

**CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL  
25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 – ECKFORD VILLAGE HALL –  
7PM**

- **Attendees:** Charlie Robertson (Interim Chair), Malcolm McGregor (Vice Chair), Peter Jeary (Treasurer), Victoria Wood (Secretary), Caroline Cook, Cllr Scott Hamilton, Dorothy Willis, Marie Hogg, 9 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Elliott Lewis, Linda Coles, Dinah Faulds, Councillor Sandy Scott.

Charlie Robertson, Interim Chairman welcomed those present and asked for agreement to take some of the agenda items out of order, specifically items 2, 8 and 11.

- **Talk by Gavin Davies – Trading Standards:**

An informative talk was given by Gavin Douglas, Trading Standards Officer on doorstep crime and the most frequently occurring scams. This covered cold callers, phone and internet scams and nuisance and scam mail. Gavin explained that in modern society it is possible for any member of the community to fall victim to a modern scam and is no longer aimed at just the most vulnerable. He named some present ones as emails and now phone calls purporting to be from HMRC offering money back and in the summer months cold callers offering services such as tarring driveways, reroofing houses and trimming branches.

The meeting was told that Trading Standards give presentations to Royal Mail to help them recognise when scam mail is being delivered to householders, in certain cases the mail can be stopped at source and sent to the Trading Standards Scam Mail Centre. Any evidence of a scam is then investigated and partner agencies such as the Police and Social Work may also be involved in a multi agency approach.

Trading Standards work closely with many other agencies and can provide call blocking devices for phones, assistance to families who have vulnerable relatives and general advice to anyone who suspects a scam, has been taken in by one or needs advice about a relative they are worried about.

Following a question and answer session the Chairman thanked the guest speaker for an informative talk. A number of leaflets were handed out to put into the community points and on the noticeboards. It was highlighted that throughout the CEN community it is a “No Cold Calling Zone”.

- **Casual Vacancy / Co-Opted member/s:**

There were no nominations to fill vacancies.

- **Election of Chair / Vice Chair:**

There were no nominations for the position of Chairperson. Charlie Robertson agreed to continue to chair the meeting and it was decided that the vacancies be carried over to the next meeting in September.

Malcolm McGregor was proposed by Peter Jeary as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Charlie Robertson.

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved and proposed by Peter Jeary and seconded by Malcolm McGregor.

- **Matters Arising:** The following matters arose from the minutes.

- **Speed Limit Teviot Smokery.**

The reply from PC Chisholm was read out which stated that the Road Policing Branch had been contacted (PC Howlett) and it had been agreed to discuss the matter with SBC at their next meeting (no date). PC Howlett had indicated in his reply that it was unlikely that consideration would be given to a lowering of the speed limit at this location. CEN CC agreed that it might be appropriate to invite the RP officer via PC Chisholm to the next meeting where the matter could be discussed further and to extend this invitation to SBC. PC Chisholm stated that he had submitted a Traffic Intelligence Report on the matter meantime and this would be logged with SBC.

**ACTION – Secretary to make the invitation to PC’s Chisholm**

and Howlett and SBC.

- **Flogas Update.**

Charlie Robertson provided an update on the situation and informed the meeting that the gas supplier was changed every two years and ran very much along the same lines as the Oil Group Purchasing Scheme. It was agreed that the anyone who was renewing gas supplier should speak to Charlie and that this information be stored on the website. Contact will be via CENCOMMS email.

Action – Secretary to pass this information to website administrator.

- **Crailing Bus Stop Visibility.**

Linda Coles reported that she had spoken to Mr Pearson who had again volunteered to jeep the area trimmed back.

- **Eckford Watchtower.**

An update was received from Sylvia Seivewright informing the CC that she had lodged a noted of interest on their behalf should the Watchtower ever be put up for sale. It was noted that neither Sylvia nor those present were completely aware of whether the last sale of the building had gone through. It was agreed that this be ascertained from SBC.

