**COMMON GOOD ASSET REGISTER FOR THE FORMER BURGH OF NAIRN**

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| **LAND AND BUILDINGS** | | |
| The Royal Charter for the Burgh of Nairn is that of King James VI dated 16 October 1589 which was confirmed and ratified by King Charles II on 3 April 1661. | | |
| **Name of asset** | **Location** | **Description** |
| **Beaches and Foreshore** includes:-  East Beach & foreshore  Links Beach & foreshore | 1. East Beach & foreshore.   Located to east of harbour & extending to a point approximately 125 metres east of the sewage works, thereafter it is owned by Crown. It is bordered by the caravan site & part golf course to the south.   1. Links Beach & foreshore.   Located to west of harbour & extending westwards approximately 3030 metres. It is bordered on the south by the Links lands, the Promenade & part of Nairn Golf Club. | 1. East beach & foreshore. Area approximately 460,000m². 2. Links Beach & foreshore.   Area approximately 380,000m².  **Confirmed by letter from Mercantile Marine Department, Board of Trade, Westminster, London dated 31 May 1929.**  Nairn Burgh Council successfully claimed ownership of these areas of land from the Crown in 1929 with entitlement being based on the Royal Charter. Therefore, the areas described are the areas that lie within the Common Good boundaries.  Inalienable. |
| **Boatyard (Sailing Club)** | Harbour, IV12 4PH.  UPRN: 130110113.  Located between the marina and the foreshore near the Harbourmaster office. | Total area of 940.55m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Leased out. Inalienable due to public nature of use. |
| **Sailing Club Clubhouse site** | 142 Harbour Street, IV12 4PH.  UPRN: 130110112.  Opposite the marina. | Total site area of 254.21m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Leased out. Inalienable due to public nature of use. |
| **Church Road Yard** | Church Road, IV12 4AW.  UPRN: 130117221.  Located between the shooting range and River Nairn. | Common good site area 327.80m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Only the above area remains as Common Good land with title being by virtue of the Royal Charter of 1589 and land reclaimed by natural variation of the River.Leased out. Alienable due to private use only. |
| **Nairn Dunbar Golf Course**  (area 3 described included Kingsteps car park) | Lochloy Road, IV12 5AE.  UPRN: 130110108.  Bordered by Lochloy Road, 2 Merryton Farm Cottages, rear of properties at 2, 4, & 6 Merryton Gardens, Maggot Road, Lochloy Caravan Park, foreshore and farmland. | Total site area of 52.5 hectares or thereby  **Title deeds:**   1. **Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**   Area of 16.18 hectares or thereby.   1. **Disposition by Trustees for Nairn Dunbar Golf Club in favour of Nairn District Council recorded 15 February 1980.**   Area of 24.12 hectares or therebyof former Boath lands located between Lochloy Road & the land referred to at 1 above**.**  This is classed as Common Good investment property and included in the separate section at the end of this Register.   1. **Disposition by Trustees for Nairn Dunbar Golf Club in favour of Nairn District Council recorded 22 April 1980.**   Area of 12.14 hectares or thereby of former Brodie lands (including the Kingsteps car park) located to the east of the land referred to at 1 above.  This is classed as Common Good investment property and included in the separate section at the end of this Register.  The full area is leased subject to a condition that it is to be used for the game of golf. In the event that golf ceases to be played on the land, it is to be used for “such other game or games or leisure and recreation purposes for behoof of the whole body and community of Nairn District”. Leased out.  Common Good area is inalienable. The 2 areas that are considered to be investment property may not attract the classification of inalienability notwithstanding the use restriction. |
| **Firth Street site** | 2 Firth Street, Fishertown, IV12 4NG.  UPRN: 130142777.  Located opposite 64 Firth Street and backing onto the land known as The Parkie. | Total site area of 496.34m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  The site is located on former Links land. Leased out.  Inalienable due to public nature of use. |
