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From: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 30 May 2021 14:30
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: RE: Common Good Property in Bathgate - [OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Possible further Common Good Prperty.pdf

Importance: Low

Good Afternoon,

Firstly thank you for your response and the content therein.

I welcome your input and also the involvement of community groups in this matter.

Further investigations reveal that a list of "Common Good Assets" should have been compiled by the council under Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Indeed guidance was issued to Councils in this respect, perhaps someone in the legal department was on holiday that day! Please see link:-

[Common good property: statutory guidance for local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

I have compiled a further list (PDF Attached) which I consider to be worthy of further investigation, I apologise for the length of the list and the randomness of the areas contained within it, however I have endeavoured to collate it moving from West to East all be it in a slightly zig-zagging manner.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Hughes, Scott
Sent: 29 May 2021 01:01
To: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk
Cc: Kettrick, Paul
Subject: Common Good Property in Bathgate - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Good evening [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well. I am writing in response to your email of 13 May 2021 to Councillor Cartmill on the above matter.

The content of your email is noted with interest and I agree that you have made some compelling and valid points that are worthy of further consideration and investigation by officers. Accordingly, I will ask the council's Chief Solicitor to review the title deeds for the following properties in Bathgate (identified by you in your email) to determine whether or not these should properly be classified as Common Good:

- The Knock Hill
- The Burgh Muir
- Kirkton Park

- Meadow Park
- Site of the former baths (Mid Street)

I can also confirm that during the course of next week, I will be writing to both Bathgate Community Council and to Bathgate Community Development Trust to seek their views on what land and property in Bathgate they consider might properly qualify as Common Good. Any representations made by the community will be investigated by the Chief Solicitor with reference to the relevant title deeds and, where appropriate, the Common Good Fund will be reviewed accordingly.

I hope this is helpful. If I can be of further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards,

Scott Hughes BSc. MRICS
Asset Manager

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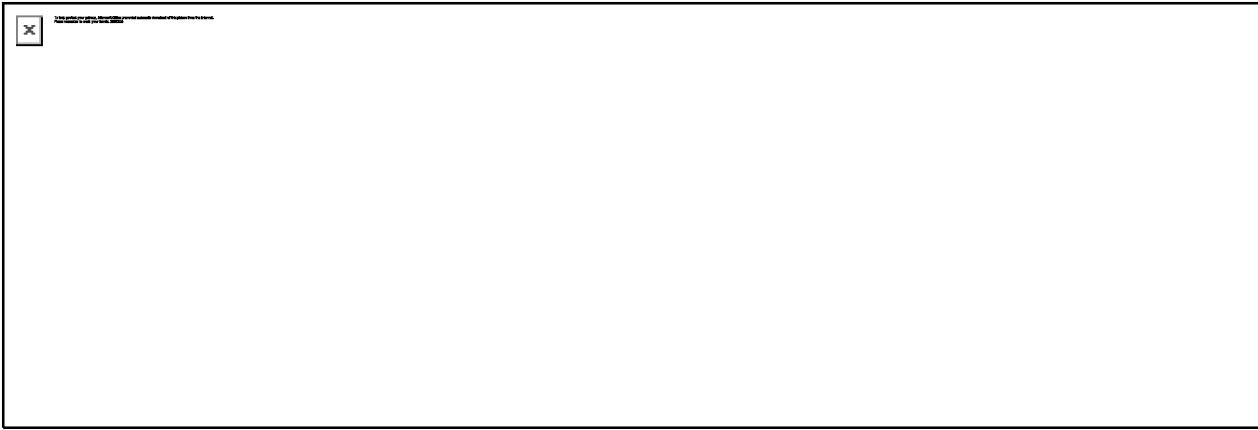
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Land/Heritable Estate

Boghead Cemetery, Hardhill Road.

Little Boghead Nature Park.

The Showpark, Glasgow Road.

Bathgate Cemetery, Glasgow Road.

The Area of park land/former railway track to Balbardie Colliery that runs between Millburn Road and Turner Street (Behind the houses on Cochrane Street and Lothian Street)

Standhill Football Park on the A7066.

The Land that the Council Buildings are sited on South Bridge Street.

The Land on Which The John Newland Memorial Stands, Main Street.

The Land on Which Bathgate High Church is sited (The Parish Church)

The Former Community Centre site on Marjorybanks Street.

Simpson Memorial Garden, Marjorybanks Street.

Area of Wasteland between Marjorybanks Street and Mid street that formed part of the former Mid Street Primary Grounds.

The Grounds whereon the "Chapel Well" stands Marjorybanks Street / Corner of Balbardie Road.

The Land on which the War Memorial is sited on, Mid Street.

The land where the War Memorial was previously sited off Wallace Road.

The Land Behind Guildiehaugh Council Depot Between Bathgate Golf Course and the Railway Line (Formerly used as playing fields for St. Mary's Academy.

