1. **Attendance/Apologies**

**Present :-**
Greenlaw Seats - Jim Barnett, Neil Butterworth, Gerry McCann (Chair), Pippa Culham, Ian Caldwell, & Carol Trotter
Hume Seats - Elizabeth Nicholls
SBC Councillors - Frances Renton, John Greenwell, & Donald Moffat (part)
Guest Speakers - None
Members of the public – Three.
**Apologies :-** Maureen Chalmers, Hazel Paxton (Sec), and Libby Paterson Atkins, Colin Dalgliesh.

PC volunteered to take notes of the meeting as the Secretary could not attend.

GM welcomed the attendees and proposed a two hour max for the meeting. All present agreed.

2. **Declaration of Interests.**
None declared but see item 9 below.

3. **Issues from the Floor**
   - Concern was expressed by a member of the public about the support received by the Hume residents from G&H CC towards their efforts to keep their village tidy. Also the wall damaged by an ambulance sometime ago had still not been repaired. GM asked that support needs should be discussed with JB. Cllr FR agreed to look into the matter of the wall repair which was really a matter for the Ambulance service rather than SBC.
   - Greenlaw Church Clock:- GM reported that although SBC’s preference to electrify the clock remained unchanged, it had now been confirmed that if the community did not want electrification, then the current manual winding arrangements could continue for as long as the community was able to find a person to carry out that task. Regardless, SBC accepted responsibility for ongoing repairs to the clock, and would install a photo electric cell to switch the lights on/off at dusk/dawn. After discussion the meeting overwhelmingly supported a decision not to proceed with electrification. GM would advise SBC (Iain Lothian) of this decision and copy that note to all members.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2015 were approved. (Proposed CT, and seconded NB).
5. **Matters Arising.**
   
a) **Overgrown grass in old Cemetery:** PC reported that her approach to a volunteer for help in this respect had been unsuccessful. CT advised that two volunteers had been identified within the church congregation, but Cllr JG advised that there are issues that need to be first resolved by discussion with SBC (Daren Silcock). Comparison was made with the immaculate state of the old cemetery in Earlston, and suggestion offered that work in the spring should be prioritised, and possibly weed killer sprayed. *GM & JB will take this up with SBC (DR).*
   
b) **Defibrillators:** GM reported that Greenlaw had been awarded a defibrillator by a charity called Arrhythmia Alliance, following nomination by Rosie Letts in memory of her late husband, Charlie. PC corrected GM’s understanding that G&HCC would still be required to purchase a cabinet for the machine. The location for the machine was then discussed, and the consensus was that it should be fitted in the telephone kiosk, which BT are apparently in the process of converting. *Cllr FR agreed to look into the contact process for BT in this context. GM would continue efforts to secure a second machine (and cabinet if required) for location within the Hume community.*
   
c) **Greenlaw FC licence extension:** GM had contacted the lawyer to confirm that this extension did not amount to a change of use that would trigger the renegotiation of the existing lease. Accordingly the existing nominal rent would not be increased, but he had discussed the matter with GFC and a proposal was being formulated which would of course need to be approved by G&H CC. *GM to pursue with GFC.*

6. **Projects**
   
a) **WS Happer Park Development:** GM reported that following the presentation by Jim Hay, he had spoken to SBC (Jean Robertson) who had recommended that for funding purposes a more detailed costing of the proposed plans would be needed, and wider consultation to ensure that the proposal was what the community wanted and would use. He had therefore asked Jim Hay to prepare the more detailed project document, which had been sent out previously to all members. He also asked that HP post the plans on the G&HCC website and the Community Facebook pages. It was then his intention to draft an article for publication in the local papers which would invite comments from the wider community.

   Concern was expressed about the adequacy of the costs estimated for the Phase 1 works, and about the soundness of the basic concept. GM asserted that the plans had been agreed in principle at the previous meeting, and asked whether a motion to reverse that agreement was being proposed. No such proposal was made. *Subsequently established that GM’s assertion was incorrect, and that he had inadvertently misinformed the meeting. The proposal had not been approved in principle. Action: For discussion at next meeting.*
   
b) **Resilient Communities:** PC reported that she had been in discussion with the Memorial Hall Committee to agree the role that they and their hall facilities would play in the event of an emergency. Also the leaflet had been developed further but had not yet been printed or issued. However overall She felt unable to commit the time necessary to lead this effort, and was in discussion with a potential successor, and would report back at the next meeting.
c) **Open Spaces** :- JB reported that Greenlaw had received 3 awards i.e. 2nd in the small village category, a “Clean & Tidy” award. In addition the work at Happer Park had been commended. All present agreed that all those who had contributed to this result should be thanked in writing. **GM to draft letters.**

