

**CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL
2024-2027**

Minutes of General Meeting No 2

7-9pm 09 September 2024 Eckford Village Hall

Chair Charlie Robertson

No	ITEM	ACTION
1	Charlie Robertson welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to Chris Howden, attending his first Meeting	
2	<u>Attendance</u> Keith Bader KB, Virginia Burbridge VB, Katherine Pery KP, Charlie Robertson CR, Chris Howden CH Councillor Sandy Scott SS	
3	<u>Apologies</u> Richard Howes RH.	
4	<u>Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 17 June.</u> Proposed KB Seconded KP	
5	<u>Matters Arising</u> (not covered on the agenda) 1 Callant's Visit The event had gone well. CR expressed his thanks to Lothian Hall Committee for hosting the event and to Dinah Faulds who had represented the CC	
6	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Copy attached. KP reported that, with the receipt of the Maintenance and the Path Maintenance Grant, our financial position looked much healthier than it had been. Claims for this year due for submission shortly. Invoices required for Paths Maintenance.	CR
7	<u>Community Updates</u> <i>1 SBC Councillors</i> SS highlighted good overall SBC SQA exam results and positive destinations for school leavers; Greener Gateway Awards; Tour of Britain Cycle race starting in Kelso; all of which presented a positive impression of the area. He mentioned the Community Conversation to be held in the Jedburgh Campus on 17 th Sept and that a Banking Hub would be opened in Jedburgh. Questions were asked about Jedburgh Swimming Pool and the continuing issues with LiveBorders. <i>2 Crailing</i> CH raised a number of issues (Paper attached) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verges on A 698. These had been cut back last year as part of the safety initiative. This needed to be done again. Request that this become part of the SBC Maintenance Programme. SS to look into this. 	CR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation for Marshalling at Jed ½ Marathon. Was this still being paid? CR explained that payment was still intended but had not been paid for two years. CR to chase up. • Grant for Flowers Was this still available. Yes £70.00 this year. • Proposal for Planters round the new Village signs. Agreed. CR to supply the phone number of the Youth Justice Team. CC to pay for the materials. CH to provide an estimate for the Treasurer • Verged area inside the village. It was felt that this area was not the responsibility of SBC. Any tidy-up would be down to Village volunteers <p><i>3 Eckford</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village Hall. A very successful concert held in August. Another due in October ▪ Inadequate drainage . During wet weather, a main drain in the Village cannot cope with the volume and water runs down the road to form a large puddle outside the Hall. SS to supply the contact details of the relevant SBC Roads official. CR to contact. ▪ <p><i>4 Nisbet</i> No report <i>5 Ulston</i> No report</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CR CH</p> <p>SS</p> <p>CR</p>
8	<p>CENCC Ongoing Actions</p> <p><i>1 Crailing A698 Safety.</i> Signs now erected. Line painting on the road to be renewed. Verge cutting being looked into</p> <p><i>2 Nisbet 20MPH</i> New signage being erected in the village but speed limit not being extended to the signs. VB to follow this up</p> <p><i>3 President’s Route.</i> CR would complete the leaflet during the winter.</p> <p><i>4 Resilience.</i> SBC running a table top exercise on 17th November, 1-4pm. Names to be submitted by 19 Sept.</p> <p><i>5 Cheviot Area Partnership.</i> Next meeting 18 Sept. CR to represent the CC</p> <p><i>6 Kalemouth Bridge.</i> SBC progressing this slowly. Consultants engaged and funding bids being prepared. Work on replacing the wooden decking scheduled for Spring 2025. A Friends of Kalemouth Bridge Group, possibly a SCIO, to be established.</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>R Co-ords. CR</p>
9	<p><u>CENCC New Business</u></p> <p><i>1 SBC Code of Conduct.</i> Document issued and Councillors signed a delaration to observe the Code. CR to get R Howes signature than send document to SBC with a copy to KP</p> <p><i>2 IT issues.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All councillors now have CENCC e-mail addresses • Agreed that no individual e-mail addresses should be published on the website. Instead have a CC address 	<p>CR</p>

