

GREENLAW & HUME COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 27th October 2015, at the Community Office,
Greenlaw Town Hall.

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1. Attendance/Apologies

Present:-

Greenlaw Seats - Jim Barnett, Neil Butterworth, Gerry McCann (Chair), Pippa Culham,
Ian Caldwell and Maureen Chalmers.

Hume Seats - Colin Dalglish, Elizabeth Nicholls and Hazel Paxton (Secretary)

SBC Councillors - John Greenwell, & Donald Moffat.

Guest Speakers - Jim Hay

Members of the public - Five.

Apologies: Carol Trotter. SBC Cllr Frances Renton.

GM welcomed everyone to the meeting, and proposed a two hour max for the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None declared.

3. Issues from the Floor

None.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September were approved subject to the following amendments; Colin Dalglish's apologies, and under Open Spaces to omit "borders bio diversity award for Memorial Hall". (Prop, NB. Sec, EN)

5. Matters Arising

In view of the busy agenda it was agreed that all matters arising would be discussed under Any Other Business.

6. Projects.

WS Happer Memorial Park.

GM apologised for unintentionally misinforming the last meeting about the status of this item.

Jim Hay briefly discussed the revised proposal of scheme of work for Happer Park. The original plan which included a 3G pitch had to be modified as the property is a designated flood plain. Therefore although it is technically possible to have a 3G pitch it is economically unrealistic.

The modified plan includes;

- Formation of an all-weather circular path accessible for all.
- Stabilisation or banking to eastern end of site and replacement fencing to this area.
- Improvements to open areas next to the river.
- Provision of seating all-round the park.
- Provision of dog fouling bins and warning notices.
- General tree management and planting.
- Provision of training area, with associated storage facilities, floodlighting and fencing.
- Upgrading of existing car park.
- Possible CCTV provision, (either dummy, active or both).

Suggestions to include in the plan; ongoing maintenance, including emptying of dog bins and tidying of litter; Children's play area; a long term solution for the Watergate and the need for additional lighting to the training pitch.

The plan was discussed and agreed by all, but subject to clarification of the suggestions. (IC AND PC) ***Jim Hay will prepare a more detailed plan for public consultation. GM will submit an article to the Berwickshire News and the project will be on the agenda for the next meeting, to enable members of the public to give their views.***

Jim Hay was thanked and left the meeting at this point.

Resilient Communities.

PC stated that she is having a meeting with someone who is interested in taking over the project.

Open Spaces.

- JB said various meetings with the sub group members and others had taken place with regards to different open space areas within the village. JB has designed floral tubs for the village, costings are being made for replacing the floral boxes at the 4 main entrances into the village.
- Meeting at the old cemetery with Daren Silcock, (SBC), had resulted in it being agreed that SBC will trim the grass around the headstones and next year SBC will implement a programme to trim the grass in the old cemetery every six weeks.
- The Community Council have received a generous donation of £1300 from Greenlaw Festival Trust, specifically towards an "Open Space" project which will focus on the 2016 Floral Gateway programme for the village.

GM will write a letter of thanks to GFT and JB will submit a detailed plan to the next meeting. The possibility of grant funding to match the contribution from GFT will be investigated if the plan is agreed.

- The note of the Open Space sub group meeting with SBC on 30th September is attached at the end of the minutes. ***To discuss further at next meeting.***

Community Office Space

GM stated that it is a positive development to be using the Community Office space within the Town Hall and it is hoped that within the six month period it will have generated enough interest from the community to make use of the whole building. However there are a few issues.

Following the article in Berwickshire News seeking volunteers and donations, no one has come forward to volunteer or to donate equipment. MC suggested approaching GFT for the use of seats.

- Broadband and telephone access are a problem as the contracts are generally for two years and the lease for the office space is only six months.
- The remainder of the Town Hall is not accessible as SHBT have not done the repairs as yet.
- WS, a member of the community, is keen to use the Town Hall for an indoor market on a regular basis and has generated ten prospective stall holders. WS explained her concept and sought support from the CC. Everyone agreed. WS to email details to GM.
- It was reiterated if people are interested in using the Town Hall they need to contact the Community Council. The more people that want to use the building the more pressure can be put on SHBT to listen to the community and do something.