Moveable Property

The Drinking Fountain Sited in George Place.

The Provost's Lamp Sited on Marjorybank Street

The Statue of Robert Burns Sited in the garden to the rear of the Council building on South Bridge Street.

All Car Parks, Streets and public areas in existence prior to the implementation of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

[REDACTED]

From: Hughes, Scott
Sent: 27 July 2021 17:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Common good register - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well and thank you for your email.

The purpose of our consultation is to enable the council to establish and maintain a Register of Common Good.

Common Good is property owned by a local authority which has been passed down, through local government reorganisation, from former burghs. Those burghs would have received it as a gift or purchased it. Although there is no statutory definition of Common Good property, it is described as deriving from three sources. These are the original grant, a decision of the Town Council itself or that the land had been used and enjoyed by the public since time immemorial. It can include land and buildings, and moveable items such as furniture and art. It may include cash where property has been sold and income received. West Lothian has four former burghs, namely Armadale Burgh, Bathgate Burgh, Linlithgow Royal Burgh and Whitburn Burgh.

When preparing a Common Good Register, local authorities have an obligation to publish a list of the property that it is proposing to include in the Register and to consult with community councils and community bodies on that list for a period of not less than twelve weeks. The ability to provide views and comments (make representations) before the Common Good Register is formally published ensures that community councils and other community bodies have an opportunity to make a case for property to be included in or excluded from the Register.

Details of the property that West Lothian Council is proposing to include in its Common Good Register are provided [HERE](#)

Once a Register of Common Good has been established, the council has an obligation to manage the property contained in that register in accordance with statutory provisions.

In answer to your question, no skills or experience are required in order to participate in this consultation. We are merely asking our communities to identify any property that they think should (or shouldn't) be afforded the status of Common Good given the criteria set out above.

I hope the foregoing is helpful. If I can be of further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

Scott Hughes BSc. MRICS
Asset Manager

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-----Original Message-----

From: Property Management
Sent: 23 July 2021 14:11
To: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk
Cc: Hughes, Scott <Scott.Hughes@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Common good register - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon Paul

I acknowledge receipt of your email about the Common Good Register.

I have passed your email to my colleague, Scott. I have copied Scott in to this email so Scott will contact you regarding this.

Regards
Anne

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@yahoo.co.uk
Sent: 23 July 2021 12:50
To: Property Management <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: Common good register

Good afternoon,

I would like to understand more about the common good register and the review, such as what potential outcomes may come as a result of the review. I would consider being involved once I better understand the task and potential outcomes etc. Not sure what skills or experience are required.

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From: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 18 August 2021 01:40
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: Common Good - Community Consultation

Good Morning, I trust you are well.

Ref the Common Good Consultation for Bathgate , Please can you include the following items in the consultation:

The McLagan Fountain, (Drinking Fountain) which is sited in George Place.
The Provosts lamp, Sited on Marjorybank Street at the Chapel Well Gardens
Acredale Car Park
Mansfield Street Car Park
The Lane that connects Marjorybank Street to Mid Street (From next to the old Community Centre Garden don to Mid Street)
The Lane from Acredale Car Park to George Street
The Area of Grass land/trees to the rear of the houses on Lothian Street and Dundas Street
WIndyknowe Swing Park

Ref Armadale, Please include:-

Watson Park
Wood Park
The Black Moss, Including the Curling Pond
The Former Council Offices On East Main Street/South Street (at the Cross)
The Football Park/Play Area to the rear (South) of Greig Crescent
The Statue/Memorial That Stands on the South Side Pavement on West Main Street at the Cross

Best Regards

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 18 August 2021 01:52
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: Common Good Consultation.

Further to my previous email, For Bathgate please can you also include:-

Creamery Park, Hardhill Road

Best Regards

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From: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor)
Sent: 22 August 2021 10:02
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: RE: Common good - [OFFICIAL]

Old war memorial would be a candidate but I'll ask for other ideas.

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(www.blackberry.com)

From: Hughes, Scott <Scott.Hughes@westlothian.gov.uk>
Date: Thursday, 19 Aug 2021, 5:09 pm
To: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor) <Stuart.Borrowman@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Common good - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Councillor Borrowman,

It was good to see you earlier.

The list of properties in Armadale that we have been asked to and are investigating as potential "Common Good" are:

- Watson Park
- Wood Park
- The Black Moss, including the Curling Pond
- The Former Council Offices On East Main Street/South Street (at the Cross)
- The Football Park/Play Area to the rear (South) of Greig Crescent
- The Statue/Memorial That Stands on the South Side Pavement on West Main Street at the Cross

If there are any additional properties you think might qualify or you'd like us to investigate, then please let me know. Similarly, if you would like to discuss common good further, please do let me know.

