

Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES: Monday December 9th 2019, Lothian Hall, Crailing.

1. The Chair, Malcolm McGregor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from SBC Cllr. Sandy Scott., CC Cllr. Dinah Faulds

In attendance: Malcolm McGregor, Linda Coles, Peter Jeary, Charlie Robertson, Douglas Scowen, Caroline Cook, Elliott Lewis.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held at the Eckford Hall on 23rd September: DS noted that the Justice team had given a price for 3 planters and not 2. The Minutes were then accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising:

3c: the grit bin at Crailing has still not been replaced, some confusion may have been caused as Cllr. SS initially reported 'Lothian Hall, Eckford'. SBC Officer Karen McGrath considered that the Lothian Hall did not satisfy the appropriate criteria. Malcolm will reply with respect to the Resilient Communities criteria and safety issues on the paths etc...

3f: Nisbet bridge 8T limitation signage - nothing yet and MM will contact SBC.

6: Road signage for Crailing - MM has written to SBC arguing that what had been suggested would not be effective and will continue to seek a solution which is acceptable to the community. In connection with other road issues, CR reported that the pothole situation at the Eckford turnoff had still not been repaired. MM will pursue this with SBC.

7: Borders National Park – MM distributed the latest newsletter which he had received.

9b: MM thanked CR for the Remembrance Day Memorial Service at Eckford cemetery, which was very moving and took a lot of preparation.

4. Treasurer's Report: PJ distributed the latest financial statement to members and explained the report. Our present balance is £1486.66 and after allowing for commitments, there is £976.66 available. There were no questions. He suggested the CC may wish to keep in mind the possibility of taking a small commission from the group oil purchase scheme in preparation for future significant commitments. MM thanked the Treasurer for his comprehensive report.
5. Police Report: MM had previously emailed to colleagues the reports received from PC Chisholm, including that for November. It is regrettable that he has been unable to attend the meetings for some considerable time.
6. Scottish Borders Walking Festival: CR had received information in relation to this and although he could not attend the preliminary information meeting he would keep in contact with the organisers. He thought it would be useful for the Jubilee Walk to be included and he would be happy to be a guide. He will contact Susan Gray. Also CR noted that, as yet, the new Lothian Estates walk did not appear to have a leaflet and he suggested that CEN CC may be able to help with this. It was decided that MM would

contact the Estate and arrange a meeting to discuss this.

7. VE Day : Correspondence about this had been received and sent round to members. After discussion, it was thought an appropriate idea would be to have a Service at some point during the weekend 8th to 10th May and/ or a one around 15th August, (John Pearson, - West Lodge had suggested this would also commemorate VJ Day too). Also Street Parties could be held in respective villages and CR suggested film nights in the Halls. There may be the possibility of some grant support and the CC can register its involvement in the new year.
8. PAS Training: This is concerned with free training for CCs in connection with the planning system. PJ suggested we contact other CCs, to determine the level of interest and see if several CCs could participate together. MM will investigate this option.
9. CC Vacancy. MM will make arrangements in the new year for a notice in Ulston and also ask SC to include in a future newsletter. (He will also check with Elliott if MH is still interested or has moved).
10. Community Updates from local Community Councillors:
11. Crailing: Caroline mentioned that we had yet to receive the Marathon payment. CR will contact Len Wise. Linda reported that the village could do with a dog poo bin. This will be investigated. Resident John Pearson requested a further meeting concerning the speed issues. Also, although residents had trimmed the foliage back on one bend, SBC still had to do the same on the other side of the junction.
12. Eckford : PJ was pursuing a meeting for the Kalemouth bridge not to be used by tractors and farmers needed to adhere to the restrictions on the bridge for large, heavy vehicles. As well as the ivy needing cut back on one of the support towers, SBC needed to inspect and tighten up loose bolts. DS reported the 2 planters had arrived and compost had been replaced etc..... He suggested there was support for further planters located at the village entrance signs, which had been estimated to cost £461.16. He also outlined that the criminal justice team need more work, so a yearly contract for maintenance will be investigated. We will look at the possibility of grants, (i.e. Community Fund), to fund all additional village planters. MM will contact SBC, (Phillipa and CommunityGrants).
13. Nisbet: MM reported the ongoing problem of farm vehicles in excess of the 8T weight restriction going over the bridge. Also, residents were concerned about the state of the road and verges through the village as well as the B6400 from Nisbet Mill Cottages to the village. PJ would advise on SBC Bridge team contact and MM would arrange for a site meeting with SBC and members of the community.
14. Ulston: no-one available to report.
15. SBC Updates: no-one in attendance.
16. Planning Applications: none received.
17. Correspondence: MM had previously circulated items and had a list of major issues.
18. AOB: None
19. Date of next meeting: March 2nd, 7.00pm at Eckford Hall.

