Minute of meeting held on Monday 16th December at the Fairbairn Hall, Greenlaw.

Present.
Libby Patterson-Atken, Jim Barnett, Ian Caldwell, Fiona Drewery, John Mackie, Hazel Paxton, Alison Pearcy, Carol Trotter, SBC Councillors John Greenwell, Donald Moffat, and four members of the public.

Apologies.
Pippa Culham, Colin Dalgliesh, Cllr Frances Renton, and Sgt Keith Dougal.

1. Declaration of Interests.
None.

2. Minute of the Previous Meeting.
The minute of the meeting held on 18th were approved. (Proposed by IC, seconded by CT)

3. Matters Arising.
   - Litter bin beside the allotment in the WS Happer Memorial Park has been emptied by IC, who has kindly offered to regularly check and empty the bin.
   - Rumbletonrig proposed wind farm liaison group, FD summarised issues from the recent meeting. TCI’s recent public exhibition at Greenlaw had forty two attendees and at Westruther had twenty attendees. There were no completed feedback forms. Minute of the recent meeting will be circulated to all members upon receipt. TCI will not be submitting the planning application until early next year. Five members of the CC attended a site visit earlier in the month.

There is a new style of Community Council Report from the Police which is now being implemented in Berwickshire. The report follows a new national template and is much more ‘statistics’ orientated and relates specifically to the Multi-Member ward plans. The report will no longer give a breakdown of all incidents/calls specific to a particular area, however if there are any incidents of note the CC will be informed. An incident of note is the recent theft of a charity box from a local shop in Greenlaw.

There has been an increase within the Berwickshire area of housebreakings and thefts.

Cllr Greenwell complimented the Poppy Coffee Shop following his recent visit and said it was a great asset to Greenlaw.

The Police are keen to have incidents of anti-social behaviour reported. Metal theft, the licencing board recently turned down three applicants from outwith the area and asked people to beware of door to door scrap collection as the individuals are most likely not licenced to collect scrap.

Cllr Moffat reiterated Cllr Greenwell’s warning as recently a man had been going around houses carrying a bag and when caught by the Police, he was found to have a list of houses which were empty. Rural theft continues to increase.

6. Planning.

Application, 13/01347/FUL; Erection of wind turbine 41.8m high to tip and formation of access track, land North East of Woodheads Farm, Greenlaw. Discussed and agreed that the illustrative material with the application is inadequate for the CC to make an informed decision. HP to ask for an extension to the response date and further photomontages to be taken from important viewpoints.

13/01339/FUL, Change of use of land for siting of 3 holiday static caravans, land North of Greenlaw Caravan Park. Discussed and agreed that the illustrative material does not give a clear indication of the proposed location. HP to ask for an extension to the response date and a map which illustrates the exact proposed location.

7. Correspondence.

- Consultation on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan for the Scottish Borders, [www.firescotland.gov.uk](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk)
- Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) 2014-2020 Final proposals for stage 2 [http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/12/7550](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/12/7550)
- Scottish Borders Council’s Proposed Local Development Plan. Proposed changes/additions to the plan relevant to Greenlaw included MGREE003, (land above Border Embroideries) to be changed from Employment Land to Mixed Use. MGREE001, (land south of Edinburgh Road) will be added as land for Mixed Use. GSGREE002, (the green around the Town Hall) and GSGREE001, (WS Happer Memorial Park) will be added as Key Green Space. It was noted that GSGREE001 is named ‘Greenlaw Football Club’, a request has been sent to the planning department to rectify the site name to ‘WS Happer Memorial Park’. The plan can be viewed at; [http://oldp.scotborders.gov.uk/public](http://oldp.scotborders.gov.uk/public)
- Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2014
• Berwickshire Area Forum meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday 9th January 2014.

• Calling ‘Generation Rent’ an online survey exploring the housing challenges and financial outlook of young adults, [https://www.facebook.com/wealthgapyouth](https://www.facebook.com/wealthgapyouth)

• Letter from the chair of Scottish Borders Community Councils’ Network

• Proposed Inch Moor Wind Park [www.ecotricity.co.uk/inch-moor](http://www.ecotricity.co.uk/inch-moor)


• Reivers 4 x 4 Community Response – Poster offering assistance and requesting if anyone knows of any land which the Response team can use for training purposes.

8. Any Other Business.

• Following a query with regards to SBC’s proposed move to asymmetric week for all schools in the Scottish Borders Cllr Moffat reiterated that parents will be consulted. [https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolweek](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolweek)

• It was asked if the two benches at the War Memorial will be getting varnished as they are in need of it.

• The area of main road adjacent to Castletoun House has a lot of dirt gathering, and the area outside the Blackadder Hotel and the General Store is also messy with dirt and cigarette ends as the road sweeper is unable to gain access to these areas due to parked vehicles.

• Hume Core Path, Euan Calvert has asked the Community Service Team to redirect the water, from the spring, away from the path and the costs for this will be met by the Ranger service.

Date and time of next meeting 20th January at 7pm Memorial Hall, Greenlaw