

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Draft General Meeting Minutes  
24th June 2019 – Lothian Hall, Crailing 7PM

Welcome by Chair

The meeting was opened by Chair Malcolm McGregor who thanked those present for their attendance.

1. Attendees/Apologies

1. In attendance

Malcolm McGregor (MMcG) Chair  
Peter Jeary (PJ) Treasurer  
Caroline Cook (CC)  
Linda Coles (LC) Secretary  
Douglas Scowen (DS)  
Elliott Lewis (EL)  
Dinah Faulds (DF) Vice-Chair  
Cllr Scott Hamilton (SBC Cllr SH)

2. Apologies received from

Charlie Robertson (CR), Marie Hogg (MH)  
Community PC Gary Chisholm  
SBC Cllr J Brown , SBC Cllr S Scott

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February at the Lothian Hall, Crailing , were proposed by DS and seconded by PJ.

3. Matters Arising

The following matters arose from the minutes:

1. MMcG gave an update on the continuing planning issues, with respect to the Stables development. He is due to request a further update from Planning Officer E Calvert and enquire why SBC's own Enforcement Service Standards are not being implemented.
2. MMcG reported that the Fire Brigade had offered to do a refresher course on Defibrillator training, etc... LC informed the meeting that Sarah McLean, who attends the Lothian Hall coffee mornings will be happy to do this for us, one evening in the Autumn. Action: LC to arrange date.
3. LC reported that the grit bin outside the Lothian Hall has still not being replaced. Action: SBC Cllr Hamilton will give them another nudge.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

PJ provided a report to the meeting and handed round a statement of Accounts. It has been a relatively quiet few months and we are in a healthy position financially. A Quaich had been purchased to present to the Callant on the Crailing Rideout and new defibrillator pads had been purchased. We have a balance of £1449.65, but with existing commitments there is an available balance of £1239.65.

#### 5. Police Report – Community Police Officer

PC Gary Chisholm was unable to attend the meeting, but had sent in his report. MMcG read out the police report for April and May 2019. (attached at end of Minutes).

#### 6. Community Council Equalities Statement

MMcG read out the specimen statement received from SBC and which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Everyone was happy with it and it was signed and will be forwarded on.

#### 7. Fund Raising Strategy for future replacement of Defib. Batteries and Pads

At the moment, we carry all the costs. The Defibs are guaranteed for up to a period of 7 years. In a telephone conversation with the makers of the Defib., the Chair was informed that the they should last for up to 10 years before becoming unreliable. The aim is that there will be an accumulation of funds over time, from a range of potential fund-raising strategies. For example, one funding stream could be based upon a suggestion from Sheila C. : She could contact all the local businesses in the locality and see if they would advertise on our website. If interested, they would be able to do so free for a year. At the end of the year, there would then be the option for them to continue to do so for a charge of £25 per annum,( with any such revenue being ring-fenced into a fund for any critical CEN CC function/resource, such as the defib. replacement programme.), if they had found the advertising beneficial. Action: Peter and Malcolm to contact Sheila to complete arrangements.

(Previously, Charlie had mentioned the possibility of an apple collection and for them to be taken to a local cider maker. This will be discussed at a later meeting.). It was also mooted that an annual charge of £10 could be made for membership of the oil purchase scheme, with an explanation of how the money would be used for the sole purpose of future proofing the Defib., provision.

#### 8. Community Updates from Local Community Councils

1. Crailing – CC mentioned the state of the road surface between Crailing and Crailing Tofts. SBC Cllr Hamilton stated that although there were no scheduled repairs on this section, he would look in to it to see what may be done.

LC: John Pearson at West Lodge, had asked if he could have permission to tidy up the trees by the bus stop and he had also noted that the War Memorial is in need of lettering repair. Permission was authorised and John would be put in contact with an organisation who would facilitate the repairs. LC referred to an incident that had been reported to her of pollution in the Oxnam Water, due to horse manure and hay being dumped into it. Sepa were informed and this is now no longer an issue. MMcG reported that a local resident, Mr Steve Turnbull had written to SBC and CEN CC on the matter of speeding on the stretch of the A698 from Mounthooley to Crailing Tofts. The Police Community Action Team, (CAT), carried out static checks in February and one motorist was charged for speeding. SBC are aware of this issue and will continue to facilitate speeding checks.

## 2. Eckford –

It was reported that the planters were needing attention and also the benches. We have the funds to cover the necessary works and it was suggested that the Mens Shed, Kelso, be contacted to see if they could do the necessary repairs/replacement, where necessary.

## 3. Nisbet –

A resident in Nisbet had contacted McMG .concerning an HGV problem occurring on the B6400 single track part of the road, as it approached the A698 junction. Drivers are not seeing the 8 tonne weight restriction sign for the bridge until they are at the Crailing School Master house. Although it is possible for them to reverse into the junction leading to the Kirk, they are unable to turn forward without colliding with the corner hedge and fence at the junction, because of the length of their articulated section. Hence they were having to reverse back down to the A698 junction. .MMcG was contacting SBC to see if the sign can be re-positioned at the junction with the main road. MMcG noted that the B6400 from the A68 junction had had no verge cutting to date and SBC Cllr Hamilton reassured him that it was scheduled to be done imminently. Cllr Hamilton stated that he would continue to monitor the Stables situation.

Ulston – Nothing to report..