Regards,

Scott Hughes BSc. MRICS
Asset Manager

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From: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor)
Sent: 18 August 2021 13:47
To: Hughes, Scott <Scott.Hughes@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Common good - [OFFICIAL]

Scott,
What can you tell me about this and is there anything relevant in Armadale?

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From: Millar, James <James.Millar@westlothian.gov.uk>
Date: Wednesday, 18 Aug 2021, 1:45 pm
To: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor) <Stuart.Borrowman@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Common good - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Property Services, Scott Hughes, scott.hughes@westlothian.gov.uk,
<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/70177/Community-Consultation-on-Common-Good>.

James Millar
Governance Manager

Chief Executive Office
West Lothian Council
West Lothian Civic Centre
Howden Road South
Livingston
EH54 6FF

W 01506 281613
M [REDACTED]
james.millar@westlothian.gov.uk

From: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor)
Sent: 18 August 2021 13:43
To: Millar, James <James.Millar@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: Common good

James,
Who is dealing with a "review" on f this?
No idea where to start!

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From: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 23 August 2021 01:01
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: Common Good Consultation

Hopefully my final contribution (I'm sure you will be glad to hear).

Please consider the following for investigation in the Common Good Consultation.

Old Bathgate Parish Church/Kirkton Church, Edinburgh road.

Statue of Robert Burns, currently sited in the gardens of the Bathgate Partnership Centre

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor)
Sent: 25 August 2021 14:51
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: Common Good

Your list plus some possibles from me and others

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From: Stuart Borrowman [redacted]@btinternet.com>
Date: Wednesday, 25 Aug 2021, 2:49 pm
To: Borrowman, Stuart (Councillor) <Stuart.Borrowman@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject:

Wood Park

- Watson Park
- old war memorial
- Black Moss and pond
- Kerr memorial
- St Anthony's park
- old council offices at the Cross
- swimming pool (?)
- the Town Council chamber furniture (chairs still used at the Gala Day).
- old library site (County Council?)
- air raid shelter near the garden centre (not sure of this one)



From: Property Management
Sent: 21 September 2021 08:25
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: 210916 - SH FW: Common good consultation response - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Hi Scott,

This came into property Mailbox last week.

Regards.

Sue

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 16 September 2021 08:23
To: Property Management <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: Common good consultation response

I write in response to the above consultation:-

I want to make it absolutely clear that all common good assets should remain in common and not sold off to realise a capital receipt.
Councils across Scotland have been under year on year financial pressure due to huge cuts to their budgets from the Scottish Government, many have sold off common good land and assets to plug gaps - this is an unacceptable approach.
Common good assets should be used to benefit the public. Any development land should be used for social housing, parks, public services etc. rather than flogged off for housing developers to maximise profit.
I do not want to see West Lothian's common good assets expand not contract.
I look forward to you acknowledging receipt of this submission and trust my comments will be taken on board.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 24 September 2021 01:56
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: Common Good

Hopefully my last contribution! More additions to possible common good list before the 30th of September deadline.

Oil Painting painting titled Alexander Marjorybanks, First Provost f Bathgate (1824- 1827) and Trustee of John Newland by Artist John William Rattray (Believed to be in the Council's Artwork Collection)

Newlands Memorial Stone, formerly sited at Bathgate Academy and removed to Council Care at the Partnership Centre when the "Old Academy" as sold to developers and a clear out was taking place!

The Bathgate Provosts Chain of Office

The Former Burgh Council Chambers "Chairs Of Office"

Regards
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: Property Management
Sent: 27 September 2021 15:22
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: FW: Common Good Fund Review - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Hi Scott

Please see below.

Are you dealing with the 'Common Good Fund' review or is it someone else?

If it is someone else could you let me know so I can pass this email to them?

Regards
Anne

From: [REDACTED]@lbt.scot>
Sent: 27 September 2021 14:57
To: Property Management <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: Common Good Fund Review

Dear Sirs

Having stumbled on this Review, rather than being formally notified, Linlithgow Civic Trust would like to put forward the following suggestions.

Learmonth Gardens
Rosemount Park
Linlithgow Cemetery (Mails Road)
Douglas Park (at corner of Mains Road and Moray Drive)
Land on south side of West Port including Katie Weavers tree
The central part of the Cross including the Cross Well
Burgh Halls and associated land including the Green Man Statue
Garden area in front of Low Port Primary School
Cemetery around St Michaels Church
Car Park in front of Longcroft Hall - the "Horsemarker?"

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Convenor Linlithgow Civic Trust

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From: Bathgate Community Council [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: 30 September 2021 14:13
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: COMMON GOOD REGISTER Response from Bathgate Community Council

Dear Scott

Bathgate Community Council is responding to your email of the 8th June 2021 on the subject of the Common Good Register for Bathgate.

We believe that the property on your current list as circulated is in all likelihood common good land from the old burgh.

