

**CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD IN ECKFORD VILLAGE HALL – MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017 - 7PM**

Attendees:- Charlie Robertson (acting Chairman), Caroline Cook, Linda Coles, Peter Jeary, Dorothy Willis, Councillor Scott Hamilton and 8 residents of Ulston.

1. Apologies: Sylvia Seivwright, Ron Leddy, Marie Hogg

There being a number of Ulston residents present, in relation to the item on the agenda regarding the 30 mile limit traffic signs between Easter and Wester Ulston, the Chairman proposed a change to the order of the Agenda and to bring forward this item to the beginning of the meeting. Following discussion, the residents advised that they were happy with the proposed map provided by SBC and Councillor Hamilton undertook to keep all involved informed. Residents further advised that they would like the reduced speed limit to continue into Jedburgh and it was thought that this could be a future project for the Community Council. **ACTION: SBC to be advised that the Community Council support the proposal. (LC)**

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Minutes of meetings of 7 June 2017 and 19 June 2017 were approved.

3. Matters Arising.

(a) It was advised that the Chairman cannot hold two offices concurrently, therefore there was a vacancy for Treasurer. Peter Jeary was proposed and agreed to take over as treasurer.

(b) It was noted that the drain at the 30mph sign in Eckford has been assessed and monitored. Councillor Hamilton will return at a later date to inspect.

(c) In response to the query as to the status on Mounthooly, Councillor Hamilton informed that the old plan is being rewritten and Mounthooly could become a growth area. He undertook to follow this up.

(d) Elliot advised that the power cuts in Crailing hadn't been as frequent since work had been done on the lines.

(e) As previously indicated, Elliot and Vera Smith had advised that they wished to resign from administering the oil scheme. Councillors were pleased to note that Jane Vickers, Easter Wooden had agreed to take over from the September order, which they would administer together.

(f) Crailing Ride-out – It was noted that only 4 riders go to the War Memorial. It was suggested that perhaps some of the Crailing residents might also wish to attend at the War Memorial. **ACTION: Caroline and Linda will brainstorm.(LC & CC)**

4. Treasurer's Report.

It was reported that the balance in the bank at the moment was £2212.45, however, after the anticipated expenses of batteries and website fees, refund of unused AED grant and hall fees amounting to £1609 were deducted, there was a balance of £603.45. There will be more expense in spring 2018 for batteries for the AEDs. A fund raiser was suggested.

5. Police Report. There was no report.
6. Old Three Year Plan 2014- 2017.
  - (a) Jubilee Path – Kalemouth work has been completed and a letter of thanks to be sent to the criminal Justice Team to say how impressed we were of the standard of work.  
**ACTION:** thanks to be sent to the Criminal Justice Team (LC)  
In October we will apply again for a Paths Maintenance Grant. **ACTION: Grant application to be submitted in October.(PJ)**
  - (b) AEDS – Defibrillator pads have recently been replaced in all 4 locations. The pads last 18 months, so next due to be replaced in December 2019. Batteries to be replaced in 2018.
  - (c) Resilient Community: Shovels etc and equipment – Sheila Campbell keeps account of inventory.  
Elliot Smith had advised that the first aid kit, wound dressings and bandages were out of date by 6 months. **ACTION: Email SBC to ask if there were any plans to replace them.(LC)**
7. New Three Year Plan:
  - (a) Broadband Green Boxes, we need more not less? Budget in Autumn to meet some of the cost of cabling to local villages i.e. Eckford. Councillor Hamilton will keep us informed. Representative from BT to be invited to next meeting to provide update on fibre optic roll-out with particular regard to our villages. **ACTION: BT to be invited to next meeting (LC)**
  - (b) Caroline Cook attended the cheviot Area Committee meeting. There will be money available by the end of the year for local communities.
8. Community Updates.
  - (a) Crailing  
The hall hedge has now been cut.  
Mill Barn has been sold to a family, so there is now a small child in the village.  
Craising War Memorial – Mr John Pearson of West Lodge will look after the grass cutting  
And the CC will support him.
  - (b) Eckford  
Work on the Village Hall is progressing well. Wet rot in the store room and disabled toilet is being taken out and repaired.
  - (c) Nisbet  
It was noted that the sale of the Stables had fallen through and it is back on the market.  
The culvert on the path on the Old Railway line next to the sewage works has a steep Drop and is quite dangerous. The locals are aware, but any visitors would not be.  
**ACTION: Lothian Estates to be contacted to assess.(SS)**
9. SBC Update – Councillor Hamilton gave the following update:-
  - (a) The new school in Jedburgh has a 98% approval rate. It is an £18million project.
  - (b) Possible supermarket in Jedburgh. Councillor Hamilton will keep us informed.
  - (c) Beer Festival and Fete in Oxnam was a success.
  - (d) Local Development Plan progress – Mounthooly etc boundaries and planning.
  - (e) Reorganising trusts – merging into central trust if no relatives can be found or don't

object.

(f) Meeting of full Council increased school uniform grant.

(g) Government discussions on smacking children.

10. Cheviot Area Committee

Caroline Cook will continue to represent the Community Council.

11. Planning Applications.

There were no objections to the Bonjedward Application.

12. Correspondence

The only comment on correspondence previously circulated was in relation to the following item;

Eckford Watchtower. It was noted that the sale of Eckford Watchtower had fallen Through. Councillors were concerned at its poor condition and it was suggested that the CC look into taking it on as part of our New Three Year Plan. **ACTION: SBC to be contacted to register our interest. (SS)**

13. Any Other Business

(a) SBC Scrutiny Committee were looking for suggestions for items for their consideration. **ACTION: Suggestion to SBC that they consider including an item with regard to rural employment opportunities for people with families. (LC)**

(b) Borders Rail leaflet was circulated.

(c) It was agreed that a wreath be purchased for the Remembrance Service at Eckford. **ACTION: Margaret Jeary to be asked to arrange for a wreath at around the same cost as last year.**

14. Date of Next Meeting.

The Next Meeting will be held on Monday, 13 November 2017 at Lothian Hall Crailing.