

Minute of Meeting Community Asset Transfer Sub-committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 15 March 2023	13:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

Present: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Michelle Campbell, Councillor Chris Gilmour, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Iain Nicolson

Chair

Councillor Campbell, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A Morrison, Head of Economy & Development Services and S Inrig, Programme Manager – Community Asset Transfer & Regeneration (both Chief Executive's Service); and N Young, Assistant Managing Solicitor (Litigation & Advice), E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Cunningham, Assistant Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Sub-committee would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 **Community Asset Transfer Request – Whitehaugh Barracks, Whitehaugh Avenue, Paisley PA1 3SS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a Community Asset Transfer request submitted in respect of Whitehaugh Barracks, Paisley by the Western Desert Recce Group (WDRG). The application was set out in full as an appendix to the report.

The report provided an overview to Community Asset Transfer (CAT) legislation, the site, the applicant and the Council's process for determining applications.

The WDRG submitted the CAT request on 14 December 2022 with a view to taking ownership of the site and restoring the barracks, adjacent land and outbuildings into a living museum of military history during both world wars in order to support all armed forces veterans, related military associations and support networks and to create a community hub. Details around the community engagement which had been undertaken, plans for further funding and restoration work were set out in the application and summarised in the report.

Following submission of the application, interested parties were entitled to provide written representations. No representations were received.

The application was initially considered by the Council's CAT Officer Panel on 21 February 2023 where it was agreed to recommend that this Sub-committee approve the request.

The application sought ownership of the site for £1. The report set out the terms and conditions of the proposed sale in full and included a requirement for the WDRG to secure the resources for the full restoration of the site within five years of ownership. The Council would reserve the right to reclaim the asset for the price of £1 if funding was not secured and renovations commenced within the five-year period.

DECIDED:

(a) That the transfer of the Whitehaugh Barracks, Paisley to the Western Desert Recce Group for the discounted price of £1 and subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in Paragraph 7 of the report be approved; and

(b) That the Head of Economy & Development and the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to conclude the sale with the Western Desert Recce Group at the price offered in the Community Asset Transfer request, and on such terms as required to protect the Council's interest.