JB also reported that following a meeting with GM, at which 12 potential mini projects had been identified, his sub-committee had met again and concluded that most were too ambitious or expensive, or both, and that aftercare would be a major challenge without a pool of resource to take matters forward. He mentioned work on the floral displays at the 30mph signs and the need for a seat at the bus stop. **Cllr FR said that those efforts might qualify for funds from the Small Grant Scheme of the Quality of Life fund and that she would research those possibilities.**

**GM asked that the sub committee should come up with a plan of action for the 2016 Floral Gateway effort, that they felt was achievable with the right support from G&H CC and the wider community.**

d) **Community Office Space** :- A lease has been granted by Scottish Historic Buildings Trust (SHBT) who own Greenlaw Town Hall (GTH), for the period 10th Aug 2015 to 31st March 2016. The premises are in the east pavilion and were formerly occupied by Equibuddy. This development had been reported in the local press along with an appeal for volunteers and equipment, but no donations or offers had yet been received. The lease was rent free but the office running costs would need to be found, and that was still work in progress. GM felt that another appeal in the local press might be needed.

e) **Hume Core Path** :- HP was not present to report on progress but the meeting was advised that the path was in the best state that it had been for some years.

7. **Police Issues.**
The September report had only been circulated earlier on the day of the meeting for which GM apologised. Anti-Social behaviour was clearly still a concern, and the community should be made aware of the suspected house and premises break-ins in order that they could then take precautions as necessary.

GM also reported on a meeting with SBC and Police to discuss road safety matters. The note of the meeting had been issued with the agenda for this meeting. Measures to address concerns regarding vehicular speed at the Duns road 30mph limit are ongoing.

The dangers at the Hume road end adjoining Hume Brae were discussed. **GM agreed to take up that matter with SBC (Gary Haldane).**

The next meeting of the Police Liaison sub-committee would take place on 14th October as already advised to those members.

8. **Councillors’ Report.**
No items from Cllr’s Moffat or Renton, but Cllr Greenwell reported that following some doorstep canvanvassing, he had investigated the cleaning of the road signs, and the painting of the Westerow
bridge. The signs would be cleaned but there was simply no budget for the work on the bridge. He also mentioned concerns about the patchy state of some of the shops and houses on the High Street, and the possibility of funds for this being re-established by Scot Gov.

_He agreed to speak to Daren Silcock regarding the state of repair of the Halliburton road end._

9. **Planning Matters**

15/00774/PPP: Erection of dwelling house, Land East of Castle Heights, Hume. EN explained her position regarding this application and was then asked to leave the room while it was discussed further.

The meeting unanimously voted against the application, on a number of grounds including, out of character, outside the village limits, egress and ingress road safety concerns, encroachment upon the war memorial, and general impact on scenic views. GM would report back these comments to SBC (Stuart Herkes). It was also noted that G&H CC had previously expressed objections to the two houses already constructed at that end of the village.

10. **Correspondence**: Greenlaw Festival Trust had applied for permission to use Happer Park for a fireworks display. The request was approved. _GM would check with HP that there were no other items for consideration._

11. **Any Other Business.**

   a) Treasurer Report : - Bank balance is £2,155. As previously advised the full amount is earmarked for specific projects and expenditure.

   b) Blackrig Wind Farm : - GM needs support on the liaison group. PC offered her participation.

   c) Broadband Speed Issues : - GM reported that initiatives to address the slow speed are being progressed.

   d) Bicycle Rack : - GM will chase up to establish status

   e) Land owned by Roland E. Staehli (deceased) : - GM to register community interest in these 5 properties.

   f) Electricity Sub-station at the Surgery: GM to take up matter with Health Board and Scottish Power.

   g) Lodge Blackadder : Support provided to Doug Smith as requested. Status of the premises should be clarified and reported at the next meeting.

   h) Village Bypass: The idea of a small bypass using the old railway lines was suggested. _Cllr FR to advise on how best to investigate that remote possibility._

   i) Bus Stop at Border Embroideries : - _Cllr FR to again investigate._

**Date of Next Meeting**
Agreed to hold the next meeting on **Tuesday 27th October in Greenlaw Town Hall** commencing 7pm.

_Minute prepared by Gerry McCann and first drafted on 29th September 2015._