

**CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**2024-2027**

**Minutes of General Meeting No 5**

7-9pm

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Eckford Village Hall

Chair Charlie Robertson

No	ITEM	ACTION
1	Charlie Robertson welcomed everyone to the Meeting.	
2	<u>Attendance</u> Keith Bader KB, Virginia Burbridge VB, Richard Howes RH Katherine Pery KP, Charlie Robertson CR, <u>In Attendance</u> Garry Feldman, Chair Jed CC	
3	<u>Apologies</u> Chris Howden CH Councillors Sandy Scott SS, Bathgate and Hamilton	
4	<u>Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 13 January.</u> Proposed KP Seconded KB	
5	<u>Matters Arising</u> (not covered in the Agenda) i Nil	
6	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Copy attached (Appendix 1) KP reported that, despite appeals, Bank of Scotland are proposing to introduce a charge of £4.00 per month for operating our Account. They point out that this will be applied to all similar accounts. This had not yet been applied to our account. Agreed to stay with this account as other Banks were liable to introduce similar charges. The Report was approved.	

7	<p><u>Community Updates</u></p> <p>1 SBC Councillors</p> <p>No Report.</p> <p>The CC noted the increase in Council Tax for 2025/6 and hoped that this would enable the Council to at least maintain the services that it offered our Community.</p> <p>2 Crailing</p> <p>No issues to Report</p> <p>3. Eckford</p> <p>Drainage problems in the Village. These have now been resolved. Still a puddle outside the Hall, however. Council had promised to sort this.</p> <p>Road surface at Grahamslaw. KB had met with a Council Official to look at the road. The Council had a very limited budget. It was not felt that the problems on the road were as bad as on other roads. However, the road was a designated cycle route and it was hoped that in the new financial year, the worst of the pot holes would be treated. Planings could be placed where the roadside was damaged. This to be monitored</p> <p>The number of lorries using the Grahamslaw lairage reduced from 5 to 2.</p> <p>Village Lunch to be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>4. Nisbet</p> <p>Signs now erected and welcomed on the west and south entrances to the village. Countdown signs on the western approach were effective. The eastern approach remained as it was. The Council were unwilling to change the layout of the signs. Agreed to monitor the situation on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>5. Ulston</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>6. Garry Feldman, Chair Jed CC. Mr Feldman asked to address the Meeting on the subject of the Laidlaw Memorial Pool &amp; Fitness Centre. He explained that he was the Chair of a Steering Committee established through the Community Council with a view to reopening the facility. He explained that a Business Plan had been prepared which looked its long-term future. At the core of the plan was the aim of self-sufficiency and the eventual community ownership of the facility. There was a significant amount of maintenance and modernisation required and significant sums of money would be required. Current planning was for a reopening next spring.</p> <p>A meeting of all interested parties, including to children of the town was to be held at the Jedburgh Grammar Campus on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.</p> <p>Mr Feldman also confirmed that the Jedburgh Place Plan</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>KB</p> <p>VB,KP</p> <p>CR</p>
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	had been completed and was available on the Jed CC website.	
8	<p><u>CENCC Ongoing Actions</u></p> <p><i>i President's Route.</i> Paper attached. CR outlined the proposed content of the path leaflet. He apologised for the delay in producing a draft. VB to speak to the Factor to identify someone CR could meet to gather information about the Lothian Family and the Estate.</p> <p><i>ii Resilience</i> No Report</p> <p><i>iii Cheviot Area Partnership.</i> Next Meeting 26 March CR to represent the CC</p> <p><i>iv Kalemouth Bridge.</i> Spencer Engineering had indicated that a 2 tonne weight limit on the bridge might well present difficulties.. SBC Engineers had submitted funding bid to HES on 28 February with a view to starting work on the bridge in the spring/summer of 2026.</p> <p>CR had supplied a letter of support for the bids on behalf of the CC. Copy attached.</p> <p><i>v Community Place Plans.</i> A first draft of the leaflets and Ideas Sheet to be issued to Eckford households was issued. Copies attached. Comments would be welcomed. An item about place plans would appear on the CC website and be circulated to Eckford residents. Thereafter, the documents would be delivered to, and collected from, every household in the Eckford Community by the 3 Community Councillors. The returns would be collated and presented at a Meeting in the Village Hall. They would form the basis of our discussions about establishing our priorities.</p> <p><i>vi Fibre Optics Upgrade</i> CR had contacted BT (his provider) about the progress on installing the upgrades in Eckford. Reassurances ere given that the upgrades were scheduled for all houses in the area, but no dates or timescales could be given. There had been some concerns expressed in the Village that the standard of work had not been great initially, but that Open Reach had responded well to complaints. Agreed that we should monitor progress with this important development closely and to report any concerns.</p>	<p>VB</p> <p>CR</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CR</p> <p>KB,RH,CR</p> <p>ALL</p>

9	<u>New Business</u> <i>i Next Meeting AGM</i> A speaker from the Grahamslaw Distillery to be asked to give a presentation on progress CR to prepare a Chair's Report KP to prepare an audited Treasurer's Report CR to present an updated (but unchanged) version of the Constitution for formal adoption CR to check and adhere to formalities for advertising the meeting There should be a Business Meeting following the AGM <i>Ii Communication</i> There had been a suggestion that we should look into a presence on Facebook or establishing a Whats App Group. In view of the work on Place Plans, it was agreed to to take this any further at present.	CR CR KP CR  CR
10	<u>Planning Applications</u> Nil	
11	AOCB Nil	
12	DONM      Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025    7.00-9.00 Lothian Hall, Crailing Annual General Meeting	

Appendix 1 Treasurer's Report

Appendix 2 President's Route Document

Appendix 3 Kalemouth Bridge Letter

Appendix 4 Eckford Place Plan Draft Documents