| **Harbour car park** | IV12 4PH  UPRN: 130110111.  Located at north end of the harbour adjacent to the breakwaters. | Area approx. 2000m2.  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  The car park is situated on former foreshore land. The ownership of the foreshore was successfully claimed by Nairn Burgh from the Crown in 1929 with entitlement being based on the Royal Charter. Inalienable. |
| **Harbour Street toilets** | Harbour Street, IV12 4HR.  UPRN: 130112728.  Located opposite junction with Shore Street & north east of The Moorings. | Area approx. 40 m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Title investigation has concluded that these toilets are on land deriving Common Good title from the Royal Charter. No longer used as toilet. |
| **Harbour Street car wash site** | Harbour Street, IV12 4HR.  UPRN: 130111991.  Located opposite 126 Harbour Street & approx. 30 metres south of the harbour. | Area approx. 85 m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Similarly, to the toilet site, this site has not been included in any dispositions of land in & around the harbour. Therefore, it is concluded that it derives title from the Royal Charter & is Common Good. Use of site for car wash has ceased. |
| **Laing Hall (formerly the Mission Hall)** | King Street, IV12 4NY.  UPRN: 130112727.  Located on corner of King Street and Wilson Street adjoining 19 King Street and opposite 45 King Street. | Total site area of 211.49m².  **Title deed: Disposition by the Free Church Congregation of Nairn in favour of Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn recorded 20 February 1975.**  Purchased by common good fund in 1975 before abolition of Burghs. Title condition - to be used only as museum or reading room except with consent of Nairn Free Church and is not to open to the public on Sundays. Leased out. Likely to be considered as inalienable due to public use. |
| **Lochloy Caravan Park** | IV12 5DE.  UPRN: 130088824.  Situated between the harbour, Nairn Dunbar Golf Course and the beach. | Total site area of 80.011.4m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  The land is common good land by virtue of the Charter of King James VI. Leased out.  Inalienable. |
| **Marine Road property** | Marine Road, IV12 4EA.  UPRN: 130112996.  Situated on West Links directly opposite 11 Marine Road. | Total site area of 394.61m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Site is located on land that is common good land by virtue of the Charter of King James VI. Leased out. Raises a question about inalienability due to public nature of use. |
| **Mill Road allotments site** | Mill Road, IV12 5EL.  UPRN: 130111931.  Situated on Mill Road (west), parallel to the railway line (south), Riverside Park (east) and grave yard and business units (towards the north). | Total site area of approximately 4035m².  **Title deed: Disposition by Trustees of Isabella Anderson Jeans or Asher in favour of Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh or Nairn recorded 27 December 1937.**  The above deed covers the main part of the site with the remainder being formed from land in the ownership of the Burgh adjacent to the old Parish Church site. Leased out.  Although not bought for a specific purpose its continuous public use as allotments may raise a question of inalienability. |
| **Nairn West Links** including:-  Play area (west), putting green, leisure park offices, 2 shelters, a store and the Marine Road property referred to above. | IV12 4EA.  UPRN: 130111906.  West Links area is bordered by the foreshore, Marine Road, Royal Marine Apartments, Marine Cottages and adjoins and merges with The Links. | West Links area 39460.57 m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Title is derived from the Charter of King James VI and is inalienable. |
| **Nairn Links** including:-  Car park, splashpad, tea room and tea room store, play area (east), cricket pavilion & pitch, Wallace Bandstand and monuments. | IV12 4EA.  UPRN: 130111906.  The Links area is bordered by Links Place, Society Street, Cumming Street, Marine Road, Royal Marine Apartments, Marine Cottages, the foreshore and adjoins and merges with Links land west of the harbour. | The Links area 77921.40m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Title is derived from the Charter of King James VI and is inalienable.  The Wallace Bandstand was gifted by John Wallace and opened in 1884.  tea room, kiosk, cricket pavilion & pitch are all leased out. Inalienable. |
