

**CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**2024-2027**

**Minutes of General Meeting No 4**

7-9pm

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Lothian Hall, Crailing

Chair Charlie Robertson

No	ITEM	ACTION
1	Charlie Robertson welcomed everyone to the Meeting.	
2	<u>Attendance</u> Keith Bader KB, Virginia Burbridge VB, Chris Howden CH, Katherine Pery KP, Charlie Robertson CR, Councillor Sandy Scott SS	
3	<u>Apologies</u> Richard Howes RH Councillors Bathgate and Hamilton	
4	<u>Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 11 November.</u> Proposed VB Seconded KP	
5	<u>Matters Arising</u> (not covered in the Agenda) i) Forestry Plan. Eckford, Consultation. CR reported that he had attended this event. The opportunity to take part in consultations on Forestry developments in our community was welcomed. The proposals were non-controversial. CR had submitted comments on behalf of the CC	
6	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Copy attached (Appendix 1) KP reported that, with grants now received, the funds looked quite healthy. However, she also noted anticipated transactions to 31/03 which would eat into our funds. KP noted that Bank of Scotland are proposing to introduce a charge of £4.00 per month for operating our Account, but she planned to appeal against this as we were not a profit making organisation. The Report was approved.	KP

7	<p><u>Community Updates</u></p> <p><i>1 SBC Councillors</i></p> <p>SS indicated some correspondence he had received concerning Neighbourhood Watch. This does not presently operate in our villages. We do have a No Cold Calling Scheme still in operation.</p> <p>SS explained that the budget was dominating much of the Council's work. We could anticipate a rise in our Community Charge. He encouraged members of the public to take part in the consultation on the Budget process. He discussed the ongoing situation with the Laidlaw Memorial Pool in Jedburgh and the ongoing review of the work of Live Borders.</p> <p>The Banking Hub had been opened in the old BOS building in Jed and was going well.</p> <p><i>2 Crailing</i></p> <p>A boundary wall within the village had been slightly damaged by a vehicle. CH to contact SBC directly to arrange for this to be repaired.</p> <p>The wider cutting back of the verges on the A 698 close to the village junction would not become part of the regular schedule of cutting by SBC. It would be done only once per year. Traffic lights would be necessary to carry out this work.</p> <p><i>3. Eckford</i></p> <p>Drainage problems in the Village. Contact with SBC on this issue was ongoing. During the recent frosty weather there had been a large build up of ice on the road due to the running water. SS to follow this up.</p> <p>Potato Boxes. Questions had been raised about the stack of potato boxes in the field at the edge of the village. They are up for sale at present. They are on privately owned land and do not appear to present any hazard.</p> <p>Lairage at Grahamslaw. Questions had been raised about the disturbance caused by the lorries using the lairage. The lairage was due to close when the distillery opened. It was felt that the disturbance and noise was caused at least as much by a very rough road surface as by the lorries going over it. SS and KB to contact SBC to see if the road surface could be improved.</p> <p><i>4. Nisbet</i></p> <p>There was ongoing discussion about the signage on the roads leading to the village. New signage was due to be installed shortly and countdown signs were due to be installed on the western approach. However, the other approaches were felt to be a bigger priority. Agreed to seek a site meeting with Philippa Gilhooley. SS to contact her and pass on contact details to KP.</p> <p>There is a possibility of a flashing speed sign within the</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>SS/CR</p> <p>SS/KB</p> <p>SS/KP</p>
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	<p>village boundary, but it was not thought that this was what was needed.</p> <p>5. <i>Ulston</i> No report.</p>	
8	<p><u>CENCC Ongoing Actions</u></p> <p>1 <i>Crailing A698 Safety</i>. See village report</p> <p>2 <i>Nisbet 20MPH</i> See village report</p> <p>3 <i>President's Route</i>. CR would complete a draft leaflet by the next meeting.</p> <p>4 <i>Resilience</i>. SBC table top training exercise on 17<sup>th</sup> November had gone well</p> <p>5 <i>Cheviot Area Partnership</i>. CR had attended the meeting on 20 Nov. Next Meeting 29 Jan. CR to represent the CC</p> <p>6 <i>Kalemouth Bridge</i>. Spencer Engineering Report indicated that opening the bridge again to v 3 tonne vehicles would probably require the renewal to the chains and droppers to enable it to meet modern safety standards. The anticipated cost of this would be in the region of £7m. Whether it could be reopened with a limit of 2 tonnes would require further research. In the meantime, SBC Engineers were preparing funding bids for the replacement of the roadway on the bridge to keep it open for pedestrians and cyclists. It was anticipated that planning and preparation would enable a start to be made to the work in the spring/summer of 2026. CR agreed to supply a letter of support for the bids should this be wanted.</p> <p>7 <i>Community Place Plans</i>. There had been limited progress on the Eckford Plan owing the Festive Season. The anticipated strategy is as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce the intention to prepare a Place Plan via the CENCC website.</li> <li>• Circulate the whole Eckford community via hand delivered communications explaining the process and inviting ideas for developments/improvements in our community</li> <li>• Community Meeting to consider the results of the consultation and to discuss priorities</li> <li>• Draw up a draft plan</li> <li>• Circulate the draft via hand delivered document for further consultation</li> <li>• It is hoped to reach this stage by summer 2025</li> <li>• In the meantime, supporting information on the community will be collated for inclusion in the final plan.</li> <li>• The 3 Eckford Councillors will meet asap to take this forward.</li> </ul>	<p>CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>CR/KB /RH</p>

