

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday 25th May 2016 – 7:00

Lothian Hall, Crailing at the close of the AGM

MINUTE

1. **Attendees:** John Campbell (Chair), Ron Leddy (Vice Chairman), Sylvia Seivwright (Secretary/Treasurer), Sheila Campbell, Charlie Robertson, Caroline Cook, Donald Linton, Elliot Lewis, Cllr Rory Stewart and several members of the public.
2. **Apologies:** Marie Hogg
3. **Minute of Previous Meeting 30th March 2016 – Eckford**
The minute was approved.
4. **Matters Arising**
Nisbet Phone Box – temporary repairs were carried out on the solar light however a replacement unit is required. **Action SS:** Arrange for replacement on solar light
Nisbet Notice Board – this is outstanding **Action Cllr RS:** to provide.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
The bank balance at 31st March 2016 is £4598.96 however £2516 of these funds are committed to the Website Project and £750 to the Jubilee Paths Project. Once other expenses have been anticipated there is a balance of £510.96.
6. **Police Report – PC Gary Chisholm** No report provided.
7. **Three Year Plan 2014 – 2017**
 - (a) Walking Route Update and Launch details
SC reported that all launch actions were in hand, invitations had been sent out, a draft press release prepared and approved and the goody bags were in progress. A sample was presented to the meeting and it was agreed that they would benefit from having a disc promoting Crailing, Eckford & Nisbet Paths. 39 people, so far, had accepted the invitation to the launch and 18 people had committed to walking all or part of the route. **Action SC** – Conclude all o/s launch items.

CR reported that the gates were complete, the first strim had been done but another would be undertaken prior to the launch. He had noticed evidence of people using the route already. The flooding earlier in the year had caused substantial damage to Dere Street which is on the route, work is in progress and should be completed before the launch. The editorial, for the booklet, is complete and the cartographer has produced the additional map. A meeting has been arranged with the printer for 26th May. It was agreed that it would be worth ordering 1,000 copies of the booklet subject to the costs being within budget. **Action CR:** Follow up production of booklet with printer and submit final costs for approval.
 - (b) Website Update
SC reported that a useful meeting had been held with representatives from all the user groups (Community Council, Village Hall Committees, Resilient Communities, Defibrillator testers and Oil Group Administrators). A domain name had been circulated to the CC by email for approval.

The site is now at an advanced stage and it was agreed that SC could sign off on the project as soon as she was satisfied that the content had been delivered in accordance with the specification. **Action SC:** Finalise website with developer and organise payment

It was agreed that Community Councillors should start to use the website as their management tool as soon as it was ready. It was deemed to be user friendly however Sheila offered to provide training on request if required.

Note: Since the meeting and further discussion with the developer the domain name will now be www.craillingeckfordnisbet.co.uk this will help to raise its profile in various search engines.

Business Section of Website – It was agreed that it was important to promote local businesses but that a nominal charge should be levied at £25 per year. It was also agreed that sponsors of the walk should be given one year free as a thank you. Income received will be used to cover the ongoing costs of hosting and future development.

Cloning Website – When funding was applied for it was agreed that cloning the website in whole or in part for other Community Council's or local organisations would be possible. A price for doing this was given by the developer at the start. Given the actual complexities of the site the developer may now wish to consider revising their original quote. It was agreed that the CC should also receive some financial recompense. It In addition it was felt that the site should be trialed first to ensure that it's functionality is robust so the reputation of the CC is not compromised. **Action SC** Seek revised costs with the developer and report back.

SC asked if she could produce a Promotional Leaflet to promote the website, resilient Communities team, defibrillators etc to be mail dropped to all properties in the CC area. This may require purchase of a publishing package. Approval was given if the price was agreeable. CR suggested producing the flyer in a higher quality paper that people could retain for reference, JC suggested putting information on a credit card sized card for storing in wallets. **Action SC** - To follow up on the above and report back.

(c) Resilient Communities Update No update at present.

8. Community Paths Grant Scheme

An application had been submitted to the above scheme to place interpretation panels on Wooden Hill and place additional benches at strategic locations along the route. In the event that this bid is successful it would be necessary to provide volunteers to strim grass and build a small wall.

9. Community Updates from Local Community Councillors

- (a) Crailing – thanks to SBC for not mowing the daffodils this year. Trees require to be cut back to give a clearer line of sight when pulling out of the junction. **Action EL** – report to SBC
- (b) Eckford – no new updates.
- (c) Nisbet – the 30mph signs are due to be erected at the beginning of June.
- (d) Ulston – continuing discussion on road improvements – white marking had been washed away. **Action RL and Cllr RS** – liaise with SBC roads department and report back.

10. SBC Update (Councillor R Stewart)

There had been a hoax bomb alert for some schools in Scotland. Although this did not affect any Scottish Borders Schools all Head Teachers has been issued with instructions on what do if the situation arose.

It is likely that First Bus will be reducing services in this area. A transport consultation meeting is being held on 7th June 2016 in Jedburgh Grammar School, a poster has been circulated.

11. Planning Applications None had been submitted.

12. Correspondence

- (a) Community Council Stakeholders Meeting - circulated
- (b) SBC Waste Survey – circulated
- (c) Car clubs – circulated
- (d) Broadband Speed – circulated
- (e) Partnership Rural Manifesto Event Invitation – circulated
- (f) Scottish Rural Partnership Newsletter Spring 2016 – circulated
- (g) Community Empowerment Act: Participation request.
- (h) Scottish Borders Council Local Development Plan – can be viewed at the meeting.
- (i) A copy of the Local Plan was made available (currently with John Campbell)
- (j) Queen’s Birthday Funding potential – CR had submitted a couple of ideas but no further action.
- (k) Outdoor play equipment information

13. AOB

Callant Festival to Crailing 29th June – the Callant is Gary Robert Hogg, Ron Leddy has been asked to conduct the presentation.

Action SC: To organise quach and liaise with Lothian Hall on refreshments and Len Wyse re microphone/speakers. **Action RL :** To confirm availability for presentation.

Invitations had been received for Jethart Festival on 7th & 8th July. Ron Leddy has been given first opportunity followed by Linda Coles. If neither can attend they should advise the Secretary so that they can be passed to someone else to ensure that the CC is represented.

Action RL & LC – confirm who will attend to cencomms@hotmail.co.uk

Lorries Turning DL reported that lorries were using a route that was not suited to them and therefore signage should be provided off the A698 for Baittens and East and West Ulston.

Action Cllr RS- Liaise with SBC officials re implementation of appropriate signage

14. Date of Next Meeting

14th September, 2016 – Eckford Village Hall 7:00