Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 18th March 2013.

1. Present.

2. Apologies for absence
Apologies received from Pippa Culham, PC Suzanne Jacobs, SBC Councillors Donald Moffat and Frances Renton.

3. Gr8
FD explained that this was postponed until a later date.

4. Community Resilience
Jim Fraser, Emergency Planning Officer, SBC, and Douglas Scott, Senior Consultant, SBC were introduced and proceeded to give a very informative presentation on Community Resilience. Community Resilience is about communities and individuals developing local response and expertise to help themselves during an emergency in a way that compliments the response of the emergency responders.

The initiative, which is supported by local and national governments, began about eighteen months ago and now has sixteen Community Councils ‘live’, with another twenty about to go ‘live’ in the near future.

The presentation outlined what a Resilient Community Plan entails, the ethos, the aims and how they are achieved, the benefits and the contents of the plan using Yetholm as an example.

The next step in creating a resilient community would be to distribute a questionnaire to all households seeking volunteers.

Jim and Douglas were thanked.

Discussed and agreed to have a sub group to take this forward. LPA, AS, FD, JB, GM.

5. Declaration of Interests.

6. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February were approved, JM proposed, AS seconded.

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7. Matters Arising.

The mini sweeper will be in Greenlaw next week, weather permitting, to tackle the issue of
the cleanliness of the pathways.

8. Police.

PC Suzanne Jacobs was unable to attend, however she sent a report which was read out.
(attached)


Clr John Greenwell held a surgery in Greenlaw chip shop café last week. Issues brought to
his attention included pot holes.


A financial forecast was circulated to everyone.

The signatories of the bank account have been updated and can be any two from the Chair,
Secretary or Treasurer.

The bank account for the Greenlaw Gossip is still in existence, before making a decision with
regards to the account GM will make further enquiries.

11. Review of the Scheme for Community Councils.

Following a survey conducted by an individual in the Hume Area, the majority of residents
think the present seating of the Community Council is an unfair representation and the
seats could be more fairly distributed. And that the Hume Area boundary be extended to
include all the houses along Hume Hall Holdings.

The working group reviewing the Scheme are looking at lowering the age of elected
members, postal/proxy votes and the removal of subdivisions.

12. Correspondence.

- Safer Borders Newsletter, circulated
- The People’s Millions 2013 is now open for applications. Up to £50,000 is available
  for local community based projects. http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/
- Electric Vehicles Roadshow, 15th – 20 April, The roadshow will run from 10am to 3pm
each day in:
  Monday 15 April  Peebles, Eastgate car park
  Tuesday 16 April  Galashiels, ASDA car park at EV charging points
  Wednesday 17 April  Hawick, Commonhaugh large car park
  Thursday 18 April  Jedburgh, car park at Tourist Information Centre
  Friday 19 April  Kelso, in front of town hall in the square
  Saturday 20 April  Duns, Newtown St in front of Jim Clark Room

• safeTalk Training, safeTALK, is a 3 hour training course from Livingworks, which prepares you to be a suicide alert helper. It is suitable for all members of the community aged 15 and over and is being offered free of charge to all people living or working in Scottish Borders. http://www.livingworks.net/ST_Participant.php

• Harestanes Visitor Centre, forth coming events.

• Berwickshire Civic Society, newsletter.

• Letter received from adjoining landowner about the Watergate and West fence in WS Happer Memorial Park which is in a state of disrepair. Action FD, HP

13. Any Other Business.

• Invoice for Remembrance Day wreath, agreed to reimburse the individual for the wreath in Greenlaw and the HCA for the wreath in Hume.

• Following the recent public exhibition of the proposed wind farm at Rumbletonrig, TCI Renewables requested ideas of additional viewpoints the community would like to see.

• The banking adjacent to the entrance to the old station is churned up with vehicles parking there.

• Cllr Renton has been very ill and in hospital, agreed to send a card. HP.

• Pot holes on B6364, Greenlaw to Hume road, on the road down to the Bield B&B.

• The road into the recycling area in Greenlaw is horrendous with deep and large pot holes.

• Pot holes at the bottom of Duns road near the ‘keep left’.

• The road to Eccles Tofts from A697 is apparently in such a state of disrepair, the school bus will not travel on it.

• Scrub Bushes on the wall near Hume Castle car park are overgrown.

• It was asked what happens to items which are collected at the recycling centre in Duns.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the meetings be held on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be the AGM on 15th April.

Meeting ended at 9.40pm.