

DRAFT CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CENCC)

Minutes of General Meeting 25 April 2022 Eckford Village Hall

		Actions
1	<p><u>Attendees/Apologies</u></p> <p>In attendance Dinah Faulds (DF) Chair Elliott Lewis (EL) Peter Jeary (PJ) Treasurer Charlie Robertson (CR) Carol Spalton (CS) Hugh Wilson (HW)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">One member of the public</p> <p>Apologies Douglas Scowen (DS)</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>2.1 General Meeting 9 February 2021</p> <p>The minutes of this meeting were approved unanimously with revisions to Appendix 2.</p> <p>Approval proposed by HW, seconded by PJ.</p> <p>2.2 Additional General Meeting 21 March 2021</p> <p>The minutes of this meeting were approved unanimously with revisions to Items 2 and 4.</p> <p>Approval proposed by HW, seconded by CS.</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>Meeting of 9 February 2022</p> <p>3.1 Item 3.1 Telephone Boxes Progress</p> <p>DS reported that HW will complete the removal of shrubbery at Crailing necessary before the refurbishment work starts.</p> <p>3.2 Item 3.2 Ulston Broadband Initiative</p> <p>CS noted that Openreach had resource constraints and gained approval from the Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme to delay the deadline for completion to end Q1 2023.</p>	HW

	<p>3.3 Item 5.2 Committee vacancies and secretarial help</p> <p>DF noted that there was no progress but the planned leaflet distribution may create options.</p> <p>3.4 Item 10.2 Community Council Review Boundary Issues – Wester Ulston</p> <p>DF indicated she was not aware of any response from the Cheviot Area Partnership.</p> <p>Meeting of 21 March 2021</p> <p>3.5 Item 2 Amended residents’ engagement leaflet</p> <p>CS undertook to include the telephone numbers for councillors that were on the website and check that the Emergency Response Co-ordinators were prepared to include their numbers too.</p> <p>It was agreed to print 400 copies and distribute the leaflets, updated for any changes to CENCC personnel, after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) planned for May 2022.</p> <p>CS noted that Footeprint had indicated they would provide 155gsm paper at minimal extra cost and it was agreed £80 could be spent on the leaflets.</p> <p>3.6 Item 4 Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>It was agreed that the trees for the villages would be a Sorbus (Rowan) for Eckford and a Malus (Crab Apple) for Crailing and Nisbet.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>CS</p> <p>DF</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <p>PJ presented the accounts at 31 March 2022 – Appendix 1 below.</p> <p>4.1 The bank balance was £6687.06, with total expenditure commitments estimated as £6760.00 leaving free funds available at 31 March 2022 of £57.06.</p> <p>4.2 In terms of expenditure commitments, PJ noted there was some uncertainty regarding the total cost payable by CENCC for the Nisbet Churchyard Restoration Project because of VAT. This was being pursued with Scottish Borders Council (SBC) by Malcom McGregor.</p> <p>4.3 PJ indicated that he will complete the necessary documentation in respect of CENCC’s usage of the administration grant from SBC and will organise the audit of the accounts and their submission to SBC.</p>	<p>PJ</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>CENCC Future Planning – 3 year Plan/Local Place Plans</u></p> <p>5.1 DF noted that she had attended a ‘Place-making Workshop’ run by Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) for community councillors and PJ, CR and CS would shortly attend the Cheviot Partnership workshop. DF proposed that the CENCC invite PAS to make a presentation to the CENCC AGM. This proposal was agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>DF to pursue with PAS</p>