We wish however to suggest other property in the Bathgate ward that may also be common good land. They are as follows

Limefield Public Park and adjacent spare ground
Public Park at top of Marchwood Cres.
Open Space adjacent to Bruce Road
Former Travellers site at Sibbalds Brae
Land opposite Tesco on Blackburn Road/Leyland Road
Land and Path to the south of Tesco Store
Playing Field at Marina Avenue
Park and Land at Alexandra Drive
Land behind the former War Memorial Wallace Road
Open Space land between Whitburn Road and Meadow Park bound by the bog burn
Land and Woodland to the south of Morrisons Store bound by the Railway line and the Boghead Burn.
Woodland and Land including the SUDs Ponds Wester Inch
Land on which the Bathgate Parish Church stands at Edinburgh Road opposite Kirkton Park

We do believe there may be other parcels of land that may fall into the category of common good land so we will continue our research and discussion with the community and reserve the right to suggest additions to the register.

We also would like to suggest that any artifacts or goods /furniture from the Burgh Councils era should be identified and held as part of a Bathgate Common Good Fund if they are still in existence.

We wish also at this time to raise the issue of the management and use of this land that ends up included in the register of Common Good Property in future. We believe that the Bathgate Community Council should be responsible for the consultation with the community on the use or proposed change of use of any land on the register. The Scheme for Community Councils gives us a right and responsibility to represent the views of the community to the West Lothian Council. We also believe any revenue or capital gained from the use or sale of any registered land should be administered by the Bathgate Community Council in a common good fund.

We look forward with interest to developments on this subject

regards

[REDACTED]
Secretary
Bathgate Community Council



From: Property Management
Sent: 06 October 2021 09:00
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: FW: Community Consultation: Register of Common Good

Good morning Scott,

I noticed this unread in the property emails, I'm sure someone will have passed it on already, just in case.

Thanks,

Sharon

From: [REDACTED]@llbcc.org.uk
Sent: 01 October 2021 09:57
To: Property Management <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Cc: McGrorty, Lorraine <Lorraine.McGrorty@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: Community Consultation: Register of Common Good

Dear Sirs,

The first opportunity we have had to consider this consultation was at our meeting on 28th September. We note that the consultation closes on 30th September. The Community Council has nominated members who will now research those properties which we believe should be a part of the Linlithgow Common Good and would ask for more time to undertake this task.

As you will be aware elections for Community Councils are on 14th October and based on the nominations for Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Community Council there is likely to be a significant change in membership. As the inaugural meetings of all West Lothian Community Councils occur in October it would be helpful if the Linlithgow submission could be held until ratified by the new Community Council on 23rd November.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Property Management
Sent: 19 October 2021 13:04
To: Hughes, Scott
Subject: FW: Community Consultation: Register of Common Good - [OFFICIAL]

DATA LABEL: OFFICIAL

Hi Scott

Please see below.

This has come in to the Property Management inbox.

Regards
Anne

From: [REDACTED]@lbcc.org.uk
Sent: 19 October 2021 12:36
To: Property Management <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Cc: McGrorty, Lorraine <Lorraine.McGrorty@westlothian.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@live.co.uk;
[REDACTED]@btinternet.com>; [REDACTED]@btinternet.com>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Conn, Tom (Councillor) <Tom.Conn@westlothian.gov.uk>; Kerr, Tom
<Tom.Kerr@westlothian.gov.uk>; Tait, David <David.Tait@westlothian.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Community Consultation: Register of Common Good

Dear Sirs,

Following an email exchange amongst members of the Community Council and the Linlithgow Civic Trust the following represents the list of Linlithgow property which should be included in the list of Linlithgow Common Good.

Learmonth Gardens
Rosemount Park
Linlithgow Cemetery (Mains Road)
Douglas Park (at corner of Mains Road and Moray Drive)
Land on south side of West Port including Katie Wearie's tree
Car park in front of Longcroft Hall, the 'Horsemarket'
The central part of The Cross including the Cross Well
Burgh Halls and associated land including the 'Green Man' statue
Gardens area in front of Low Port Primary School
Annet House (notwithstanding that it was sold to fund the refurbishment of Tam Dalyell House, it was bought by public subscription and previously managed by the Provost, magistrates and councillors of the Royal Burgh of Linlithgow)
Tam Dalyell House
89 – 91 High St (County Buildings annex – previously British Linen Bank)

Regards

[REDACTED]
On behalf of:
Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Community Council
01506 [REDACTED]

██████████@lbcc.org.uk

From: ██████████@lbcc.org.uk ██████████@lbcc.org.uk
Sent: 01 October 2021 09:57
To: 'PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk' <PropertyManagement@westlothian.gov.uk>
Cc: Lorraine McGrorty <Lorraine.McGrorty@westlothian.gov.uk>
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