

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CENCC)

Minutes of General Meeting – 13.5.2024 Eckford Village Hall, 7pm

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1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>In attendance</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Charlie Robertson (CR)</td> <td>Acting Chair</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keith Bader (KB)</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dinah Faulds (DF)</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Katherine Pery (KP)</td> <td>Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carol Spalton (CS)</td> <td>Councillor</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Godfrey Spalton (GS)</td> <td>Acting Minute Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Howes (RH)</td> <td>Member of the Public</td> </tr> </table> <p>CR welcomed members to the meeting, noting it would be the last general meeting before the Council reformed with the councillors elected through the current election process. He introduced Richard Howes who has been nominated to be a councillor in the current election.</p>	Charlie Robertson (CR)	Acting Chair	Keith Bader (KB)	Councillor	Dinah Faulds (DF)	Councillor	Katherine Pery (KP)	Treasurer	Carol Spalton (CS)	Councillor			Godfrey Spalton (GS)	Acting Minute Secretary			Richard Howes (RH)	Member of the Public	
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2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting (11 March 2024)</u></p> <p>CR noted these minutes were approved by email by a majority of the councillors who were present in that meeting, and submitted to SBC on 25 March 2024. The minutes were agreed unanimously and a copy was signed in this meeting.</p>																			
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from previous meetings</u> (not discussed elsewhere)</p> <p>3.1 Appointment of Secretary (5.1, 15.1.2024) CR said he continued to sound out possible candidates without success.</p> <p>3.2 IT Issues – Store for Electronic Files DF and KB said they had not been able to access the Google Drive store for personal reasons. GS proposed, and the Council agreed, that when the Council re-forms after the election, it should decide whether such a store is required. If the Council does not indicate it is required by end July 2024 (with an email for who will take it on), GS will delete the prototype.</p> <p>3.3 Defibrillator Funding (4.3, 15.1.2024) KB indicated that despite many contacts he had just one more potential donation to pursue from a business (in addition to the one noted by the Council on 11.3.2024).</p> <p>The Council considered again if a separate bank account would encourage donations. KP agreed to look into creating an interest-bearing ('savings') account for donations.</p> <p>CR reiterated, and KB noted, the request that a list was maintained of the organisations contacted in the current process to aid any future fund-raising efforts.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>KP</p>																		

	<p>3.4 Kalemouth Bridge and Ormiston Access (7.1.1, 15.1.2024)</p> <p>3.4.1 Access Road Flooding Issues CR indicated he had met with the SBC engineers involved in the work on the suspension bridge and had been advised it was possible, if necessary, to infill the dip between the railway bridge abutments. He had also raised the option of a higher gritting priority for the road. He was advised it was on the list for gritting but was not a priority. CR indicated he would pursue the potential for grit bins at critical points with residents.</p> <p>3.4.2 SBC Progress CR noted that SBC had advised that sand, deposited in the bridge drains during heavy rain, had been cleared. The engineering work on the deck replacement is continuing, including discussions with those who designed the Union Bridge renovation.</p> <p>3.4.3 Public Meeting on 8.5.2024 CR reported that circa 30 people had listened to a presentation about the Union Bridge including its history, renovation project and current status as a tourist attraction. CR stated he saw clear parallels with the Kalemouth Bridge. At the end of the public meeting on 8 May, those present, agreed to organise a 'Friends of the Kalemouth Bridge' group, funded by donations, which would pursue alternatives to the current plan agreed by SBC. This would include the restoration of bridge for vehicular traffic.</p>	CR
4	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>KP presented a draft Receipts and Payments account for the year ended 31 March 2024. This was reviewed by the meeting and a small number of changes agreed. KP will update the document and submit it to be audited in advance of the 2024 AGM.</p>	KP
5	<p><u>Community Updates from Councillors</u></p> <p>5.1 SBC Councillor(s) None present.</p> <p>5.2 Crailing CS reported that the Table Top/Car Boot sale on 28 April 2024 was considered very successful and further one may be held in the autumn.</p> <p>5.3 Eckford CR noted that the Council was the first organisation to meet on the newly-laid floor in the Village Hall. He advised that the issues about a large stack of potato boxes and rubbish burning were being resolved, albeit slowly. The village would soon see some changes as three houses were either on sale, or imminently to go on sale. There was also an issue with a blocked drain on the main street which required attention.</p> <p>KB noted that the Grahamslaw distillery project is progressing.</p> <p>5.4 Nisbet DF noted there would be a Plant Sale in Nisbet organised by a resident on 8 June 2024. Donations of plants for sale would be welcome.</p>	

