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Report to:	Finance and Information Technology Resources
Date of Meeting:	7 July 2009
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Subject:	Lanark Common Good - Path at Lindsay Loan and Lanark Racecourse Repairs
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ Advise committee of the clearance works required at the path at Lindsay Loan, Lanark and repair works required at Lanark Racecourse and to gain approval for Lanark Common Good fund to meet the costs of these works.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the necessary clearance and repair works are carried out at the path at Lindsay Loan, Lanark, and Lanark Racecourse.
- (2) that Lanark Common Good meets the costs of these works (£13,500).

3. Background

Path at Lindsay Loan

- 3.1. An area of land situated in Lanark has prompted complaints that, due to its overgrown nature, it is encouraging anti social behaviour in that area.
- 3.2. The lane, which connects St Leonard Street and The Marches, is unkempt and lined with overgrown trees and bushes with residents claiming regular issues with litter, broken bottles and dog fouling.
- 3.3. Community wardens have patrolled the area in an attempt to control the anti social behaviour. However, despite the increased presence, the problems have continued.
- 3.4. Property searches on the lane have shown that it sits on land that would be classed as Common Good. Community Resources have provided costs to clear the area and to reduce the hedging to an acceptable level. The cost of the work will be £5,000. It is proposed that Lanark Common Good fund is used to meet the initial costs of the clearance work.
- 3.5. As a long term measure, Community Resources will ensure that the hedge and tree areas of the lane are maintained along with the other public areas of Lanark that they currently manage.

Lanark Racecourse

- 3.6. Within Lanark Racecourse, the roadside fencing at the entrance to the Auction Market has been identified as in need of repair. Part of the fencing is broken and at other parts, corrosion has resulted in the fence being unable to withstand patchwork repairs. Also, re-seeding is required in the area.
- 3.7. The Council's Land Services have given a cost of £8,500 to carry out the fencing repairs. It is proposed that Lanark Common Good funding is used to meet these costs.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The cost of undertaking the works detailed in Section 3 are £13,500. Lanark Common Good Fund has sufficient funds to meet these costs.

6. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 6.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change of existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 6.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.
- 6.3. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council.

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4 June 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

- ◆ Value: Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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