

Minutes of Meeting – Heritors Meeting,

PRESENT: Mr J Guest (JG), Mrs A Moray Parker (AMP), Mrs E Roberts (ER), Mr H Grierson (HG) Mr G Buckingham (GB), Mr Kieran Emptage (KE) ,Mr George Roberts (GR), Mr Alan Hale (AH),) Dr Wililam Dove (WD), Mrs F Dove (FD)
Charles Arden (CA) and Alexa Mewse (AM) Clerks to the Commission

DATE OF MEETING: 24/05/2023

VENUE: Abercairney Stables, Abercairney Estate

Item	Notes	Action by
1	Apologies - Noted and received from Mr A MacKenzie Smith in advance	
1.1	Minutes from last meeting - Circulated prior to the meeting and shared. The meeting to accept the minutes.	
1.3	Financial Position	
1.3.1	Cash Position - The Clerks noted the current balance is just under £35,000 with fees relating to the Act continuing to be paid out. Ian Ralston has been paid for maintenance works completed during 2023.	
1.3.2	Debtors and Creditors - Debtors account for approx. £30,000 of unpaid heritors assessments. There are a group of heritors who have not paid at all during the last 4 years, with other debtors culminating over the intervening 3 year period. Debtors from this year's assessments will be issued with reminder letters in early June in accordance with the terms of The Act to encourage payment. Year 2 and 3 debtors will also be issued with further reminders in due course. - Its is noted there is a small group of agricultural heritors who paid extra assessments prior to the 2019 Act being passed to aid in paying additional fees, these require to be reimbursed for this, Attepmots have been made via the accountants to esatabllish amounts however this has not been fruitful. McCash and Hunter have been tasked with finding this information to confirm quantities to be refunded to those specific heritors.	Savills
1.3.3	Debt Recovery - 2 Year 4 debtors had their details passed to MacNabs as the new legal representatives of the Clerks to the Commission to pursue full legal recovery of all outstanding assessments and costs. The Clerks are satisfied to report that both small claims were settled fairly quickly in full and to include costs to the maximum value as awarded by the Courts. Further historic debtors with outstanding assessments will now be passed to the legal representatives for full debt recovery action under the terms of the 2019 Act. - Discussion surrounding encouragement and education to ensure heritors of the obligation to pay each annual assessment as it falls due. ts It is clear that the 2019 Act ensures that assessment payment is legally binding. - New owners to the area continue to be given information via their solicitors when sought regarding the 2019 Act to underline the obligation. The Clerks encourage any heritors who are selling their property to ensure the assessment is paid in full or that the chosen conveyancing solicitor is aware of the legal framework in place.	Savills

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1.3.2	Maintenance and condition of the Pow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Ralston has submitted a quote for works this year totalling £30,000. This will be circulated via the website by the Clerks with the maintenance works to be carried out for this year - It was noted that there was a section missed during the recent Pow inspection where a bank has suffered beaver damage. This was emailed in via a heritor during discussion it was confirmed this section is considered fairly safe at present and no immediate action should take place but noted for future works. - Methven Moss to Dollerie Bridge has trees down again due to beaver damage. - GB noted thanks from the Balgowan residents for the prompt action in dealing with the ditches in the area making a positive impact to the area. 	Savills/JG
2.3	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was requested that notice of meetings be circulated via email as well as the local facebook group and website well in advance to allow as much participation as possible. - The website is to be updated with accurate minutes and valid links. - No further business, date of next meeting agreed for Thursday 2nd November 2023 at Abercairney Stables. - The Clerks closed the meeting. 	Savills