

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

8 FEBRUARY 2017 – VILLAGE HALL, ECKFORD – 7pm

DRAFT MINUTE

Attendees: John Campbell (Chair), Sylvia Seivwright (Secretary), Sheila Campbell, Caroline Cook, Ron Leddy, Donald Linton, PC Gary Chisholm. Three members of the public, Lisa Bratton, Graeme Murray and Bernard Thear were also present.

Apologies: Linda Coles, Marie Hogg, Elliot Lewis, Charlie Robertson, Cllr Rory Stewart.

The Chairman advised of a change in the order of the Agenda. Item 5, the Police Report and Item No 10, the planning application would be taken first.

1. **Police Report:** PC Gary Chisholm gave an update on recent crime in the area. He advised that the Police had been very busy during the festive season. Recent incidents had included a van having been broken into in Ancrum and a police car vandalized. Van theft had been particularly rife in the Duns area. Traffic Officers had reported incidents of boy racers on the Kelso-Jedburgh road. There were also incidents of anti-social behavior, including racial abuse in Jedburgh. In Peebles a number of quad bike thefts had been reported. No crimes had been reported in rural areas.
2. **Planning Application:** It was reported that a Planning Application had been received in respect of the erection of a dwelling house at Land south of Bernmaur, Eckford. Details of the application had been circulated to households in Eckford and as a result several members of the public attended the meeting to raise their concerns. Following discussion of the various points raised, it was agreed that the Council be advised that whilst the Community Council had no objections to the application, they fully supported the submissions from Lisa Bratton and Graeme Murray and Bernard Thear. **Action SS** To notify planning accordingly
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting 16 November 2016:** Approved.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Crailing. It was agreed that the Jedburgh Common Riding Committee should be advised that residents of Crailing are keen for the riders to come into Crailing and for the presentation ceremony to continue. **Action SS:** Advise Jed CR Committee
 - Jubilee Path. SC reported that a request had been made to SBC for white line markings on the Eckford Mill to Eckford road, as discussed at the last meeting. This request had been denied. After the meeting SC circulated an alternative suggestion offered by SBC i.e.

“Warning Walkers Signs”. The majority view was that this was a good idea. **Action SC:**

Follow up with Brian Young

Website. SC advised that as requested by Cllr Stewart, a list of local businesses had been provided by the Economic Development Team, but that there were only about half a dozen names on the list that she recognised and there were no contact details. **Action SC** Ask Business Development Unit to supply addresses telephone numbers etc for these contacts.

5. **Treasurer’s Report:** SS reported that since the last meeting a grant of £1332.00 had been received from SBC Quality of Life Fund and £462.00 from the SBC Community Grant Scheme to purchase and fit heated AED units in Crailing, Eckford, Nisbet and Ulston.

There was a current available balance of £746.35 the majority of which was ring fenced to cover forthcoming costs including, replacing AED pads and website hosting both of which will be due in June 2017. As agreed at the meeting in November, any spare funds will be set aside on an ongoing basis, to cover the cost of AED batteries and pads which are due to be replaced in August 2018 at a cost of approximately £1100.00.

6. Three Year Plan 2014-2017

Jubilee Path

- a. With reference to the requested fingerpost at Eckford Cross Roads to identify the start of the walk, Susan Kevan, SBC Countryside Ranger, had advised that the fingerpost had been made and that she had requested the path wardens to erect it.
- b. Susan had further advised that the building of steps, to take walkers under the A698 onto the Kalemouth stretch of the walking route, had been agreed in principle with the Criminal Justice Team. CR had met with the Susan Kevan SBC and was in agreement with the suggested location.
- c. CR had undertaken some general tidying up along the Kalemouth stretch of the route.
- d. CC suggested that a dog poo bin be sited on the area where people park their cars at Mounthooly. The part of the Jubilee Path on the railway line at Mounthooly was a favourite dog walking spot for people in the district and there was presently no facility to dispose of the waste. **Action SC** to contact SBC with the suggestions of providing a dog litter bin at the site.

Website Update

- e. SC reported that the website was now up and running and that she hoped people would begin to populate the website with any information/ photographs etc they wished to share about the villages.

Defibrillator Heated Cabinets

- f. Following discussion on the disposal of the defibrillator cabinets which had been replaced with the new heated cabinets, it was agreed that the cabinets be offered for sale on a first come, first served basis. The cabinets were only two years old and in good condition. The target sale price was agreed at £50 each for three of the cabinets and £60 for the one in as new condition. The proceeds from the sale would be put towards the ongoing maintenance costs of the AED defibrillators. **Action SC** to publicise these units for sale.

