

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL General Meeting

08 November 2021 Eckford Village Hall – 7pm

MINUTES

Welcome

		Actions
1	<p><u>Attendees/Apologies</u></p> <p>In attendance</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dinah Faulds (DF) Chair Peter Jeary (PJ) Treasurer Charlie Robertson (CR) Douglas Scowen (DS) Carol Spalton (CS) Hugh Wilson (HW) Councillor Sandy Scott (SS)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">One member of the public</p> <p>Apologies Elliott Lewis (EL) Councillor Scott Hamilton</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting – 30 August 2021</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous general meeting on 30 August 2021 were approved unanimously with one edit to Item 9.4.</p> <p>Proposed: CR Seconded: HW</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>3.1 Item 10.6 Telephone Boxes DS reported back the costs of restoring and painting the Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet telephone boxes. DS outlined three quotes from local painters that had been submitted with varying levels of technical detail. The meeting agreed that DS should endeavour to confirm that the lowest bid included adequate preparation and painting so that CENCC could submit an application for funding to Cheviot Area Partnership in time for their next submission deadline, 6 December 2021.</p>	DS with DF/PJ
4	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>PJ presented the accounts at 8 November 2021 – Appendix 1. There was a bank balance of £2161.90, expenditure commitments of £2129.01 and anticipated income from the SBC Jubilee Path Maintenance grant 20/21 of £450, leaving free funds available to 31 March 2022 of £482.89.</p> <p>In terms of expenditure commitments, CS indicated the £110 for plants at Ulston would not be spent and it was agreed the position for Nisbet regarding</p>	

	funds for plants should be confirmed.	HW
5	<p><u>Community Council Members</u></p> <p>5.1 Secretary post - DF stated she had failed to recruit a minute secretary and would prepare an advert to put on the website.</p> <p>SS reminded the meeting that remuneration for this role was appropriate.</p> <p>5.2 Vacancies (2) in Crailing - In the absence of any potential candidates from Crailing, DF asked if candidates could be from other parts of the CENCC area. The meeting noted that any change to the allocation of members would need careful consideration, but it would be good to ensure all households within the CENCC area were made aware of the vacancies and given the opportunity to express any interest in, and aspirations for, the work of the Council. A leaflet distributed by hand by CENCC members to households in their area might be useful.</p> <p>DF/CS offered to prepare a draft leaflet for review, to gain clarity as to the current distribution of households, and to suggest a way forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>DF/CS</p>
6	<p><u>CEN CC Future Planning – 3 Year Plan/LPPs</u></p> <p>DF reminded colleagues that CENCC had previously considered the usefulness of a rolling 3 Year Plan so that the Council knows what they want to achieve. The 'Local Place Plan' (LPP) concept includes any type of community project and seems appropriate for special projects or community-wide development. DF indicated that she had contacted two people in SBC regarding help on compiling an LPP, but without response. She felt the Council should build over the coming months on PJ's previous suggestions, to compile a 3 year plan and an LPP that includes an overall vision of the future of our communities.</p> <p>CR supported the idea and noted that, at a community level, the SBC Local Plan only addresses housing. He stressed there were many other aspects and issues, such as 'community level rewilding', which could excite interest and help folk determine what they want.</p> <p>In discussion the idea of one village doing a pilot was floated, but it was felt important that the others did follow through. The impact of high speed broadband fostering remote working was noted. The discussion highlighted the need for professional help, adequately funded, and processes that stimulate wide involvement through a variety of approaches (not simply public workshops nor questionnaires). The meeting noted that SBC will have officers thinking beyond the 2020's and that it may be possible to resource the analysis, with mutual advantage, from older school pupils or Borders College.</p> <p>The meeting discussed potential sources for pertinent data and processes. It was noted that SBC will have information within Planning and potentially elsewhere, and has an interest in ensuring a quality LPP.</p>	CS

	<p>PJ noted that the training offered around the Participatory Budgeting – Community Choices processes might be helpful. CS agreed to sign up for the training and report back.</p> <p>Given the broad support for the creation of a plan, DF requested that all councillors review the LPP Document before the next CC meeting, decide what they think are good examples of LPP’s and community participation, and consider what should be included in the CENCC plan.</p> <p>DF agreed to contact Jenni Craig, Resilient Communities Director, and request she address the Council on LPP’s and developing as a community. Potentially this meeting could be in the daytime.</p> <p>DF suggested it would be good to define the content and process for the Plan by the 2022 AGM of the CENCC.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DF</p>
7	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Latest ones have been circulated and placed on website.</p> <p>DF noted there were two current consultations by the Police - use of bodycams and policing of events ('Event' is defined as a gathering of people who come together for organised social, cultural or entertainment purposes such as festivals, concerts, sports or parades, or to engage in activity to express views or show support for a cause important to them (sometimes people call these protests or demonstrations)).</p>	
8	<p><u>SBC Councillor Updates</u></p> <p>SS noted that councillors are still observing Covid guidelines.</p> <p>SS summarised progress on some current issues local to Jedburgh, and Cheviot Area local financial awards.</p>	
9	<p><u>Cheviot Area Partnership and Local Community Fund</u></p> <p>9.1 Cheviot Area Partnership Meeting 22 September 2021 – minutes circulated.</p> <p>9.2 SBC CC Core Group Meeting 27 October 2021 – no minutes yet.</p> <p>9.3 SBC CC Network AGM 29 September 2021 – DF noted there were no minutes yet available. She noted that it had focussed on the impact of legislation to empower community involvement, giving local bodies the right to be included in decision-making regarding significant developments.</p> <p>9.4 Community Fund distribution – SS advised on successful applicants.</p>	
10	<p><u>Community Updates</u></p> <p>10.1 Crailing No report.</p>	

