

7 JUNE 2017 – LOTHIAN HALL, CRAILING

Attendees: Sylvia Seivwright (Treasurer), Caroline Cook, Viv Crompton, Marie Hogg, Peter Jeary, Ron Leddy, Charlie Robertson, Dorothy Willis.

- 1. Apologies:** Linda Coles.
- 2. Appointment of Chairman and vice-Chairman:** In the absence of a Chairman, Charlie Robertson agreed to chair the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that every effort be made to find a Chairman before the next Community Council meeting in August.
Viv Crompton advised that she would be standing down as a Community Councillor as she was moving away from the area. She had, however, spoken to a neighbor who was interested in joining the Community Council and she would advise her of the date of the next meeting. Charlie thanked Viv for her short time on the Community Council and wished her well for the future. It was noted that any new Members co-opted after the AGM, would be Co-opted Members, with no voting rights until the following AGM, when they would become Members of the Community Council, if there was a vacancy.
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The Minute of the Meeting of 19 April held at Lothian Hall, Crailing was approved.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
 - Jubilee Path** – Charlie advised that, as a result of concerns regarding speeding traffic at the part of the walk which was on the main road at Kalemouth Bridge, the Criminal Justice Team had identified where a set of steps could be put in, to take walkers under the bridge and that work on the steps was imminent. He also wished to record thanks to the Countryside Rangers and to the Criminal Justice Team for all their help and for all the work they had undertaken on our behalf.
 - Website.** – Members were advised that Sheila Campbell had offered to continue to administer the website and to help with the management of CENCOMMS. It was agreed to accept, with grateful thanks, Sheila's kind offer.
 - AEDs** – Ron advised that work was progressing with the installation of the AED at Ulston, next to the water pumping station and that the next stage was to connect the electricity. It was noted that money for this had been ring-fenced in the accounts.
 - Resilient communities:** It was noted that Sheila Campbell had requested an inventory of the contents of each of the Community sheds. Elliot advised that the sandbags in the Crailing shed had been used when the river rose in January. It was suggested that the new Chairman meet with the Resilient Communities Co-ordinators to touch base and to find out if there were any issues that they wished to raise.
 - Communities Update:** With regard to the drain at the 30 limit in Eckford, at the Jedburgh end of the village, it was proposed that the matter be raised with Councillor Hamilton. **SS to email Councillor Hamilton.** Mike Seivwright had the painting of the Nisbet phone box in hand.

AGM – It was proposed and agreed to write to John and Sheila Campbell, thanking them on our behalf for the hard work, time and commitment that they have given to the Community Council during their terms of office. It was further agreed that they be given a gift token from the Teviot Smokery as a token of our appreciation. **SS to action.**

It was also agreed to write to Donald thanking him for his long service as a Community councilor and that in recognition of his 32 years' service, he be given a voucher from Woodside Garden Centre. **SS to action.**

A thank you note also to be sent to Councillor Rory Stewart for all his help, support and regular attendance at our meetings. **SS to action.**

5. **Treasurer's report:** It was reported that the balance in the bank at the moment was £1809.65. However, £1120.50 was ring-fenced for anticipated and known expenses, which left a balance of £689.15. Members were reminded that there were yearly ongoing commitments of £225 in June each year for the website hosting as well as replacement AED pads every 2 years and AED batteries, at a cost of approx £1000, would need to be replaced in August 2018. It was suggested that the Community Council should organize fundraising to meet this ongoing cost.
6. **Police report.** There was no report.
7. **New Three Year Plan:** It was agreed that there should now be a new Three Year Plan and that members should be proactive in looking for new items. A brainstorming session will be held at the next meeting with suggestions/ideas from Members, who should also propose how and who should take them forward. It was further agreed that there should be an additional regular Agenda item, named the Old Three Year Plan, so that we can continue to monitor the Jubilee Path, Website, Resilient Communities, AED's, Oil Group etc. **LC to action.**
8. **Jethart Callant Festival:** With regard to the Crailing ride-out on the 28 June 2017, Sylvia advised that the Quaich was ordered and that Donald had left the remains of the previously used whisky, on the table before the meeting. Viv advised that she would be happy to provide another bottle of whisky. Caroline produced a box of small whiskey glasses, which could be used for the toast. Charlie agreed to greet the Callant at Crailing. **SS to make sure the hall was open for the occasion.**
Elliot Lewis agreed to represent the Community Council at the Thursday night and Friday Festival celebrations. **EL to reply to invitation.**
9. **Community Updates from Local Community councilors:**
 - (a) Crailing – Nothing to report
 - (b) Eckford – Nothing to report
 - (c) Nisbet – It was noted that work had begun on the conversion of the Old Stables.
 - (d) Ulston – In relation to the ongoing speeding issue, Ron advised that he would he would contact Cllr Hamilton to see how this was progressing. The issue having initially been taken up by Cllr Stewart.