**ACTION** – Secretary to contact SBC to obtain the information.

- **Printing of jubilee path leaflets.**

Charlie Robertson provided an update regarding the leaflets and stated that the amendments had been made and 1000 new leaflets would be printed, almost all the existing ones had been used.

- **Resilient Communities head torches supply.**

The previous torch stock has been updated to headtorches and the battery status is to be checked to make sure they

work and there is a stock of head torch batteries.

**ACTION** – Malcolm McGregor will check the batteries and the stock and report back to the next meeting.

- **Website Hosting Update.**

Sheila Campbell provided an update on website hosting which is currently undertaken by Sandu Media, this arrangement will remain in place until the Oil Group Purchase Scheme becomes automated. A meeting between Sandu, Sheila and Jane Vickers (Oil Group Purchase Scheme Administrator) took place some time since. Amendments have been made to the website as requested and Jane will do the testing. There will be a hosting invoice from Sandu at some point over the coming months which the Treasurer is aware about.

- **Bus Shelter Request – Teviot Smokery.**

Peter Jeary informed the meeting that he had had a meeting with SBC representative Alistair Finnie in February who had agreed in principle to the proposal and will liaise with the other SBC departments who require to be involved. A suitable and safe area for the shelter was identified and Peter will contact Alistair in due course once the actions he agreed to have been carried out. Peter will report back to the next meeting or earlier if required.

**ACTION** – Peter Jeary to duly contact Alistair Finnie for an update prior to the next meeting.

- **Crailing Rideout details.**

Peter Jeary stated that he had purchased the quaich and it had been etched by Blairs the Jewellers in Kelso. Charlie Robertson agreed to make the presentation to the 2018 Callant on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and the times of the ride were confirmed for the Community Website.

**ACTION** – Secretary to update website administrator with the information.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported a balance of £892 once all the expected expenditure in relation to AED's, website hosting and Jubilee Path leaflets were taken into consideration. The grant for the coming year from SBC has been ratified at £540 and the Treasurer will claim this on behalf of CEN CC and report at the next meeting.

- **Police Report:**

In the absence of the Community Police Officer, Charlie Robertson read the police report from April and it was agreed that the Secretary would contact PC Chisholm for his up to date report and circulate electronically.

**ACTION** – Secretary to ask PC Chisholm for the updated report and circulate.

- **Community Updates from Community Councillors:**

- **Crailing –**

- Councillor Cook reported that there had been a collision at the A698 / Crailing Village junction a week ago. Local's within the community had asked again for consideration to be given to lowering of the speed limit on the A698 near to this junction. **ACTION** - Councillor Hamilton agreed to contact SBC with a view to establishing if anything could be considered. This area has been subject to such requests in the past.

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It was also reported that the dumpy bag in situ at Mounthooly is still being used as a dog waste bin by dog walkers. It has been requested that a purpose made waste bin be installed. This has previously been turned down by SBC on the grounds they couldn't commit to emptying it on a routine basis.

**ACTION** - Councillor Hamilton agreed to contact SBC to see if a waste bin could be reconsidered or if there were any alternatives.

- **Eckford –**

- A planning application on land northeast of 4 Eckford Cottages has been circulated to the community and has elicited several observations and objections. The Community Council agreed to object to access to/from the Loaning on road safety grounds and the interim chair will lodge this objection with Scottish Borders Council prior to 3<sup>RD</sup> July 2018, as per the application.
- Numerous pot holes and road maintenance issues have been addressed in the area. This has been replicated in other areas and it was agreed that a letter of acknowledgment be sent by the Secretary to SBC.

**ACTION – Secretary to send acknowledgement to SBC.**

- **Nisbet –**

- Councillor McGregor stated that the potholes along the B6400 from its junction with the A68 have been filled in.

- **Ulston –**

- There were no updates on Ulston matters as Councillor Leddy had resigned prior to this meeting.

- **SBC Update:**

There were no SBC Councillor updates at this time.