| **Nairn land west of the harbour** including:-  Ground where Firth Street hut site is located, restaurant, boatyard and shelter. | IV12 4PW.  UPRN: 130111906.  This area of land also includes The Parkie purchased in 1983 - see investment property list at end of register for description.  West of harbour land is bordered by the foreshore, the harbour, the footpath running to a point opposite 63 Park Street, Firth Street, Links Place properties and adjoins and merges with The Links. | Total area 27127.56 m².  Land west of harbour area 22127.56 m².  The Parkie area 5000 m².   1. Land west of harbour - **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**   Derives title from the Charter both in itself and as reclaimed foreshore land and is inalienable.   1. The Parkie –   **Title deed: Trustees of the late Reverend Thomas Bain to Nairn District Council recorded 16 February 1984.** This will be described more fully in the investment property list below.  Restaurant and boatyard are leased out. |
| **Open green space south of Bridge Street/east of River Nairn** including part only of Prince of Wales Walk (545 metres). | Common Good area is located south of Bridge Street and bordered by Prince of Wales Walk on the east, River Nairn on the west, Bridge Street on the north & Auldearn Burn on the south. | Common good site area is 18,845m². **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  The remaining stretch of open green land from Auldearn Burn to Howford Bridge is owned privately.  Only 545 metres of Prince of Wales Walk falls on land that is Common Good. The remaining 2725 metres lies within the land that is privately owned. |
| **Promenade** | The Promenade runs westwards along the foreshore from the end of the West Links at the Swimming Baths to Seabank Road at the rear of the grounds of the Newton Hotel. | Length 655 metres.  **Title deed: Disposition by the Trustee of the late William Grigor to Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn registered 9 March 1949.**  The strip of land known as The Promenade was specified to be used for the purposes of forming a road for the inhabitants of Nairn. It is an adopted road and maintained by the Council roads department. Inalienable due to public use. |
| **River Nairn fishing rights** | IV12 5RY.  2 areas of fishings:-   1. Howford Bridge to a point 460 feet north of norther eastern corner of Victoria Seaman’s Hall 2. From the point 460 feet north of north eastern corner of Seaman’s Hall mentioned in 1. above to the mouth of the river at the estuary. | Total area of 113426.85m²   1. **Title deed: Disposition by Major John Baillie Rose to Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn registered 15 July 1923.**   Salmon fishing rights acquired by the Burgh using Common Good funds and held as Common Good property from date of acquisition.   1. **Not owned by the Council.**   The Committee of Riparian Proprietors purchased this area of fishing rights from Mrs Millicent Lang Rose (registered 22 April 1933) then leased it to the Council. By 1976 there were no remaining Committee members. The Council agreed to accept delivery of the disposition and take over responsibility although title was not formally transferred. The 2 areas have been administered together since the early 1930s.  The area of river bed just south of the harbour entrance to the sea is owned by the Crown but leased to the Council. |
| **Riverside Park** including:- changing rooms and skateboard park.  The area known as King George V playing field is no longer considered Common Good as it has now been assessed as trust property. | Mill Road, IV12 5EL.  UPRN: 130112732.  Starting at a point approximately 22.5 metres north of the rear of 4 Knowles Gardens –   * Western side runs south along rear of properties on Church Road, east boundary of Old Parish Church & allotments under viaduct, rear of properties on Mill Road, along north & part east boundaries of Distillery Cottages, then continuing eastwards for approx. 43.5 metres, then south and south west in an irregular line for a total of 290 metres along the east border of King George V Playing Fields, then west for approx. 24 metres to border with Whinnieknowe continuing south to Riverway Cottage. * Southern side runs 75 metres eastwards to footpath. * Eastern side runs 120 metres north westwards adjacent to the footpath then north eastwards and north westwards following the line of the River to join at the start point referred to above. | Total area net of King George V fields area 45568.91 m².  