	<p>with forwarding to individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All councillors on a Whats App Group • Sheila Campbell had agreed to continue to act as website co-ordinator. She would deal with incoming e-mails and forward them as necessary. She would also continue to file CC material in the website . • She offered to demonstrate the website to the CC. Unfortunately, the dates offered clashed with the October Holiday. Sheila to be asked if an MS Teams session could be arranged. • The three Eckford Councillors would be keen to go ahead with a face to face demonstration. CR to organise <p>3 CC Priorities 2024-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Place Planning. This SBC initiative offered each community an opportunity to prepare an outline plan for possible future development. This would be shared with the Community and, if they accepted it, would be used by SBC in their work. This would involve a considerable amount of work and would take time. It would require extensive consultation and participation with the local community. Help would be available from SBC. ➤ Missing Lynx Project A plan to introduce Lynx to Kielder Forest. After discussion it was agreed not to engage in the consultation on this project ➤ Climate Change and Net Zero. Not discussed. Deferred. <p>4 Next Steps CR to contact Beth Landon to set up a Meeting with her to discuss Community Place Plans further and to find another CC, further down the road with Place Planning, to ask a representative to meet with us.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>CR</p>
10	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>1 Plot 2 Wester Ulston. This was a resubmission . CC had raised no objections before. No issues raised by CC</p>	
11	<p><u>AOCB</u> Nil</p>	
12	<p><u>DONM</u> 11th November 2024 Eckford Village Hall 7-9pm</p>	

CRAILING ECKFORD NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2024-2025

date	payee	item	amount	rent	defibs	IT	improvements	events	insurance	maintenance	admin
01/04/2024	notional	Opening balance in bank	<u>824.33</u>								
01/04/2024	C Spalton	Defib set aside for 23-24	-305		-305						
17/06/2024	D Scowen	printing election leaflets	-60								-60
17/06/2024	D Scowen	Eckford Village flowers	-70			-70					
no bill yet	EVH	hall rental 13th May 24 meeting 2 hours	-24								
no bill yet	EVH	hall rental AGM 3rd June 24 meeting 3 hours	-45								
08/09/2024	EVH	hall rental 17th June 24 meeting 2 hours	-24								
09/09/2024	D Faulds	flowers for Myra	-30								-30
09/09/2024	D Faulds	quailch engraving	-24								-24
?	notional	village flowers for Nisbet and Crailing, 2@70	-140				-140				
no bill yet	LVH	hall rental 9th Sept 2024 2 hrs	-30								-30

Debits total

-752 -123 -305 0 -210 -54 0 0 -60

Balance @ 09/09/24

72.33

anticipated transactions to 31/03/25


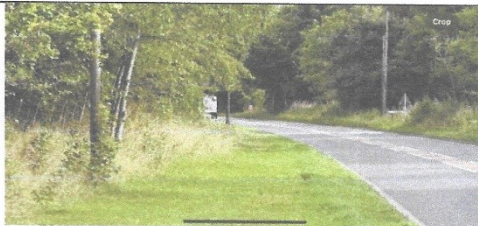


EVH	hall rental 11th November	-24
LVH	hall rental 13th January	-30
EVH	hall rental 10th March	-24
SBC	Maintenance grant	594
SBC	hall rental reclaim at cost 23-24	168
SBC	website costs	-180
SANDHU	website costs	-80
Sandhu	defibrillator costs set aside	-500
notional	paths maintenance grant	600
SBC		

596.33

Crailing comments

1. Visibility

- a. Verge cutting to east of junction. This need cut right back and self-seeding saplings need removed. I have strimmed there today in order improve the visibility.
- b. Can we get the council to maintain this area as part of their grass cutting maintenance programme? Otherwise we are back at square one again.
- c. Photos attached to show the difference and location.

Before	After
	
Location	Location
	

- 2. Maintenance of verges at the new Crailing signage. These should be maintained to avoid grass growing too high as well as branches overhanging the signage (like the East sign. Heading East out of Crailing, I have strimmed the verges where the bridge is and weed killed this area. I have also strimmed next to the new sign. SBC should be doing this.

3. One resident was wondering if the hall is still being donated money for residents marshalling at the Jed running festival?
4. Residents are also wondering about the money that used to be received from the CC for the village planters at the phone box. There used to be an allocation to each village for plants.
5. In addition, some villagers feel a good idea to improve visibility and general appearance to the village, would be to have planters at each of the 2 new signs, almost like creating a natural gateway in and out of the village area, thus making more of an impact to speed and appearance.
6. Finally, can we ask for confirmation if the verged area inside the village is SBC's responsibility? Some villagers feel this needs to be tidied up and seeded so there is a nice flow from the entrance of the village to the end of the toll house. Pic's below.