- **Planning Applications:**

- The planning application at land south east of 1 Mill Cottage, Crailing (18/00481/PPP) had been circulated prior to this meeting and the deadline for replies passed with no known objections.
- The planning application on land next to 4 Eckford Cottages, Eckford (18/00667/PPP) elicited a large turnout of members of the public, some of whom had already contacted CEN CC with their observations. There followed a lengthy discussion about the road safety aspects which surround the road in question, namely the Loaning and the heightened risk from construction traffic. The CC agreed to object to that the planning application on road safety grounds and that the secretary submit these views on their behalf.

**ACTION – Secretary to formulate reply for Interim Chair to send to Euan Calvert, SBC Planning prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.**

- **Correspondence: Circulated/Discussed:**

Correspondence circulated since the last meeting was agreed as accurate.

- Berwick Investors Conference 2018.
- Border's Buses launches new mobile app.
- Community e-newsletters.
- Border's Buses Investment Programme.
- Community Council Network Meeting 14/3/18 SBC – Colin McGrath.
- Various road network documents from John Henderson, Technical Services, SBC.
- Scottish Water – Shaping the future.
- Planning Advisory Service information document for CC's.
- Bank closure impact feedback email on behalf of the Scottish Government.
- CNN report of meeting with SBC by Colin McGrath and further letter to J Craig.
- Library rules consultation.
- Scottish Borders Physical Disability Strategy Consultation.
- Planning Application from SBC Euan Calvert re land south east of 1 Mill Cottage, Crailing.
- South of Scotland Enterprise Agency – launch of consultation.
- Various Community Council Agenda's and minutes.
- Jedburgh Callants Festival – various circulations.
- Data Protection Regulation Information.
- Community Council Research Survey.
- Community Council Stakeholder Event information.
- Planning Application from SBC Euan Calvert re land south east of 4 Eckford Cottages, Eckford.

- Licensing Policy Consultation.
  - Extension of Borders Railway – Tweedbank – Carlisle – Meeting invite.
  - Headstone Safety Inspection Programme information.
  - Democracy Matters Conversation.
  - Borders Building by Design Awards 2018.
  - Shaping the future water and waste water services.
  - Open Government Action Plan and Workshop information.
- **AOB:**
    - **Consideration for contribution to Crailing and Eckford Halls for electricity use by the defibrillators.**

*There was agreement that for 2018 the money received from the Jedburgh half marathon would be divided between the two halls. This will be reviewed in 2019.*
    - **Fundraising for purchasing of future AED batteries and pads (and potentially machines).**

*Malcolm McGregor agreed to check and report on the date that the batteries for the AED expire, the pads and also the devices as well.*

*Elliott Lewis, in absence, proposed that revenue be obtained from members of the Oil purchase scheme paying £10 which would go towards the fund for AED's. It was agreed that this suggestion had potential and be revisited in due course once expiry dates and future purchasing was known.*

**ACTION – Malcolm McGregor to report back to next meeting or before if required.**
    - **Feedback from Cheviot Area Partnership meeting 6/6/18 “Our healthcare and wellbeing”.**

*Caroline Cook provided feedback from the meeting.*
    - **Representative for Area Partnership Meetings sought.**

*Malcolm McGregor volunteered to attend future meetings on behalf of CEN CC.*

- **GDPR – Update.**

*Sheila Cambell provided an an email confirmina that CEN CC electronic communications were GDPR compliant. "A privacy policv was written and approved by Community Councillors (per email) and also by SBC. All our contacts were notified. As a result 6 have reauested removal from our svstem primariiv because they have moved away from the area or were on our svstem for a specific purpose with a limited time frame. That leaves us with a total of 342 includina those who live outwith our boundarv but want to continue to be kept informed of activities happening in this area."*

- **Fibre Broadband.**

*Charlie Robertson reported that over the period of warmer weather, he had experienced severe disruption to his fibre broadband service. This appeared to be echoed by several other members, some of whom had fibre. Other members shared their own experiences and tips and reiterated that BT could be contacted should any problems continue in the future. Connection speed can be checked on the Community Website link.*

- **Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Lothian Hall, Crailing.**