	<p>5.2 DF proposed that the 2022 AGM be moved to 23 May 2022 to allow more time to arrange the presentation. This proposal was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>5.3 CR noted that vacancies and proposed re-elections would need to be announced in a timely manner. DF agreed to produce a notification for the CENCC announcing the meeting, indicating the vacancies/proposed re-elections, requesting any nominations from residents and highlighting the proposed agenda. This would be in a format suitable for the website and for councillors to download to display on noticeboards well before the meeting. It was noted that Douglas Scowen may be standing down.</p>	DF
6	<p><u>Walking Access Plan</u></p> <p>6.1 DF noted that the previous meeting had agreed that a walking access plan would be drawn up; that the first priority should be to link into the existing the President's ride; and that a booklet/leaflet would be produced.</p> <p>It was agreed that this work presented an opportunity to involve others in the CENCC activities. DF agreed to include details on the AGM notice and ask people to express an interest beforehand and attend the AGM. The meeting noted that someone would need to lead this activity, and a member of CENCC should maintain oversight.</p>	DF
7	<p><u>Oil Costs</u></p> <p>7.1 DF indicated that Jane Vickers (JV) had written to CENCC asking if any help could be given to those suffering hardship because of the large increase in heating oil prices. The meeting agreed that, regrettably, this was outside the scope of CENCC.</p> <p>7.2 DF noted that some BT email inboxes had failed to receive the last email regarding the oil scheme – this could be avoided by adding Jane Vickers's email address to 'favourites'.</p>	DF to reply to JV
8	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>DF noted the latest information has been circulated and included rural areas as well as Jedburgh.</p>	
9	<p><u>Scottish Borders Council (SBC) Councillor Updates</u></p> <p>No report available.</p>	
10	<p><u>Community Updates</u></p> <p>10.1 Crailing</p> <p>EL noted that the Woodturners had resumed their workshops in the Lothian Hall and the Coffee Mornings had also restarted, but with lower attendance. The next Coffee Morning would coincide with the Local Elections so this may increase interest. The Lothian Hall is also hosting a free evening of entertainment with buffet and drinks on 27 May 2022. The meeting</p>	EL

	<p>suggested that the organisers should contact Sheila Campbell regarding a notice on the website and the potential for contacting Crailing residents by email.</p> <p>10.2 Eckford</p> <p>CR noted that the Buccleuch Estate had appealed the refusal of planning permission for the Black Barn site. The appeal had been rejected. CR indicated that the house construction down the Wooden Loch track was progressing with a disappointingly large environmental impact. CR noted that the Eckford Village Hall committee will meet shortly to discuss a 5 year plan that will build on their recent investments (grant aided) in low energy heating and lighting. The hall seems busiest as a craft centre.</p> <p>10.3 Nisbet</p> <p>HW noted that contributions of time and money by local volunteers had now enabled all the planters in the village to be upgraded. HW and DF described the impact of the current repairs on road access to the village area. Constraints on equipment and materials had led the SBC workforce to impose intermittent closures on two out of the three roads into the village. At times access was only possible via Roxburgh.</p> <p>10.4 Ulston</p> <p>CS noted that recent work by SBC appears to have solved the water seepage on the road through Easter Ulston that caused an ice hazard in cold weather. Thanks were due to Councillor Scott Hamilton for acting on letters of concern from residents.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Items on ‘Rolling List’</u></p> <p>11.1 Website – no further action until after AGM as part of 3 year plan</p> <p>11.2 Kalemouth Bridge – no further reports available.</p> <p>11.3 Watchtower – PJ noted construction at the church continues slowly.</p> <p>11.4 Oil Scheme – Nothing to report.</p> <p>11.5 Paths – DF noted that significant erosion had occurred to the south bank of the Teviot on the Borders Abbey Way at The Hutches. It has now been fenced off to inform walkers.</p> <p>11.6 Community Fund Projects – Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>12.1 Eckford Land NE of 4 Eckford Cottages 22/00543/AMC – CR – responses by 2 May 2022</p>	<p>CR</p>

	CR indicated that the proposal was not controversial, some people had comments but there were no objections. The meeting expressed disappointment that there was no provision for energy saving and asked CR to prepare a response to that effect.	
13	<p><u>Correspondence Received</u></p> <p>DF reviewed the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Council Support Grant 2022-23 21.04.22 Circulated b. Storm Arwen Official Feedback SBC 15.04.22 c. SBCCN AGM - Presentation by PAS on LPP process 15.04.22 Circulated d. Place Making Workshops – SBC various Circulated e. Cheviot Area Partnership Meeting call and notes – various Circulated f. Cheviot Tree Survey – 07.04.22 Circulated g. Neighbourhood Support Fund – replaces Community Fund 05.04.2022 h. Community Paths Newsletter March 2022 Circulated i. Ability Borders Newsletter and Community Connectors 30.03.2022 Sent to website j. Community Engagement – Resilience teams – thank you from Chief Exec SBC 	
14	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>16.1 AGM – It was decided not to serve refreshments.</p> <p>16.2 Callant’s Festival – The arrangements for the Ride Out to Crailing (and Nisbet) on 29 May 2022 were discussed. PJ agreed to obtain the inscribed quaich for presentation to the Callant. CR agreed to review the procedure of events with DF. DF agreed to provide the whisky.</p>	PJ, CR, DF
15	<p><u>Dates of Next Meetings</u></p> <p>The followings dates were agreed by the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 May 2022 Annual General Meeting, Lothian Hall Crailing 13 June 2022 General Meeting, Eckford Village Hall 15 August 2022 General Meeting, Lothian Hall Crailing 17 October 2022 General Meeting, Eckford Village Hall 28 November 2022 General Meeting, Lothian Hall Crailing 09 January 2023 General Meeting, Eckford Village Hall 13 March 2023 General Meeting, Lothian Hall Crailing 8 May 2023 General Meeting, Eckford Village Hall 22 May 2023 Annual General Meeting, Eckford Village Hall 	

