

Town Councils") for the following or some of the following objects, powers, and purposes, that is to say:—

To constitute and incorporate a Joint Gas Commission, consisting of members of the Buckhaven Town Council and the Leven Town Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission" or "the Commissioners"), for the purposes, or some of the purposes, of the Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Acts, 1876 to 1918, and of the Order, and for carrying the same into effect, or otherwise to make such provision for efficiently carrying out such purposes as the Order may provide.

To define the constitution of the Commission, and the powers, authorities, and functions of the Commissioners, and to provide for the nomination and appointment of the Commissioners, and their retirement, rotation, qualifications, duties, and meetings, and to confer on the Commissioners all necessary and incidental powers for carrying out the purposes of the said Burghs Gas Supply Acts and the Order in relation to the existing Gas Undertakings now vested in the Buckhaven Town Council, all as the Order may provide.

To transfer to and vest in the Commission or the Commissioners the existing Gas Undertakings (hereinafter called "the said Undertakings") formerly owned and carried on respectively by the East Wemyss and Buckhaven Gas Light Company, Limited, and by the Leven and Methil Gas Company, Limited, and acquired under the provisions of the said Burghs Gas Supply Acts, by, and now owned, vested in, and carried on by the Buckhaven Town Council, together with all the rights, powers, and privileges of the said Town Council in relation to the said undertakings, and to authorise the Commissioners to hold, administer, and carry on the said undertakings in accordance with the provisions and with the powers of the said Burghs Gas Supply Acts, or as the same may be varied or altered by the Order, and to confer on the Commissioners such other powers as the Order may prescribe.

To provide that the Commissioners shall take over and free and relieve the Buckhaven Town Council in respect of all mortgages, bonds, securities for money, conveyances, contracts, agreements, debts, liabilities, and obligations in relation to the said undertakings, and to make such further provision in regard to all such matters as the Order may prescribe.

To authorise the Commissioners to exercise all or some of the powers, rights, authorities, and privileges conferred on a single burgh by the Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Acts, 1876 to 1918, or conferred on two or more burghs in combination, and, if deemed expedient, to constitute the Commission a Gas Committee or a Joint Gas Committee within the meaning of those Acts, or otherwise as the Order may provide.

To make provision for imposing, levying, and collecting the Gas Contingent Guarantee Rate authorised by the said Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Acts, and to make the same applicable to and enforceable within the said Burgh of Buckhaven, Methil, and Innerleven, and the said Burgh of Leven, all in such way and manner as the Order may prescribe.

To provide for the payment of the costs of the Order by the Commissioners or by the Town

Councils, or in such manner as the Order may provide, and to provide for borrowing money for the said purposes.

The Order will vary or extinguish all existing rights and privileges which would or might in any way interfere with the accomplishment of any of its objects, and will confer other rights and privileges.

To authorise the Commissioners or the Town Councils, or either of them, to apply to the purposes of the Order rates, assessments, rents, and charges already authorised, and to impose, levy, assess, and recover such rates, rents, duties, and charges as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of the Order, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from payment of rates, rents, duties, and charges.

To incorporate with and make applicable to the said undertakings and to the Order all or some of the powers and provisions of the Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Acts, 1876 to 1918, with or without amendment, and the Burgh Police (Scotland) Acts, 1892 to 1911, or any of them, and any other Acts or Orders relating to or affecting the Town Councils, or either of them, and the said undertakings, or the objects and purposes of the Order, with such exceptions, alterations, or amendments as the Order may prescribe.

To alter, vary, amend, and extend or repeal, so far as may be necessary for the purposes of the Order, the provisions or some of them of the Burghs Gas Supply (Scotland) Acts, 1876 to 1918, or any of them and the Burgh Police (Scotland) Acts, 1892 to 1911, and all other Acts and Orders which it may be necessary or expedient to alter, vary, amend, and extend or repeal for the purposes of the Order.

The Petition for the Order and printed copies thereof and of Draft Order will be lodged at the Office of the Secretary for Scotland, Whitehall, London, on or before the 17th day of December next, and on or before the said date a printed copy of the Draft Order will be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

The subsequent procedure will be by way of Provisional Order, unless it is otherwise decided in terms of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, in which case the procedure may be by way of Private Bill, and this Notice and the Deposits and other notices will, subject to the Standing Orders of Parliament, apply to such Bill.

Dated this 16th day of November 1921.

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