	<p>10.2 Eckford CR highlighted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Eckford Village Hall air-to-air heating system is being extended to the kitchen areas. - The benches on the Wooden Loch path still have to be installed. - The Remembrance Ceremony will be held on 11 November 2021 at Eckford War Memorial; all are welcome. - The Christmas lights will be switched on 1 December 2021. <p>10.3 Nisbet HW reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SBC have yet to start work on the Cemetery. - A quote has been accepted for repairs to the entrance way and drain. <p>10.4 The Ulstons CS reported that efforts to provide fibre-to-premises broadband, to the houses without it, have progressed slowly due to Openreach's workload. However, by 8 November 2021 the necessary seven households had pledged their vouchers under the Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme, and Openreach have approval to proceed.</p> <p>DF requested that CS provide a summary of the process followed which could be added to the CENCC website.</p> <p>DF stated that the plastic outer casing of the Ulston defibrillator was damaged and requires replacing. Malcolm McGregor had recommended a stainless steel replacement that would be more durable and secure. DF agreed to confirm the urgency so that funding options can be explored.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DF</p>
<p>1 1</p>	<p>Rolling Matters</p> <p>11.1 Website – DF expressed thanks to Sheila Campbell for the Website Information Report which reviews the activity on the website, associated costs, and options. DF requested that this be discussed at the next meeting of CENCC.</p> <p>DF noted that all councillors can receive any emails regarding CENCC to their personal account via the CENCC server. This avoids disclosing their personal email accounts on the website.</p> <p>11.2 Kalemouth Bridge – PJ reported that a desktop study and recommendation was in progress.</p> <p>11.3 Watchtower – Nothing to report.</p> <p>11.4 20's Plenty – Nothing to report.</p> <p>11.5 Oil Scheme – Meeting agreed to give Jane Vickers a gift-token worth £50 before Christmas to express the community appreciation of her work on the scheme.</p> <p>11.6 Paths – DF reported that a further riverbank fall into the Teviot has</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DF</p>

	<p>damaged the Borders Abbeys Way at The Hutches near Nisbet. The recent flooding has moved a lot of straw bales onto the riverbank.</p> <p>CR asked to report damage to SBC.</p> <p>DF to take up the issue of straw bales with Nisbet Mill Farm (Robert Waterstone).</p> <p>11.7 Community Fund Projects – Nothing to report.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>DF</p>
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1 2	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>12.1 21/00879/FUL Plot C (Formerly part of Plot 2) Wester Ulston Comments and revised comments have been submitted to SBC.</p>	
1 3	<p>Consultations</p> <p>13.1 Community Council Review (circulated 21.06.21) PJ advised that CENCC should wait on formal proposals before commenting.</p> <p>13.2 Local Housing Strategy – The meeting decided it would be very hard to achieve a consensus view so councillors should respond personally if they felt it was appropriate. It will be placed on website for the community to participate should they chose.</p> <p>13.3 Community Choices – Participatory Budgeting – action on CS noted in Item 6 above.</p> <p>13.4 Policing of Public Events (on website under Scottish Council News) – No appropriate collective response.</p>	<p>All</p>
1 4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>14.1 Resilience Team Data Check – current data was confirmed; a contact is required for Crailing.</p> <p>14.2 Waste Services – Shortage of HGV drivers has meant SBC cannot offer uplifts of bulk waste, and other services may be affected once drivers are required for gritting duties.</p> <p>14.3 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2 June 2022 – Bonfires and braziers are being planned across the UK. Meeting agreed DF should approach Lothian Estates to determine if they will hold an event on Peniel Heugh that would be a natural focus for the community.</p> <p>14.4 Cold Calling – Renewal of signs – Councillors can source these via website link in October’s Police Report.</p> <p>14.5 Local Gift Cards – see Scottish Council News October.</p> <p>14.6 South of Scotland Enterprise Engagement Tour – Events to be held in</p>	<p>EL</p> <p>DF</p> <p>All</p>

	Jedburgh on 1 December 2021 and Kelso 8 February 2022. Circulated.	
1 5	Any Other Business 15.1 CR asked SS if the SBC has a clear position about the Scottish Borders National Park proposal. SS indicated that there were various opinions; these are unlikely to be clarified before next May.	
1 6	Dates of Next Meetings 7 February 2022 Lothian Hall Crailing 9 May 2022 including AGM Lothian Hall Crailing Any of these meetings will be replaced by Zoom online meetings should restrictions apply.	

Signed

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