- g. SC referred to the recent emails which had been circulated to Community Councillors, regarding the re-siting of the Ulston defibrillator. The defibrillator is currently situated in a private garage, but it was felt that there was a need for a more accessible site. There had been a proposal to re-site the defibrillator on the wall of premises in Ulston, this had, however, resulted in concerns being raised by the owners of the building with regard to insurance issues. There were also concerns raised regarding the possible future financial consequences for the Community Council. During the discussion which followed, various alternative options for the siting of the AED were proposed, including building a separate structure/frame or building a frame on the side of the resilient communities hut. It was agreed that the alternative options be investigated before a final decision was reached.
Action SC To follow up with owners of the farmhouse and report back

Resilient Communities Update

- h. SC referred to an email she had circulated, regarding a Promotional Leaflet to promote the work of the Community Council and provide information from new Resilient Communities participants and also provide emergency contact details. Members felt that the leaflet was a good idea and agreed that Community Councillors and Resilient Community Co-ordinators contact details be included. It was further agreed to go ahead with the quote from the printers for 500 copies. SC asked that any final comments on the proposed content or layout be sent to her by 21 February 2017 at the latest. **Action SC:** Follow up with the production of the promotional leaflet.

7. Community Council Insurance

The annual form for noting insurance requirements for Community Council activities has been received. SC advised that during her discussions with the Insurance Department of SBC (now based in Edinburgh) regarding the AEDs it was noted that the Community Council could make a request for an "All Risks" clause within the insurance form. The cost for insuring the phone boxes and AEDs under an All Risks clause would be £180 + IPT per year. Currently the rate of IPT is 10% but this will increase to 12% in June. It was agreed, that given the low risk involved that no extra insurance would be required.

Insurance provision for participants in the Resilient Communities team was discussed. It was suggested that a reminder be put on the website, that people who had volunteered to use their own car in the event of an emergency, should be made aware that any insurance claims arising from using their own car would need to be covered by their own car insurance.

Action SC: To update the website.

8. Community Updates from Local Community Councillors. There were no community updates.

a) Begonia tubers were distributed to Crailing and Ulston. None were required for Nisbet. Eckford already had theirs.

b) A Wastling event had been held at Crailing Community Orchard and further events were planned for the coming months.

9. SBC Update: Cllr Stewart was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted a report as follows:-

The Great Tapestry of Scotland had been approved by the majority of Scottish Borders Councillors at their meeting on 22 December 2016. There were only 8 Councillors who spoke against the project. The project would commence in due course with SBC expecting to contribute approximately £4 Million.

SBC Councillors had been given a seminar by Amey at the end of the year, where the difficulties experienced by Amey in meeting requirements of Transport Scotland with regard to carrying out repairs on the A68 that operates through this ward, were explained. Following the seminar, Councillor Stewart had asked Councillor Parker to contact Transport Scotland for their response. Transport Scotland had duly replied and it appears that Amey had misled the Councillors. Councillor Stewart has now asked for a statement from both companies, seeking an apology from Amey for misleading the Councillors and a statement

from both companies that they will get to grips with the whole trunk road network contract for the A68. Councillor Stewart had annotated maps both north and south of Jedburgh on the A68 with issues that have been ongoing for years. He was still waiting for a response from both companies.

SBC were currently looking for polling staff for the Local Council Elections to be held on 4 May 2017. Application forms could be obtained online from www.scotborders.gov.uk/elections.

The Council will be considering their budget at a meeting on Thursday, 16 February 2017. It is expected that there will be some unpalatable cuts for some of the Council departments. There may be some cuts to bus services, but nothing drastic was expected at the moment. There was however, a Borders wide review, currently underway, which could result in severe cuts in the coming months.

10. Correspondence

- Health and social Care news Update – circulated
- PAS reception at the Scottish Parliament – circulated
- Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2017 – circulated
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – circulated
- SBC Proposed Housing Sites for Additional Housing – circulated
- Consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System – circulated
- PAS and Scottish Mediation Joint Conference – circulated
- Developing SBC Equality Mainstreaming Report 2017-2021 – circulated
- Public Consultation draft Supplementary Guidance: Renewable Energy – circulated.

12 Any Other Business

JC and SC both indicated that they would be stepping down from the Community Council at the AGM in May.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The NEXT meeting of the Community Council will be held on Wednesday, 19 April 2017 at 7pm - Lothian Hall, Crailing.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday, 24 May 2017 at 7pm - Eckford Village Hall.