10. Planning Applications: Two applications were considered. The Erection of a further two houses at Nisbet Mill Cottages and the erection of a dwellinghouse on land south west of Mounthooly. There were no objections to either of the applications. Concern, however, was expressed at the number of houses which had been built in recent years at Mounthooly and whether it was now designated as a village. **SS to email E. Calvert re concern raised.**

11. Correspondence:

- (a) Scottish Borders Community Planning Group (circulated)
- (b) Community Empowerment Act (circulated)
- (c) Consultation on the Future of the Scottish Planning System (circulated)
- (d) Aspiring Communities Fund (circulated)
- (e) Information on Literacy Research Projects (circulated)
- (f) Improvement to Tesco Bags of Help Funding (circulated)
- (g) Scottish Ambulance Service (circulated)
- (h) Make Your Community Safer campaign (circulated)
- (i) Active Environments – Community Grants (circulated)
- (j) Consultation on Improving Parking in Scotland (circulated)
- (k) Community Councillor Survey (circulated)
- (l) Floral Gateway Awards 2017 (circulated)
- (m) Public Toilet Charges (circulated)
- (n) Reforming Adult Social Care (circulated)
- (o) Proposed New Learning Campus at Jedburgh (circulated)

There were no comments to any of the above items.

12. Any Other Business:

- (a) A request had been received from Eckford for £60 for the cost of plants and new compost for the village planters. Following discussion, it was agreed that any of the villages could apply for reimbursement for the outlay for planters, up to the value of £60, but that receipts must be provided.
- (b) It was advised that Elliot and Vera Smith had given notice that they did not wish to continue administering our Oil Group Scheme. Members wished to record thanks to Elliot and Vera, for their time and commitment to such a successful and well supported project, which has greatly benefited all those who use it. Following discussion of the various options to find a replacement administrator, it was agreed that in the first instance, an email be circulated to all those on the oil list asking for a volunteer by the end of July. Sheila to be asked to circulate the email. **SC to action.**
- (c) A copy of the latest newsletter from The Bridge had been received.
- (d) A letter had also received from Seafarers UK, drawing attention to the forthcoming Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September 2017 and inviting organisations to fly the Red Ensign on flag poles on civic building etc and perhaps have a flag-hoisting ceremony.
- (e) Elliot advised that there had been quite a few short interruptions in the electricity supply to Crailing village recently and undertook to phone the Electricity Board on behalf of the Community Council to find out the reason and to report back. **EL to action.**

- (e) Viv raised the problem of slow the broadband speed where she lived and advised that broadband speed had been an important factor for a lot of people who had been interested in buying her house. Elliot gave a brief outline of the options, as he understood, that would be available to those living within 2 kilometers of the new green boxes that were being introduced in the villages. The boxes were part of the roll-out of the fiberoptic cable line from Jedburgh to Kelso. However, there were no details of which users would benefit or the costs as yet.
- (f) Concern was also expressed at the effect the New Jedburgh Campus would have on the lunchtime trade of the local shops, who presently benefited from the pupils using the shops. It was noted that this had been raised at the open meeting which had been held in Jedburgh.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Following discussion, it was agreed that meetings would now be held on a Monday. The next Meeting will be held on 14 August 2017 at 7pm at Eckford Village Hall.

Thanks were given to Charlie for Chairing the Meeting.