Signed

Date

Appendix 1

CEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2022

RECEIPTS

Details	Date	Amount
Balance B/fwd	01-Apr-21	2145.11
Falago Environment Fund - for Eckford Moss path	30-Jun-21	2500.00
SBC - Admin. Grant 2021/22	16-Jul-21	540.00
SBC - Jubilee Path Maintenance Grant	17-Dec-21	450.00
Ray Jones - Donation for seat Westernwooden Heights	14-Feb-22	250.00
SBC - Grant for Nisbet Churchyard Restoration	14-Feb-22	3600.00
SBC - grant for repainting 3 Phone Boxes	11-Mar-22	1026.00
Charlie Robertson - donation		669.60
Peter Jeary - donation		40.00

TOTAL

11220.71

Balance at Bank at 31 March 2022

6687.06

Add: Due from SBC 2022/23 - Hire of V. Halls 2021/22

130.00

6817.06

Deduct: Expenditure commitments:-

Nisbet Churchyard Restoration Project - from grant	3600.00
Nisbet Churchyard Restoration Project - CC contribution	400.00
Painting 3 Telephone Boxes (grant funded)	1140.00
Plants for 2022 season - 4 locations @ £75 each.	300.00
Printing CEN CC leaflets for distribution	80.00
Platinum Jubilee - Trees 3@ £80	240.00
AED Supplies Fund (batteries)	1000.00

-6760.00

Free funds available at March 2022

57.06

PAYMENTS

TOTAL

Cheque	Details	Date	Amount
318	E C Scowen - Eckford plants	30-Apr-21	50.00
319	J Pearson - Crailing plants 2020	30-Apr-21	47.01
320	D Scowen - Eckford compost	15-Jun-21	15.00
321	M McGregor - 3 sets of pads	15-Jun-21	155.00
322	E Lewis - Crailing plants	15-Jun-21	110.00
323	Eckford Village Hall - meetings*	30-Aug-21	40.00
324	M McGregor - sleepers for flower beds	30-Aug-21	90.00
325	K J Digs - Eckford Moss path repairs	23-Sep-21	2400.00
326	Sandhu Media - SSL Certificate	08-Nov-21	80.00
327	Peter Jeary - Wreath for Eckford W.M.	08-Nov-21	36.20
328	Peter Jeary - SBC benches for path.(2)	08-Feb-22	110.00
329	Eckford Village Hall - meeting*	08-Feb-22	20.00
330	D Scowen - Eckford Bulbs	08-Feb-22	42.44
331	Cancelled		
332	Eckford Village Hall - meeting*	14-Feb-22	20.00
333	Dinah Faulds - vouchers for Jane Vickers	14-Feb-22	50.00
334	C Robertson - gravel for seat Wooden Hill	14-Feb-22	118.20
335	Sandhu Media - Web Hosting & Domain	22-Mar-22	185.00
336	SBC -3 benches for Eckford walks	22-Mar-22	205.20
337	Lothian Hall - meeting 30 Aug 2021*	22-Mar-22	30.00
338	Eckford V.H. meeting 22 March 2022*	22-Mar-22	20.00
	Charlie Robertson - Jubilee Path maintenance		669.60
	Peter Jeary - Treasurer honorarium		40.00
	Balance at Bank	31-Mar-22	6687.06
	TOTAL		<u>11220.71</u>

* Use of Village Halls for CC meetings - SBC will refund expenditure in 2022/23