

# CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL General Meeting

**30 August 2021 Lothian Hall, Crailing - 7PM**

## MINUTES

### Welcome

		Actions
<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>Attendees/Apologies</u></b></p> <p><b>In attendance</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dinah Faulds (DF)                      Chair            Peter Jeary (PJ)                        Treasurer            Elliott Lewis (EL)            Charlie Robertson (CR)            Douglas Scowen (DS)            Carol Spalton (CS)            Hugh Wilson (HW)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b>    None</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting - 21 June 2021</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous general meeting on 21 June 2021 were approved unanimously with three minor typing errors corrected.</p> <p>Proposed: DS                      Seconded: CR</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></b></p> <p>3.1    Item 16(a)    Laptop projector - HW presented likely costs £200-300. Full discussion revealed Eckford Hall has a projector available; EL agreed Lothian Hall committee would be asked to use part of covid 19 grant to purchase a hall projector, rendering purchase by CENCC unnecessary.</p> <p>3.2    Item 16(b)    Defibrillator Training - Malcolm McGregor had agreed to organise this as soon as regulations allow.</p>	<b>EL</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report</u></b></p> <p>PJ presented the accounts at 30 August – appendix 1. Whilst at there was a bank balance of £4,678.10, an expected expenditure of £4,619 and anticipated income from the SBC Jubilee Path Maintenance grant 20/21 of £450, leaves free funds available of £509.09. There is some concern over the continuance of the payment by SBC of the CC grant in future years as this is</p>	

	not fixed and any reduction would result in a shortage of funds.	
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>Community Council Members</u></b></p> <p>Secretary post – DF had yet to organise the posters to advertise for a minute secretary. CF reminded the chair to approach other CCs to identify secretaries who might be looking for extra hours. Other suggestions – consider advertising in Kelso Life and JedEye.</p>	<b>DF</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b></p> <p>Circulated previously, no pertinent matters. The new police representative will be Sergeant Begley as Craig Thomson is moving on. DF had supplied dates of all scheduled CENCC meetings. CENCC has been advised that the police are unlikely to attend in person from henceforth unless there is a pertinent topic for discussion</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>SBC Councillor Updates</u></b></p> <p>SBC councillors are not yet attending live meetings. DF will ensure SBC councillors are emailed directly with invitations to all meetings going forward.</p> <p>SBC guidance remains that meetings, where possible, should be on-line. After detailed discussion, when concern was expressed at this guidance, it was agreed unanimously to continue live meetings. Venues used by CENCC are sufficiently capacious to accommodate expected numbers whilst meeting current distancing regulations.</p>	<b>DF</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Cheviot Area Partnership and Local Community Fund</u></b></p> <p>Minutes of last meeting on 30/06/2021 were circulated prior to this meeting. Main issues being addressed are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Partnerships (APs) and Local Community Funds. PJ has been accepted as the representative of Jedburgh District and rural area CCs, to sit on the panel deciding funding applications. Funds are available in 4 tranches – one per quarter. These meetings – both APs and Funding are held online and open to all. See SBC website.</li> <li>• Review of Community Councils – PJ, our spokesman on this issue, advised the latest consultation was only informal and that he will address a response from CENCC when a formal paper is presented.</li> <li>• Reports on Long Term Plans for Fire Service and Road Maintenance Planning were presented. DF to circulate road maintenance programme link for interest.</li> </ul>	<b>DF</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Community Updates</u></b></p> <p>9.1 Crailing EL reported all planned improvements have been made to the Lothian Hall, the hall is back in use and coffee mornings are expected to recommence in the next 2-3 weeks. Top priority is the AGM. A formal reopening is planned early next year.</p>	

<p>9.2 Eckford</p> <p>CR announced work on the Wooden loch path has been completed; due to a misunderstanding the benches provided for Wooden hill will have to be replaced with backed seats by the original team.</p> <p>Eckford Village Hall has been reopened by the new committee, details of activities on the CENCC website. Improvements to heating system. planned The Jubilee Path near Kalemouth has been disturbed by a large fallen beech under the rockface. There is a safety concern so work underway to tape off and meet the countryside ranger to determine what to do. DF requested that CR also raise the matter of safety and repair to the Jubilee Path/ Borders Abbeys Way just north of the Hutches bend, SSW of Nisbet. where the footpath fell into the river after the spring flood surge.</p> <p>Sheila Campbell has provided laminated plans and information posters on leisure routes in the CENCC for display in each settlement. These show a QR scan code with additional information on routes for walking, cycling and horse riding. This modern method of sourcing paths information will be more up to date than leaflets. Thanks were recorded to Sheila for her initiative.</p> <p>The Smokery and coffee shop have been advertised to let.</p> <p>The telephone box requires repair and repainting.</p>	<p><b>CR</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p>9.3 Nisbet</p> <p>HW reported that an agreement has been reached with SBC regarding labour and material costs for renovating the cemetery after a meeting with the Estate Area manager, asst. manager and local foreman. The cemetery is an SBC responsibility so SBC blacksmiths will repair the railings, gate and wrought iron work on the graves. Currently quotes are being sought for seats, paving drains and an information board plus a plan of the graves. PJ questioned why quotes were needed given that the grant funding had already been allocated. The Buccleuch estates factor, Ben Burbridge should be consulted about clearing the watercourse, on Buccleuch land, that runs into the drain to be repaired.</p> <p>Two residents had queried when the bridge over the Teviot had last received a structural and safety inspection. Minor pothole repairs were made last year and it is known that the bridge was last repainted in 1986. Heavy vehicles use the bridge repeatedly every day. CR asked if consideration had been given to a conservation order as he believed it to have been built c 1860 to a unique design. DF agreed to re-circulate a roads maintenance schedule presented to the Cheviot Partnership and to contact SBC and Councillor Scott Hamilton about the matter.</p> <p>9.4 The Ulstons</p> <p>At the behest of Mr &amp; Mrs Spalton, Openreach had identified 16 properties entitled to a £5K grant from the Scottish Government towards installation of superfast broadband. As the total cost was only £16K only 4 households were required to commit; 7 subsequently signed up. The process is longwinded; Scotlandsuperfast.com must submit the 7 names to the Scottish Govt. but funds will be released only when OR can complete within 12</p>	<p><b>DF &amp; HW to speak to Malcolm McG</b></p> <p><b>DF</b></p>