Hume Core Path

HP stated that initially the problem with the path was the drainage issue which appears to have been resolved. Benches, a bin and a dog bag dispenser would be beneficial for users of the path. During the last six months Hume Garden Group have been cutting back the vegetation at part of the core path, the right of way at the East side of the village, including the War Memorial Garden, tending the floral displays and generally tidying up the village. HP stated that the volunteers intend to reclaim their hours and expenses through the core path grant and to donate it to the Garden Group so that the Group can use it to further enhance the village.

GM stated that a plan of intended works needs to be submitted to the Community Council for members to agree, before applying for the core path grant, and offered to help with the preparation. He also pointed out that £300 had already been set aside for this project.

HP to submit a plan of works to next meeting.

7. Police

Police report previously circulated to all.

- Liaison meeting was held on 14th October, issues discussed included traffic, house/vehicle theft, CCTV rules and cold callers.
- PC Jacobs will arrange for someone to give a talk on CCTV rules and will send further information regarding cold caller areas.

8. Councillors' Report

- Cllr Greenwell reported back on issues raised at the previous meeting. Haliburton Road end will definitely be done, but no date given.
No timescales have been given for the painting of Wester Row Bridge and the cleaning of the road signs, but it is hoped they will be done in the next budget year.
It was reiterated that it is better if more people report problems such as pot holes than just the Community Council.

- Cllr Moffat stated if a defective street light requires attention, but is on the programme to be replaced with LED lighting then it won't be fixed until SBC are able to replace the light with LED.

There will be a fire safety event at a farm near Whitsome to highlight farm safety.

9. Planning.

Inch Moor Wind Farm, application to erect 16 x 126.5m high to tip turbines near Kettleshiel.

An extension had been granted to allow the Community Council to consult with the community. The planning application documents have been accessible at War Memorial Hall. Two letters of objection had been received from members of the community. Following discussion the majority opinion was to object on the grounds, RSBP concerns; environmental impact; cumulative impact; scenic impact; roads and infrastructure concerns, and the size of the turbines. **GM will submit the CC's objection.**

10. Correspondence

The Secretary only receives electronic correspondence. All emails received had been forwarded to all members prior to the meeting.

11. Any Other Business.

- Hume, issue about wall repair Cllr Renton not in attendance to give an update.
- Church Clock **GM to find out.**
- Defibrillators, one from Arrhythmia Alliance is on its way to Greenlaw, Cllr Renton is to find out if it can be located in the telephone kiosk.
A second defibrillator is being secured for Greenlaw.
PADS have given one for Hume, to find out where it is to be located.
- GM in discussion with GFC with regards to their contribution to WS Happer Memorial Park.
- Letter of thanks to all still to be sent.
- The dangerousness of turning from B6364 into Hume to be discussed at next meeting.
- Broadband issue ongoing.
- Blackrig Wind Farm planning application deferred until next year.
- Masonic Hall to be discussed at next meeting
- Community interest in land owned by the late Roland Staehli is ongoing.
- It was asked if the path at the far end of the Caravan site to Greenlaw Dean could be improved.
- Remembrance Sunday : Donald Strachan has purchased the wreaths on behalf of G&HCC.
Invoice received from Donald. The Police will be in attendance at both villages. Ian Caldwell will lay the wreath at Greenlaw and HP will ask AH to lay the wreath at Hume.
- JB has reported to Daren Silcock the branches on the banking opposite the Health Centre.
- £150 to purchase bulbs has been approved.
- It was queried again why the pavement at the entrance to Castletoun House (beside the public toilets) has not been lowered.
- Request received again for a disabled space to be sited near the public toilets to stop disabled vehicles parking their car outside the chemist. To be discussed at the next meeting.

- There is still a vacant Greenlaw seat on the Community Council and a vacancy for vice chair.
- Bike rack to be installed by end November.
- Electricity substation near the Greenlaw Surgery: GM to contact Scottish Power and NHS
- Traffic matters: GM still in discussion with SBC

12. Date of Next Meeting.

Discussed and agreed to hold meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th November** and December's meeting will be on Wednesday 16th December.

Post Meeting Note.

Libby Paterson Atkins submitted her resignation which was not received until after the meeting. GM would like to thank Libby for her two spells of service on G&H CC, and we all wish Libby & Johnny all the very best for the future.