

# **CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Eckford Hall, 7PM**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **1) Welcome by Chair**

The meeting was opened by Chair Malcolm McGregor who thanked those present for their attendance.

### **2) Attendees/Apologies**

- **In attendance**

Malcolm McGregor (McMG)	Chair
Peter Jeary (PJ)	Treasurer
Charlie Robertson (CR)	
Caroline Cook (CC)	
Linda Coles (LC)	Secretary
Douglas Scowen (DS)	
Dinah Faulds (DF)	
Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JW)	
Malcolm Dickson PEM, (on behalf of the Campaign for a Borders National Park	
One member of the public.	

- **Apologies received from**

Cllr S Hamilton , Cllr S Scott, C Cllr Marie Hogg, C Cllr Elliott Lewis

### **3) Presentation**

Mr Malcolm Dickson then gave a comprehensive presentation, (supported by a visual power point ), on the Borders national park proposal. There

then followed a Question and Answer session.

The Chair thanked Mr Dickson for his interesting talk.

#### **4) Minutes of Previous Meeting and Any Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at the Lothian Hall, Crailing, were proposed by Linda Coles and seconded by Peter Jeary, as an accurate record. This was agreed. There were no matters arising

#### **5) Chairperson's Report: See attached.**

#### **6) Treasurer's Report : See attached.**

The Treasurer outlined in his report to the meeting that although the receipts/payments balance for the year indicated a deficit, (£1039.86), this was off set by the brought forward balance from 2018, which when taken into account, left the CC with a fiscal year balance of **£1592.65**. With commitment deductions there remains an available funds balance of **£992.65**, a healthy situation. Significant expenditure items over the year, which had been planned for and contributed to the 'deficit', were replacement of the defibrillator batteries, (£832.96) and Jubilee Path leaflets, (£512.00).

The Treasurer expressed thanks to CR for all the work he does on the Jubilee Path and also to our retiring Secretary, (VW), for donating her honorarium back to CC funds.

The Report was accepted by the members and the Chair thanked the Treasurer for his comprehensive report and his careful financial management.

#### **7) Appointment / Election of Community Councillors / Ratification of Co-opted members.**

Two members, (LC) and (MH), came to the end of their 3 year term. They had previously expressed to the Chair that they were willing to stand for a further term. Adverts for the two positions had been placed in the noticeboards and also on the CC website, in adherence with the Constitution, but no-one had contacted the Chair. Therefore, LC and MH were duly re-elected, CR proposed and CC seconded.

Ratification of co-opted members, during the year, DF and DS was completed, CR proposed and CC seconded.

## **8) Election of Officers:**

- **Chair: Malcolm McGregor**, CR proposed and PJ seconded.
- **Vice-Chair: Dinah Faulds**, PJ proposed and CR seconded.
- **Secretary: Linda Coles**, ( as there had been no response to the CC advert, LC had kindly agreed to take on the Minutes and Agenda role and MM will manage the correspondence and emails.) MM proposed LC and CR seconded.
- **Treasurer: Peter Jeary**, DS proposed and CR seconded

## **9) Acceptance of SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.**

All members in attendance confirmed that they had read and accepted the Code of Conduct. MM to contact EL and MH and then forward confirmation details to SBC.

## **10) AOCB:**

- **Community Fund and Area Partnership Review:** MM outlined that in February SBC had decided to consolidate a number of community funding streams. (included the funding of Community Councils). into one Community Fund and devolve this management responsibility to the Area Partnerships. SBC will maintain the current CC allowance into 2020. MM will find out more at the next AP meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June, and will report back at the next General Meeting.
- **Community Council Scheme Review:** every 7 years SBC are required to review the present scheme. There will be CC representative. (plus reserve), from each Area Partnership. MM has been asked to be the reserve for the Cheviot Area.
- **Consultation: Alcohol in Public Places.** For information, MM gave a brief outline of this, which ends on 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Nisbet Churchyard Restoration Localities Fund Project:** Voting

occurring from 18<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June. MM is hopeful of a positive outcome, but cautioned that Nisbet was in competition with towns, eg. Kelso and Jedburgh, with large populations.

**11) Date of Next General Meeting:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Crailing Lothian Hall.

### **Appendices:**

#### **Crailling, Eckford, and Nisbet Community Council: Chair's Annual Report, AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, in the Eckford Village Hall.**

I wish to begin my Annual Report by thanking all my colleagues on the Community Council for their support, valuable advice and work on behalf of our community, throughout the year. Special thanks to our Secretary, Victoria Wood who has enabled me to come to grips with my present role. She will be a great miss and I pay tribute to her dedicated work behind the scenes, this past year. I also wish, on behalf of the CC to thank all those community volunteers who contribute to our locality in so many ways, whether it be with organising and running the community group oil/gas purchase scheme, running the invaluable CEN Community Website, checking that our defibrillators are functioning and ready for use, if needed, looking after our Resilience Sheds and equipment and the list goes on,....., all this is what makes our area the very special place it is. We all also appreciate the regular attendance at our meetings of our SBC councillors and their contribution and support over the year has been very helpful.

As a Community Council we wish to thank our Community Police for re-establishing a regular link with us and ensuring a colleague is always in attendance at our meetings, despite the multitude of demands upon their time. Their input and advice has been most useful, especially in relation to traffic issues on the A698 at Crailing and Teviot Smokery.