## 9. SBC Update

Cllr Hamilton reported that Lord Lothian presides over the Royal Highland Show this year and to commemorate this he has set up a walking/cycling initiative. The route will begin at Harestanes/Woodside and take a circular route passing Nisbet Mill, on to the bridge over the Teviot, through Nisbet, Upper Nisbet Farm, Peacock Wood, along bridle-ways to the

Monument and back to Harestanes. Metal signage badges will be placed on wooden posts to indicate the route.

A property at Mounthooley has a problem with dog fouling due to the dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. New signage is being investigated.

The new Jedburgh Campus is nearing completion and is very impressive.

## 10.Planning Applications

1. 19/00856/AMC – Land east of Brownrigg Farm Cottages. Members will consider the documentation and whether there is any local objection and provide feedback to MMcG, who will reply to the Planning Dept.

## 11.Correspondence: Circulated/Discussed

Correspondence circulated since the last meeting was agreed as accurate. There were no comments.

## 12.AOB

1. Cheviot Area Partnership: MMcG attended this last week. There was a pre-meeting for Community Council representatives and a presentation given, concerning the 'Community Fund' and the various funding streams which are now allocated to it. These changes are a consequence of the Community Empowerment Act 2015. MMcG distributed copies of some of the material he had received. The New Community Fund is allocated to the Area Partnership and consists of the following funding streams: Community Councils Annual Grants, Local Festival Grants, Federation of Village Halls, Community Grant scheme, Quality of Life, Localities Bid Fund. The total sum allocated for 2019/20 was around £161 thousand. There is also a review of future governance arrangements for Area Partnerships. So, for example, applications from groups for community grant funding will now be made to the Area Partnership and such requests will be considered at the meetings, (on a first come basis) and subject to appraisal/recommendation by the Officers associated with the Area Partnership. A potential future issue may be the level of funding to support Community Councils and the Federation of Village Halls. Cllr Hamilton is very much in support of Community Council funding being protected. MMcG made the point to him that in the financial analysis provided at the meeting, concerning the total allocation of CC funding, he could see no reference to the monies that the village halls, which host the CC meetings, retrospectively claim back from SBC. He will investigate this and get back to us.
2. Scottish Borders National Park Campaign: MMcG reported that the results of the SBC MIR had been published last week and they had indicated overwhelming popular support for this initiative, although the majority of landowners and the NFU opposed

it. MMcG asked the members whether they wished to proceed, in terms of a response or possibly organise a residents' consultation. After some discussion, in which there was a broad degree of support in principle, but also some opposition, it was decided to agenda this for the next meeting, for further consideration.

13.Date of next meeting : 23rd September, at 7.00pm at the Eckford Hall.Page Break

## June Community Council Police Report

Name of  
Community Council:

Force Production  
Register No:

Foreword:

The following police report covers the month of May.

During that time in the Jedburgh beat area, there were 159 incidents reported to the police.

We are asking the public to call 101 if they see anything suspicious at all.

Ward Priorities

ROAD TRAFFIC

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

RURAL

DRUGS

Force Production  
Register No:

MAY

3rd- Officers spoke with a driver who was parked in a gateway near to Ancrum. There was a smell of cannabis coming from the car and the driver was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The male was issued a fixed penalty ticket.

3rd- the police received a report of sheep worrying where 2 ewes and 2 lambs have been killed. Enquiries are ongoing.

Other Incidents of  
note/relevant Community  
Council information.

4th- Officers stopped a vehicle at 0140 hours on the A68 heading southbound, the driver was found to have no insurance in place. A fixed penalty ticket was issued and the vehicle seized.

6th-9th Between these dates a car was vandalised whilst parked in Ancrum. Enquiries are ongoing.

19th Police were called to a male vandalising a fence in the Headrig. Police traced the male. A fixed penalty ticket was issued and male paid for the damage.

21st- The bar at Lilliardsedge caravan park was broken into. Police traced two males responsible and they were reported.

Feedback  
from meeting:

Please e-mail any  
feedback to:- [jedburghDistrictCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jedburghDistrictCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

## May Community Council Police Report

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Community Council:

Force Production  
Register No:

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Ward  
Priorities

ROAD TRAFFIC

#### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

#### RURAL

Over the past few months there have been a number of thefts from rural areas in the Scottish Borders.

In April, in the Jedburgh beat, we received a few calls from members of the public regarding suspicious persons near or on their property.

We also received a call regarding a vehicle having had the number plates stolen. We know that the criminals who are entering the area are using cloned number plates on their vehicles.

We are urging the public to report anything suspicious to us.

#### DRUGS

22nd- A male stopped in his motor vehicle and spoken to, he was found to have drugs in his possession.

Force Production  
Register No:

April

4th- Police received a report from a motorist regarding a white vehicle, (no further details) doing donuts and handbrake turns on the A698 Crailing Road. The area was searched but the vehicle was not found.

5th- Police received a report of a vandalism at the Swimming Pool where persons unknown have cut a pipe at the rear of the building. Enquiries are ongoing.

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5th – Police received a report of vehicles racing on the A68 Carter Bar.

16th-17th- Police received a report of a van having been broken into on Priors Road. Nothing stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

23rd-24th- Police received a report of a pick-up truck being stolen from a remote rural area. Enquiries are ongoing.

30th- Police received numerous reports of 4 trail bikes being ridden erratically on the A68, Monteviot Road and in the Harestanes area. The area was searched but there was no trace of the bikers.

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