	5.5 Ulston – Nothing to report	
6	<p><u>CENCC Actions</u></p> <p>6.1 Crailing – Visibility onto A698 CS stated that the signage improvements agreed via the SBC Petitions Committee are still outstanding. Nicola Cowe (Craising resident who compiled the petition) has again received assurances that the signs are being ordered.</p> <p>6.2 Nisbet 20mph Area DF confirmed she would take over the project from Hugh Wilson. The 20's Plenty team had indicated that the current speed limit locations could not be changed. There was no alternative other than to submit a petition. She committed to progress with this approach. The Council endorsed her proposal.</p> <p>DF also highlighted issues with speeding farm vehicles in Nisbet. CR advised it was important to identify the farm(s) involved so the relevant farmer could be contacted.</p> <p>6.3 Integrated Path Leaflet, President's Ride and Jubilee Walk CR reported he had made no progress in obtaining a view from Lothian Estates on his proposal. KP agreed to talk to the Factor about the project.</p> <p>6.4 Resilience - Nothing to discuss.</p> <p>6.5 Project List Review GS reiterated the purpose of the tabulations of short and long-term projects updated and circulated before the meeting (CENCC Activity Programme at 20240513). CR agreed to consider how these might help the Council define its priorities when re-formed after the election. GS agreed to send CR the original spreadsheet workbook.</p> <p>6.6 Community-Led Planning CR reiterated that this could be useful in the future and will keep a watching brief on the Teams meetings.</p> <p>6.7 The Missing Lynx Project CR summarised the information about the Lynx rewilding project in Northumberland circulated to earlier to Councillors. He would discuss further with the re-formed Council.</p> <p>6.8 Cheviot Area Partnership (CHAP) CS noted she had circulated her notes of the 28 March 2024 meeting to Councillors. She highlighted that SBC wished to have more members in the Neighbourhood Support Fund committee which makes recommendations on funding applications to the CHAP. CS agreed to attend the next meeting in late May.</p> <p>6.9 Royal Portrait CR noted that Lothian Hall had accepted the portrait of King Charles III offered to community councils.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>GS</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>6.10 Callant's Visit CR outlined the need to source an engraved Quaich for the Callant's Festival visit to Crailing. DF noted she had an unused quaich. She agreed to pass this, and the wording used previously, to KP who will arrange the engraving.</p> <p>6.11 Dates for Meetings 2024-2025 CR provided the draft list of meetings/locations for 2024-2025 below.</p>	DF/KP
7	<p><u>AGM Arrangements (3 June 2024)</u></p> <p>7.1 Scheme for Elections CR noted that 5 nominations had been received by Fiona Henderson. These people would become councillors at an initial meeting with the Returning Officer, Sandy Scott, in June.</p> <p>7.2 Retirals/Resignations CR proposed that a bouquet of flowers be send to Myra Hope in recognition of her long service to the Council. He noted that DF and CS would retire as Councillors at the AGM and thanked them both for their service to the Council.</p> <p>7.3 Vacancies CR noted that from June the Council could seek other members to fill up to two of the remaining 4 places via co-option (with ratification at the next AGM).</p> <p>7.4 Office Bearers CR stated he was prepared to continue as Chair.</p> <p>7.5 Location GS confirmed he had booked Lothian Hall for 3 June 2024.</p> <p>7.6 Presentation CS noted she had circulated information about a potential presentation on Climate Change and Net Zero. After discussion, the Council agreed this would need thought and preparation and it would be best not to include in the AGM.</p> <p>The Council agreed the AGM agenda should comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Minutes from AGM 2023 - The Chair's Report followed by any Q&A - The Treasurer's Report followed by any Q&A - AOCB - Refreshments and conversation <p>The existing and future Councillors will be invited specifically. The meeting business will start at 7:00 pm, the meeting will close at circa 9:30pm.</p>	
8	<p><u>Planning Applications and Updates</u></p> <p>8.1 Grahamslaw Distillery CR noted he had heard no comments and not responded to SBC.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p><u>Any Other Competent Business</u></p> <p>9.1 CR proposed the Council fund the purchase of annual plants to be placed in the planters in the four main settlements. The meeting agreed £70 should be available to each settlement if requested.</p> <p>9.2 CR passed out details of a proposed community purchase of a pub in Morebottle, noting it was the nearest 'local' to Eckford.</p> <p>9.3 GS asked if the Council wanted a draft Asset Register (a record of the items owned by the Council) started in December 2023 in case no one took the Chair position in January 2024. CR asked for a copy.</p> <p>9.4 DF and GS drew attention to the issues created by Councillors placing personal emails on the website; the meeting agreed all Councillors should only show their cencomms email address.</p> <p>9.5 CS asked if the Council wanted the Glossary to be updated to help the new Councillors. This was agreed.</p> <p>9.6 DF noted that she still held paper files for the Council. CR agreed to accept these at the AGM.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CR</p>																								
<p>10</p>	<p><u>Calendar</u> (dates after May 2024 are subject to review by the Council)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2024 AGM</td> <td>3 June 2024</td> <td>Lothian Hall, Crailing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>17 June 2024</td> <td>Eckford Village Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>9 September 2024</td> <td>Lothian Hall, Crailing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>11 November 2024</td> <td>Eckford Village Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>13 January 2025</td> <td>Lothian Hall, Crailing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>10 March 2025</td> <td>Eckford Village Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM</td> <td>12 May 2025</td> <td>Lothian Hall, Crailing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025 AGM</td> <td>6 June 2025</td> <td>Eckford Village Hall</td> </tr> </table>	2024 AGM	3 June 2024	Lothian Hall, Crailing	GM	17 June 2024	Eckford Village Hall	GM	9 September 2024	Lothian Hall, Crailing	GM	11 November 2024	Eckford Village Hall	GM	13 January 2025	Lothian Hall, Crailing	GM	10 March 2025	Eckford Village Hall	GM	12 May 2025	Lothian Hall, Crailing	2025 AGM	6 June 2025	Eckford Village Hall	
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