Total area of 68068.91m².  Recreational land deriving title partly from:  **Title deeds:**   1. **the Charter of King James VI** 2. **Disposition by Scottish Malt Distillers Ltd to Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn registered 8 March 1939.**   No purpose specified but used since acquisition as recreation ground.   1. **Disposition by Church of Scotland Trust to Provost, Magistrates & Councillors of Burgh of Nairn registered 29 October 1974.**   Triangular area of land at Whinnieknowe specified to be used as a picnic and amenity area and for no other purpose.  Inalienable – Whinnieknowe land from deed and remainder from public used for time immemorial.  Changing rooms leased out. |
| **Ruthven Cottage garden ground** | Ruthven Cottage, Delnies, IV12 5NT.  Located immediately to the north of the subjects known as Ruthven Cottage, Delnies and between the track and Sandown Lands. | Total area of 1416.4m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Previously leased but now held again as part of Sandown lands below.  Inalienable. |
| **The Maggot** including:  Athletics track, changing rooms and car park. | Maggot Road, IV12 5DE.  UPRN: 130111922.  It extends from a point adjacent to the path from Merryton Bridge at the south end to the bridge linking to the harbour at the north. It is bordered by Maggot Road on the east and follows the line of the River Nairn on the west. | Total site area of 43315.98m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Public park land. Athletics track leased out. Inalienable. |
| **Sandown lands** including Nairn allotment gardens | Inverness Road, IV12 5NT.  UPRN: 130111934.  The lands run either side of the A96.  On the left/north side (heading towards Nairn) the lands are bordered by road to Ruthven, A96, Sandown Farm Lane & properties to the rear of Tradespark Road.  On the right/south side the lands are bordered by A96, Sandown Road, Rear of properties on Wyvis Road & Moss-side Road. | Total area of 361714.22m².  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Title has now been voluntarily registered based on the Charter.  Farming lands and allotment site.  Allotments are leased out.  Inalienable. |
| **Viewfield House and Estate** including Viewfield House, Sports Club, tennis courts, sports pavilion and bowling green. | Viewfield Drive, IV12 4EE.  UPRN: 130029917.  Site is entered from King Street and bordered by rear of shops at former bus station, rear of Viewfield Apartments, rear of 4 to 18 Albert Street, rear of Corsee, rear of 6 to 24 Glebe Street, rear of 10 to 18 Claymore Gardens and adjoins the site occupied by the Community Centre and Police station. | Total site area of 42,200 m² or thereby.  **Title deeds:**   1. **Disposition by Inverness Investment Trust Ltd to Provost. Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn recorded 22 January 1949.** 2. **Disposition by Caledonian Associated Cinemas Ltd to Provost Magistrates & Councillors of the Burgh of Nairn recoded 27 September 1952.**   No purposes were included in either deed however it has been used for leisure & recreational purposes since purchase. As a result it is considered to be inalienable.  Sports facilities are leased out. |
| **Small parcels of land subject to confirmation** | In and around Harbour Street, the Links and other parts of Nairn. | **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  There will be small parcels of land not included within existing titles that are likely to derive title as Common Good from the Royal Charter. In the absence of any specific evidence of location, these will be investigated and categorised as and when they become known. |
| **Monuments –**   1. Market Cross 2. The Toorie 3. Poet’s Well 4. 3rd Division Infantry Stone 5. Dr Grigor statue | 1. Market Cross – High Street. 2. The Toorie – The Links. 3. Poet’s Well – The Links. 4. 3rd Division Infantry Stone – The Links. 5. Dr Grigor statue – Viewfield Estate. | 1. Market Cross is listed & was moved to present location in 1968. Considered to be Common Good. 2. The Toorie – lies on Common Good land so considered Common Good 3. Poet’s Well - lies on Common Good land so considered Common Good 4. 3rd Division Infantry Stone - lies on Common Good land so considered Common Good. 5. Dr Grigor statue - lies on Common Good land so considered Common Good. |