	months.	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Rolling Matters</b></p> <p>After deciding previously that certain matters should be held under watching brief, the members identified the following matters to be checked at each meeting;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website</li> <li>• Kalemouth Bridge – progress</li> <li>• The Watchtower</li> <li>• Oil Purchase Scheme</li> <li>• Paths</li> <li>• Telephone boxes</li> </ul> <p>10.1 Website – more modern photos required – please send to Sheila. Overall cost of the website was queried by the Treasurer and it was agreed to include a review in the long term plan. A short report on usage in the form of hits, new contacts etc. will be sought from Sheila as website administrator</p> <p>10.2 Kalemouth Bridge – report expected from Highways in September 2021.</p> <p>10.3 Watchtower – no further progress reported. Ownership of intended plans are all uncertain. DF to try to verify ownership.</p> <p>10.4 Oil Scheme – Jane Vickers was thanked for submitting a detailed report (Appendix 2) at the request of the CC. Since opening in 2012 the Scheme has saved residents over £133,000. Currently 161 members are on the books. The Administrator’s work is thought to require approximately 6 hours over 9 days for each of the 7 deliveries per annum. Opinion was divided on the efficacy and fairness of applying a levy or precept on the cost per litre to raise local CC funds, to be collected by the oil company and paid over to the CC. Levies are already used by other CCs. This matter will be debated more fully as part of the long term plan.</p> <p>10.5 Paths - See item 9.2 Sheila Campbell’s suggestion of developing a village trail based on the telephone boxes was thought would duplicate existing routes and that funds might be sought elsewhere for the restoration of the telephone boxes.</p> <p>10.6 Telephone Boxes – The 3 boxes requiring repainting are in Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet. The telephone box painted blue, outside the Bonjedward garage and carwash, is on land that falls into the Jedburgh CC area therefore is not our concern. It was hoped we might be able to access a grant towards the repairs and painting. Three quotes will be sought by DS for reporting to next meeting.</p>	<p><b>DF</b></p> <p><b>DF</b></p> <p><b>DF</b></p> <p><b>DS</b></p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>11.1 21/00293/FUL Land South of Eckford Moss Cottage When this application was under consideration by the planning committee, the CC was invited to send representation to that virtual meeting. However, Eckford residents agreed the planning conditions recommended by the planning staff</p>	

	<p>addressed all their concerns and therefore there was little merit in attending.</p> <p>11.2 21/00734/FUL “Black Barn” This application was for change of use from agricultural to dwelling and for alterations to house and garage was recommended for refusal by the planning officer on grounds that it contravened the Local Development Plan on 4 counts. Again local views appear to have been heeded about the inappropriate size and design. Residents still have concerns about the deteriorating condition of the barn.</p>	
<b>1</b> <b>2</b>	<p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p>12.1 Community Council Review – see item 8.</p> <p>12.2 Local Place Plans – The Chair submitted a response on 25/06/21. She was asked to contact Clare Malster to find a speaker to introduce this concept to an open meeting of the CC as a forerunner to developing the long-term plan for CENCC.</p>	<b>DF</b>
<b>1</b> <b>3</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Chair expressed some alarm about the large number of emailed correspondence and consultations received. It was agreed where a higher body existed then strategic matters should be left to those bodies. Where individual resident’s responses are requested the matter should be published on the website, if appropriate. Where a CC response is required, the Chair will delegate, collate and respond.</p> <p>DF was asked to re-circulate an email about the use of interactive maps for websites.</p> <p>Members agreed that they would respond to emails circulated as appropriate and raise those matters at the next meeting if need be. They agreed there was no requirement for the Chair to present a comprehensive list of all correspondence at each meeting.</p>	<b>DF</b> <b>DF</b> <b>All</b>
<b>1</b> <b>4</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>14.1 HW requested a donation toward the painting of the playground in Nisbet, or application for a grant. As the SBC is responsible for the playground it was agreed the Chair would request payment from the SBC. HW to supply costs and receipts.</p> <p>14.2 CR raised matter of the Armistice service wreath laying ceremony in Eckford on 11 Nov 2021. It was requested the CC should again fund the wreath.</p>	<b>DF HW</b>
<b>1</b> <b>5</b>	<p><b>CENCC Future Planning – 3 year Plan/LPPS</b></p> <p>In view of the long agenda and the complexity of this topic, it was agreed to hold a meeting of the CENCC devoted to this matter and to try to thrash out an approach to include public involvement/consultations in order to identify the main issues that need to be addressed on a CC basis.</p>	<b>DF</b>
<b>1</b> <b>6</b>	<p><b>Dates of Next meetings</b></p> <p>8 November 2021 Eckford VH</p>	

	7 February 2022 Lothian Hall Crailing 9 May 2022 including AGM Lothian Hall Crailing Any of these meetings will be replaced by Zoom online meetings should restrictions apply.	

Signed

Date