

HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE 17 MAY 2016

COMMON HAUGH, HAWICK

The purpose of this note is to assist the Members in their discussions relative to this agenda item.

Scottish Borders Council is to undertake repairs to the surface of the car park area at the Common Haugh, Hawick, as part of the repair programme being carried out under the Bellwin Scheme. To be eligible for inclusion within Bellwin, any repairs must relate to damage caused as a direct result of the extreme weather during December and January and in that regard a number of individual areas, totalling 675 sq. metres, have been identified within the car park area.

Whilst undertaking the assessment under Bellwin, the opportunity was taken to assess all of the car park surface to identify if there were any other areas which would benefit from repair and this exercise has identified a further 475 sq. metres which could be repaired but could not be included within the Bellwin claim. The majority of the additional repairs are towards the pedestrian entrance near at the Burns Club, with approximately 75 sq. metres being near the Lawson Footbridge. The permanent repair to these additional areas has been priced at £14,000.

The Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), between The Hawick Common Good Fund and Scottish Borders Council, confirms that the car park will be maintained by Roads Authority of Scottish Borders Council *“on a prioritisation process, to a similar standard as the Roads Authority applies across its entire adopted road network”*. The MOU further confirms that *“the Roads Authority shall only be financially liable for any repair works they identify. If the Hawick Common Good Fund require such repair works to be carried out to a higher standard the difference in costs shall be funded by the Hawick Common Good Fund”*.

It is estimated that for the Roads Authority to undertake the repairs to the additional areas, *“to a similar standard as would be applied across its entire adopted road network”*, would be in the region of £500. This therefore would be the only financial contribution from the Roads Authority if it was the Hawick Common Good Committee decision to undertake the repairs to a higher standard.

To allow the Hawick Common Good Committee to make a decision, and in recognition of the time of year, the repair works are programmed to be undertaken during the second half of June, after Hawick Common Riding.

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