| **ART AND ARTIFACTS** | | |
| **Name of asset** | **Location** | **Description** |
| **Provost Chains of Office** | The Court House, High Street, Nairn, IV12 4AU. | Heavy gold comprising 15 shields bearing Scottish crest (14 engraved with former Provost names) linked by 14 small gold shields. Centre large crest for suspending large shield stating “Royal Burgh of Nairn 1897” with thistle design. |
| **Portrait – Viscount Finlay** | The Court House, High Street, Nairn, IV12 4AU. | Donated in 1898 with Lord Finlay’s compliments. By Henry T Wells. |
| **Painting of Nairn from the River (from Jubilee Bridge)** | The Court House, High Street, Nairn, IV12 4AU. | Gifted to Nairn Burgh Council in 1969 and believed to be 100 years old at that time. |
| **Painting of D Sub Section Inverness Battery RHA Palestine (1914-1918)** | The Court House, High Street, Nairn, IV12 4AU. | Noted to be a gift but no date of gift. By Seoras MacDonald Telfer. As artist was born in 1929 it is considered to be Common Good. |
| **COMMON GOOD FUND** | | |
| **Name of asset** | **Location** | **Description** |
| **Investment Portfolio of stocks & shares** | N/A | Portfolio managed by Investment Management company on behalf of Nairn Common Good Fund. |
| **Nairn Common Good Fund** | N/A | Fund set up for benefit of former Burgh of Nairn. Financial information about this fund is contained within the Annual Accounts and Area Committee monitoring reports which are available on the Highland Council website. |

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| **PROPERTY/LAND ACQUIRED SINCE THE ABOLITION OF THE BURGHS IN 1975 BY NAIRN COMMON GOOD FUND AND HELD AS COMMON GOOD INVESTMENT PROPERTY** | | |
| **Courthouse Lane/Falconers Lane car park** | IV12 4DP.  UPRN: 130112221.  Off King Street & bordered by toilets, Falconers Lane, Courthouse Lane & 1 Courthouse Lane. | Site area 705 m².  **Title deed: Disposition by Co-Operative Wholesale Society Limited in favour of Nairn District Council recorded 7 January 1976.**  Although there was agreement to complete the purchase by the Common Good prior to the abolition of the Burghs, the actual transaction did not complete until afterwards and date of entry was the first day of the new District Council. Therefore, this is considered investment property. |
| **Nairn Dunbar Golf Course**  (including area known as Kingsteps car park) | Lochloy Road, IV12 5AE.  UPRN: 130110108.  Bordered by Lochloy Road, 2 Merryton Farm Cottages, rear of properties at 2, 4, & 6 Merryton Gardens, Maggot Road, Lochloy Caravan Park, foreshore and farm land. | 2 areas were purchased after the abolition of the Burgh and are classified as Common Good investment property. These are described fully under the Nairn Dunbar Golf Course entry above namely; the former Boath lands and the former Brodie lands purchases – listed as areas 2 & 3. |
| **Kingsteps car park** | IV12 5LF. | Area approximately 325 m².  It forms part of the 30 acres (former Brodie lands) referred to above. |
| **The Parkie** | IV12 4PW.  UPRN: 130111906.  Area runs in a straight line north east from the rear of 63 Park Street to the footpath following along this to rear of 186 Harbour Street, rear of 31-42 Shore Street and rear of properties 20a, 34a, 33c, 49c, 57, 60 & 63 Park Street. | Area 5000 m².  **Title deed: Trustees of the late Reverend Thomas Bain to Nairn District Council recorded 16 February 1984.**  Although the purchase did not use Nairn Common Good funds, in practical terms, The Parkie has been absorbed into the Links land west of the harbour which is Common Good land. In 2017 it was agreed between the Council’s Care & Learning service and local Members that it was more appropriate for The Parkie to sit on the Common Good Fund account with the rest of the surrounding Links land. It is classified as investment property and is considered to be alienable. |

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| **PROPERTY/LAND PERMANENTLY DISPOSED OF SINCE PUBLICATION OF THIS ASSET REGISTER** | | |
| **Grant Street workshop & yard**  Sale completed 10.10.2023 | Grant Street, Fishertown, IV12 4NN.  Located on corner opposite 2 Grant Street and adjoining 4 and 4a. | Area 163.8m² or thereby.  **Title deed: believed to be Royal Charter of King James VI dated 16 October 1589.**  Alienable due to private use only. |