Minutes of the Meeting: Held on Monday 16th February 2015 at Fairbairn Hall Greenlaw.

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Present.

Apologies.
SBC Councillor Frances Renton, Colin Dalgliesh and Elizabeth Nicholls.

Declaration of Interests
LPA declared an interest in a planning matter.

Minutes of Previous Meetings.
Minutes of meeting held on November 17th 2014 were approved. (Prop; IC, Sec; LPA).
Minutes of EGM held on 14th January were approved. (Prop; NB, Sec; IC)

Co-option of Hazel Paxton.
HP co-opted onto the vacant seat for Hume. (Prop; CT, Sec; CD)

Letter to all Households
The letter was distributed by hand to all households, approximately 450, within the Community Council area; it was advertised in the Berwickshire News, put on the CC website and the CC Facebook page. One email response received and one verbal response.
Whilst delivering the letters it was noted that some residents out with the two villages were not aware of being in the Community Council area.

The meeting was opened up to all in attendance for discussion of potential projects. Three projects were identified and agreed upon.

A. Community Office within the Town Hall.
The idea is to have a centrally located office space with IT facilities for the community to use. Greenlaw Townhall Association will next meet with SHBT on 19th February to discuss leasing office space to the community.

Offers of equipment and of volunteers have been received. Further volunteers required to supervise morning or afternoon sessions of the Community Office. Also offers of unwanted office furniture or IT equipment are invited.

To discuss further at the next meeting.
B. Regeneration of WS Happer Memorial Park.
Discussed some ideas and it was agreed that the Park requires improvements to benefit all within the community.

*HP and IC to take this forward with representation from Greenlaw Football Club and any other interested parties.*

**N.B. Offers to participate are invited**

C. Hume Core Path.
The core path is a circular walk of about 3 miles around Hume Castle, it was discussed and agreed that improvements are needed to make it more accessible.

*Sub group to be formed. Again offers to participate are invited.*

**Youth Issues Initiatives Update.**
Cllr Frances Renton was absent therefore there was no update. It was stated that GR8 had resumed for the younger youths and on Friday evenings there is a group for senior youths at the War Memorial Hall.
Messy Church, a fun event aimed at younger youths, had been held prior to Christmas, but was poorly attended, a similar event will be held near Easter.

**Any Other Business.**

**Paths Maintenance Grant.**
The strimmer and safety gear has been purchased, £212.
Agreed that the strimmer will be kept with the Open Spaces sub group.

*HP to ensure the CC Insurance covers the strimmer.*

Following a request from the Open Space Sub group, it was agreed for the sub group to order plants to the value of £150 for the village’s floral display.

**Proposal to Change Polling Station.**
SBC propose to change the venue of the Polling Station from the Blackadder Social Club to War Memorial Hall. No objections to the proposal.

**Cycle Rack Installation.**
Discussed location and agreed to siting it beside the telephone kiosk.

*Cllr John Greenwell will make enquires with SBC.*

**Home Energy Scotland.**
A representative attended the CC meeting last November and identified some energy initiatives for home owners within the area and suggested holding a coffee morning on 14th March. Home Energy Scotland will provide the promotional material for the CC to distribute. Agreed to the date and to hold it at the Fairbairn Hall.

*GM will contact Home Energy Scotland to finalise the coffee morning and promote the event.*

**Street Lighting:** Specific lights mentioned but a general review is required. *Cllr John Greenwell.*
**Bus Stop near Blackadder Crescent**: Request received, but a previous request (in July 2013) was refused by SBC due to safety reasons. *To be discussed further.*

**Miscellaneous**:
- Concern raised about youngsters riding their bicycles on the pavements and the risk to other users of the pavements.
- Beech tree near Mansfield is deemed unsafe, SBC to be informed. *Cllr Greenwell to report back.*
- Concerns raised about vehicles using the opening, beside the public toilets, to Castletoun, it is felt it is unsafe to use this opening and the pavement has not been lowered there. *To be referred to Darren Silcock, SBC, for attention by the Open Space sub group.*
- Fibre optic broadband, email received from Bob Murison of Community Broadband stating that Greenlaw should receive fibre optic broadband early next year. *GMcC will investigate further and report back.*
- The hand rail has now been installed along Bev’s Brae. *Feedback/comments invited.*
- Complaint about rats in the lane behind Barney’s Entry. *JB will refer to SBC Pest control.*
- GM produced a list of other issues that required discussion when space on the agenda was available. *To review and update on an ongoing basis.*

**Traffic Issues.**

The speed of the traffic along the High Street and Duns Road, has been an issue for a long time and still remains unresolved. Cllr Moffat will again contact Gary Haldane, SBC Roads Safety, to arrange for him to attend a meeting to address the issue. Cllr Moffat stated that he will bring the issue up at the next Parent Council meeting and suggest that the PC should contact Philippa Gilhooly, SBC.

A letter was also received from a local resident regarding parking and traffic congestion issues in the village. The issue will be discussed further with SBC and Community Police.

**Planning Matters.**

Cllr Moffat left the meeting.

15/00124/LBCNN, Internal alterations, Rowchester House, Greenlaw, no concerns or objections noted. *GM will respond.*
15/00072/FUL | Erection of storage building | Unit 1 Industrial Estate Duns Road Greenlaw, concerns raised that the previous application similar to this one is still ongoing. Concerns raised about the parking space.

**GM will respond.**

**Traffic Regulation Order** – Disabled persons Parking place, Marchmont Road Greenlaw. Concerns raised about safety to other road users. A request made two years ago for a disabled space near the pharmacy has not been resolved. 

**HP to send response and to enquire about previous request.**

**Greenlaw Football Club** – a proforma plan had been passed to the CC for a hard standing area beside the pavilion. As time was limited it was agreed for the Happer Park sub group to discuss and bring to the next meeting for the CC to make a decision.

**Date of next Meeting.**
Agreed to hold the next meeting on 9\(^{th}\) **March** in the Fairbairn Hall.

Prepared by Hazel Paxton.