

CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

There was a Meeting of the Community Council on 13th May 2024 in Eckford Village Hall. This is a brief report on the main items discussed. The minutes of the Meeting will be published in due course and will be available on the Community Council Website.

Kalemouth Bridge. Following a meeting, SBC Officers had agreed to look into the possibility of 'filling in' the dip at the railway bridge to reduce flooding risks. It was pointed out that the road is on a schedule for salting during frosty weather. However, as a D class road, it had a low priority. It was agreed to ask for salt bins to be placed at strategic places. A brief update report was given on progress on the bridge refurbishment.

There was a Report on a meeting held in Eckford on 8th May where a presentation had been given by Edward Cawthorn about the Union Chain Suspension Bridge at Horncliffe. There were many parallels between the work that went on there and the issues facing Kalemouth Bridge. At the end of the Meeting, it was agreed to form a Friends of Kalemouth Bridge. Work is under way on this at present. If you would like to register an interest in this, please contact Charlie.loaning@btinternet.com in the first instance

Crailing Access to the A698. The signage improvements are still outstanding. Assurances have been given that this is imminent.

Nisbet 20MPH Extension. It has been indicated that it will not be possible to extent the 20MPH area around the village. The next stage will be to submit a petition. Also discussed was the speed of farm traffic through the village and the dangers this posed. The Community Council will contact the farmers concerned when such issues arise.

The Missing Lynx Project. This proposes to reintroduce Lynx to Northern Northumberland. At the moment, they are trying to raise public awareness about the project and are offering a touring roadshow. The CC will consider whether to take up this offer.

Royal Portrait. The CC were given the opportunity to obtain a framed portrait of the King and Queen. This was presented to The Lothian Hall, Crailing.

Callant's Visit. Arrangements for the Callant's Visit on Wednesday 3rd July were discussed. A quaiach will be presented on behalf of the community to Callant Lewis Murray Stewart.

Village Plants It was agreed that £70 should be made available to each village to purchase bedding plants or other items for use in village planters.

AGM Arrangements. The CC AGM will be held in the Lothian Hall, Crailing at 7pm on 3rd June. This will be the last Meeting on the present Council. Over the past year there have been two resignations from the Council and a further two Councillors have indicated that they do not wish to be nominated again. We wish to thank these councillors for the work that they have done in serving their community.

The new Council will hold its first meeting in mid June. There are nine spaces on the Council and we have nominations for six of them with the option to co-opt another two. If you are interested in the Community Council, please come along to the AGM to find out about its work.