This would be a matter for future consideration by the CG Sub-Committee.</p>	<p>No action in respect of CG register.</p> <p>CG committee to note comments for consideration in due course.</p>
<p>Scott Park should be on the CG register</p>	<p>Scott Park was acquired by the Burgh of Galashiels for a statutory purpose (in terms of the Public Parks (Scotland) Act 1878), which was narrated in the terms of the title deeds. Accordingly, it does not form part of the Common Good.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Should public park next to fire station be on CG register?</p>	<p>This park is not owned by the Council (who only manage and maintain it on behalf of the community) and is therefore not a Common Good asset.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>Why is Tweedbank Park not on CG register?</p>	<p>Tweedbank does not form part of any former Burgh and therefore does not have any Common Good assets.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>All Council allotments should be on CG register to protect their status</p>	<p>Each asset needs to be considered separately, with reference to the circumstances of its acquisition, to determine whether it is a common good asset.</p>	<p>No action</p>

	Allotments are afforded separate treatment under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015	
Woodstock Avenue playpark should be on CG register	This park is part of land acquired at Langlee for housing, and therefore acquired under statutory powers and does not form part of the Common Good.	No action
Netherdale back pitches should be on CG register	The land at Netherdale was gifted to the Council under the terms of a Trust. This land continues to be held in terms of that Trust, known as the Hayward Trust. Land held in a separate trust cannot be Common Good land, but is treated by the Council in a similar way.	No action
Gala Academy and surrounding park were gifted to the town. Therefore, if land has been supplemented or replaced in lieu of land occupied by Gala Academy, it would be of interest to establish ownership.	The land on which Galashiels Academy was built was never owned by the Burgh of Galashiels and therefore has never formed part of the Common Good. It was acquired by Selkirk County Council.	No action
Gala Policies and the site of the demolished New Gala House should be on CG register as a community woodland	The Policies were acquired in five phases, all for the purposes of housing development. This statutory purpose (under the Housing (Scotland) Acts) means the land is not Common Good land.	No action
The land at Halliburton Place needs updated, either with benches and planting or as an allotment – it should be useable for the public	This is not a matter for the register but should be considered separately by the Common Good Sub-Committee	No action in respect of Register. Points raised for CG consideration in due course.
With reference to the Provost's chain of office and robes, Galashiels should consider having a Provost again and	This is not a matter for the register but should be considered separately by the Common Good Sub-Committee or SBC	No action in respect of Register. Points raised for CG consideration in due course.

allowing these items to be used for public and ceremonial occasions, such as the opening of the new Tapestry Building.		
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