9	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p><i>1 Fibre Optic Upgrade.</i> There still seemed to be a degree of confusion as to how this was to be implemented. Some houses had already received their upgrade, others were still waiting. CR to contact BT/Open Reach.</p> <p><i>2 Constitution.</i> Good news. After examination it seems that our Constitution does not require to be updated. The changes to the method of election appear in the SBC Scheme for Community Councils. Our Constitution requires us to adhere to that scheme. It was agreed to accept this review of the Constitution and to note it at the next AGM.</p>	CR
10	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>CR suggested that we could invite Stuart Lang, Grahamslaw Distillery, to come to the AGM to give a presentation on progress at the Distillery. Agreed</p>	CR
12	<p>DONM      Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March Village Hall, Eckford</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	notional	Defibs set aside for 23-24	-305		-305						
17/06/2024	C Spalton	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								
10/11/2024	L VH	hall rental AGM 3rd June 24 meeting 3 hours	-45		-45						
08/09/2024	EVH	hall rental 17th June 24 meeting 2 hours	-24		-24						
09/09/2024	D Faulds	flowers for Myra	-30								-30
09/09/2024	D Faulds	quatch engraving	-24								-24
10/11/2024	L VH	hall rental 9th Sept 2024 2 hrs	-30		-30						
07/11/2024	Sandhu	website SSL Security Certificate	-60								-60
no bill yet	EVH	hall rental 11th November	-24		-24						
03/12/2024	SBC	paths maintenance grant	600								600*
13/12/2024	SBC	Maintenance grant	594								594
07/01/2025	SBC	hall rental reclaim at cost 23-24	168		168						
no bill yet	L VH	hall rental 13th January	-30		-30						
		<b>Balance @ 13/01/25</b>	<u>1460.33</u>	-9	-305	-60	-70	-54	0	600	534

**anticipated transactions to 31/03/25**

notional	village flowers for Nisbet and Crailing, 2@70	-140									-140
EVH	hall rental 10th March	-24		-24							
SANDHU	website costs	-180									-180
notional	defibrillator costs set aside	-500									-500
C Howden	planters for Crailing	-156									-156
	<b>Notional balance 31/03/25 after setaside for defibs in 23-24 and 24-25</b>	<u>460.33</u>	-24	-500	-180		-296				