The year has been eventful and fortunately, we have functioned with a full complement of our 9 Community Councillors. One of the recurring issues which has concerned residents, and brought them to our meetings, or to individual Community Councillors, has been in relation to Planning Applications, in our area. The subsequent monitoring of adherence to consented planning conditions by developers, (or lack thereof), by Planning & Regulatory Control is of serious concern to the CC. In relation to one development, myself and colleagues have found a recent decision by the planning authority: bizarre, incoherent and inconsistent, especially since both residents and the CC were trying to do their civic duty and support the Local Planning Authority.

During the year, our local Eckford councillors have been able to secure a bus stop shelter on the A698 opposite the Teviot Smokery. We are very grateful to the SBC staff in the Roads and Infrastructure department for their site visits and for improving both the

signage and road white-lining in various locations. I am also grateful for how swiftly the SBC road verge grass cutting and pot-hole repair work force have responded when we have expressed concerns to them.

As a CC we have attended meetings throughout the year of the Cheviot Area Partnership and also of the SBNCC. The Area Partnership meetings have been an invaluable source of information, both in relation to the SBC Community Plan, the Cheviot Locality Plan and the Localities Bid Fund Initiative. In connection with the latter, a community group in Nisbet, supported by CEN CC, has submitted a project, (Nisbet Churchyard Restoration), for Localities Bid funding and we wish them every success with this. We also gave full consideration to and a comprehensive response to the SBC Main Issues Report.

A significant operational asset of the CC are our 4 defibrillators. Due to our Treasurer's careful, efficient and excellent overall management of our financial resources, this year we have replaced each of the defib. Batteries, (£200 each) and also, recently the Pads, (£30 each), a considerable expenditure for the CC. Thus, our area continues to be relatively well resourced, should either a resident or a visitor be in the situation where they have need of these devices to help, hopefully, save their lives.

We have continued to host the Annual Crailing and Nisbet Ride-out, which has been a very well attended heritage and cultural event. We continue to support as Marshalls the Jedburgh Half Marathon Event, (whatever the Borders weather throws at us and the competitors). In this Centenary year for the 1914-18 World War, we laid wreaths and held Remembrance services at the War Memorials in our communities, in memory of all those lost in international conflict. Many thanks to Charlie Robertson for his moving and thought provoking oration at Eckford Cemetery.

There is much to do in the year ahead: development of an updated 3 Year Plan, continued representation across the range of groups concerned with the Borders and our Cheviot Locality, consulting our community and developing a position towards the Borders National Park initiative, supporting our community groups in bidding for Localities Bid Funding, to name but a few.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Committees of the Lothian Hall and the Eckford Hall. When we meet, whatever the season, we are provided with a comfortable, warm and welcoming environment. It is not easy these days, raising the funds to keep our village Halls maintained, operational and available for our community and their hard work in doing so is very much appreciated by us all.

Malcolm McGregor

Chair.

6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Treasurer's Report:**



<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>YEAR ENDED 31st March 2019</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
SBC Administration Grant		540.00	540.00
SBC Accommodation Grant		120.00	180.00
Donation - Jedburgh Half Marathon		0.00	400.00
Donation - Honoraria waived		160.00	160.00
Donation - for Jubilee Path		560.00	480.000
SBC Jubilee Path Maintenance Grant		450.00	450.000
		<b>1830.00</b>	<b>2210.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Notice Boards - Eckford & Crailing		197.90	0.00
CEN CC Promotional leaflets		0.00	110.00
Honoraria - Secretary & Treasurer		160.00	160.00
Secretarial expenses		0.00	10.25
Hall rentals for meetings		100.00	300.00
Presentation to Jed Callant		48.00	48.00
Jedburgh Half Marathon refreshments		0.00	37.15
Defibrilators expenses		832.96	244.40
Gifts for services to CC		20.00	127.99
Website costs		356.00	0.00
Eckford War Memorial service		33.00	32.00
Jubilee Path maintenance		560.00	480.00
Jubilee Path leaflets		512.00	0.00
Plants for village displays		50.00	199.15
		<b>2869.86</b>	<b>1748.94</b>
<b>Deficit for the year</b>		<b>1039.86</b>	
			Signed
<b>Funds</b>			
Bank Balance at 1 April 2018		2632.51	
Less: Deficit for the year		-1039.86	Peter Jeary
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 2019*</b>		<b>1592.65</b>	Treasurer
			16 April 2019
* See overleaf			
<b>Auditor's Certificate</b>			
I have examined the Accounts of the above Community Council for the year ended 31 March 2019			
showing a deficit of £1039.86 for the year and a bank balance of £1592.65 as at 31 March 2019.			
I find the Accounts to be correctly stated in accordance with the records, vouchers and bank			

statements submitted to me.				
J. Henderson FCMA				
Hon. Auditor	23 April 2019			
<b>* Commitments to be deducted from the balance in hand of £ 1592.65 at 31 March 2019:-</b>				
a) Plants for village displays in Eckford, Nisbet and Ulston - Spring 2019				
b) Nisbet Churchyard Restoration project - donation to be made when grant has been approved.				
c) AED Supplies Fund - £250 to be set aside each year to meet costs of approx £1,000 every 4 years on new batteries and pads. Year 1 contribution to Fund.				
Total commitments				
<b>*Available funds at 31 March 2019</b>				