

GREENLAW & HUME COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting following the AGM held on Monday 15th April.

Website : <http://greenlawandhumecc.btck.co.uk/>

Present.

Jim Barnett, Ian Caldwell, Pippa Culham, Fiona Drewery, Helen Johnson, John Mackie, Gerry McCann, Hazel Paxton, Libby Paterson Atkins, Alison Schofield, Carol Trotter, SBC Councillors John Greenwell and Donald Moffat, Daren Silcock,(Area Manager, SBC), PC Suzanne Jacobs, and six members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Neil Butterworth, Colin Dalglish, and SBC Councillor Frances Renton.

1. Gr8.

(This item was taken prior to the AGM to allow Daren Silcock to leave early.)

Earlier in the evening Daren had conducted a village walkabout with members from Gr8, the Floral group and the Community Council. Gr8 had previously identified potential projects to help to further enhance the village of Greenlaw including the play park on the village green. SBC have painted the play equipment and Gr8 would like to paint the surrounding fence.

Gr8 will bring a coloured plan to the next Community Council meeting and intend to consult the immediate houses around the village green. Daren will make enquiries into provision of bark chips and a fixed picnic table.

Daren explained that SBC intend to bring mini sweepers into the villages to cleanse the pavements and will look into introducing a routine programme for the summer month.

2. Declaration of Interests.

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March were approved, proposed by JM, seconded by LPA.

4. Matters Arising.

Review of the Scheme for Community Councils is ongoing. Cllr Greenwell, who is on the working group, stated the group have concluded that the seating ratio of Community Councils was most likely in line with population.

5. Police Report.

PC Suzanne Jacobs gave an up to date report.

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Performance (17th March – 14th April)

22 Incidents recorded resulting in 4 crime reports being submitted – 4 vehicles keyed overnight on 23/03/2013. Enquiries are on-going at this time.

19 incidents were recorded for the same period the previous year, with no crimes.

Road Traffic

7 of the above incidents refer to Road Traffic matters, with no offences being detected.

1 Road check was carried out with no detections.

Community Beat Officers are currently in the process of being trained in the use of TruSpeed laser cameras. Training of officers in the East will be complete by 17th April, allowing them to carry out additional speed checks to those already being carried out by Roads Policing Officers.

Notable Incidents

No incidents of note.

ASB

No reports of any anti-social behaviour.

Campaigns

National Speeding Campaign

From the 15 to 18th April 2013, Roads Policing and Community Beat Officers will carry out a number of speed checks in the local area. Officers will take this opportunity to not only enforce speed limits, but to also educate drivers in our community.

New Police Twitter Account

The Borders Police now has its own Twitter account. The account will be used to publicise any upcoming meetings or surgeries that officers will be attending, along with other planned events. Follow us at [Twitter@BordersPolice.com](https://twitter.com/BordersPolice)

Concerns about speeding into and through Greenlaw were again raised and possible preventative measures were discussed. The Police will continue with speed checks. Clr Donald Moffat has requested the grey box to be put in situ for a week and will make enquiries into countdown signs.

6. Councillors' Report.

Clr John Greenwell mentioned that the 1SCOTS homecoming parade will take place in Galashiels and Melrose tomorrow.

Clr Donald Moffat Police Scotland was launched at the beginning of this month and this area seems to be benefiting from the restructuring of the Police service.

The Councillors continue to receive complaints about potholes which they pass on to Daren. An extra £2m has been budgeted for the roads, however this is still insufficient and road repairs need to be prioritised.

7. Town Hall.

FD and HP met with Elizabeth Mackay, property manager of SHBT to discuss the present situation regarding the Town Hall. In the last year the Town Hall has cost SHBT a deficit of approximately £18,000 last year and SHBT are exploring options to cover the running costs of the hall, including leasing the hall to a community group.

8. WS Happer Memorial Park.

FD and HP met with the adjoining landowner with regards to the Watergate having washed away in recent floods and requires to be replaced as soon as possible. Awaiting a quote. Suggested and agreed to get quotes for chipping brash at the Park.

9. Resilient Communities.

A note of the recent working group meeting was circulated. It was agreed that the group meet again with SBC Resilient Communities team and consult with Community Councils who already have a plan in place before the Community Council facilitates a public meeting.

10. Correspondence.

All correspondence received was noted, list attached.

11. Planning Matters.

Proposed wind farm, Rumbletonrig, Correspondence received from Alex Orr, Orbit Communications, suggesting setting up a planning sub group consisting of representation from the Community Council, TCI Renewables and Orbit Communications. Any members interested to inform the Chair or Secretary, to be agreed at the next meeting.

12. Any Other Business.

- The bench near Greenlaw Dean road end and the one at Eastfield entrance are in a state of disrepair. Agreed to enquire about cost of purchasing new benches.
- The telephones in Greenlaw had not been working properly; this has now been dealt with.
- Greenlaw Church has set up a food bank for the needy in Berwickshire. Contributions of food can be handed into the Church on a Saturday morning.
- LPA is looking for old photos and information for the 'Memories of Greenlaw' book.
- Hume Core Paths; awaiting a quote.
- Two storage boxes have been purchased for storage of old Community Council documents at the Church Tower.
- Further to a request by the secretary, it was agreed to purchase a paper shredder.
- Agreed the approved minutes should be put in the Berwickshire News, and to include the date of the next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th May.

Meeting ended at 2210hrs.

