

GREENLAW & HUME COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting following the AGM held on Monday 20th May

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Present.

Jim Barnett, Neil Butterworth, Ian Caldwell, Colin Dalgliesh, Fiona Drewery, Helen Johnson John Mackie, Gerry McCann, Hazel Paxton, Libby Paterson Atkins, Alison Schofield, Carol Trotter, SBC Councillors John Greenwell and Donald Moffat. Daniel Drewery ,(member of Gr8), Paul Beale,(TCI Renewables), Alex Orr,(Orbit Communications),Brian Hermiston, (Manager, SME Support Services), and seven members of the public.

Apologies

Colin Dalgliesh, SBC Councillor Frances Renton, PC Suzanne Jacobs.

1. Declaration of Interests.

None declared.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April were approved. Proposed by HJ, Seconded by JB.

3. Matters Arising.

- Gr8; Daniel circulated the proposed colour plan of the play park fence. The residents looking onto the park had also been consulted. Everyone is in support of the proposed colours.Gr8 has received a grant from Youthchex for the painting equipment. The members of Gr8 will paint the fence during the summer holidays.
- Thanks to Gr8, SBC have painted the play equipment and installed a new bench. The youths would also like a 'No Dog' sign to be erected.
- Grey Box; this will be in situ within the next two months. Once this has been done and the results are received Clr Moffat will try to arrange for someone from the roads dept of SBC to explain the results.
- Townhall; HJ and GM met with a local resident to discuss the way forward involving the community.
- Resilient Communities; JB and GM met with Kevin Sewell, operations manager, SBC to further discuss the project. The majority of members agreed the Community Council should go ahead with a public meeting.
- Benches; SBC will assess the two benches, repair and paint if needed. It was asked if SBC can look at the one along Haliburton Road.

- Hume Core Path; Still awaiting on the quote for work to make the path more accessible. HP suggested a fundraising idea solely for to assist towards the costs of required works to Hume Core path. All agreed for the Community Council to do this.

4. Police.

PC Suzanne Jacobs was unable to attend and sent a report in her absence.

Performance (15/04/2013 – 18/04/2013)

33 Incidents recorded. Of these incidents, 1 crime was recorded. This was a report of theft of money from a private dwelling house. The complainer for this incident believes family members may have been responsible. Enquiries are ongoing.

Road Traffic

9 incidents pertain to Road Traffic matters.

7 static road checks were conducted, resulting in three drivers being warned regarding their speed. 1 male was arrested after he was discovered driving whilst being disqualified.

Police have been contacted with regard to motorists parking on double yellow lines on East High Street. Officers will be giving this area extra attention to address the matter.

Notable Incidents

No notable incidents have been recorded during the above period.

Anti-Social Behaviour

No reports of Anti-social behaviour have been made to police in the last month.

Scams

2 possible scams have been reported to police in the past month.

2 reports have been made to police in relation to occupants being contacted by a company called 'Preference Service' requesting card details for call blocking service. This is a free service intended to block cold callers contacting you by phone. On both occasions, £92.35 has been debited from the complainers account. Money collected from www.telecombill.co.uk. One account holder has been fully refunded to date.

A further member of the public contacted police to report that they had received daily phone calls from a company pertaining to be Data Protection Agency. The caller provided the first 4 digits of a bankcard and requested that the rest of the debit card be provided to them.

Legitimate organisations will not cold call you and you must never pass out any personal or bank details.

Prevention

There is a planned initiative for the first week of the school holidays between 30th June to 07th July, this initiative has been created to target anti social behaviour amongst juveniles.

Community beat Officers will carry out high visibility foot patrols at known hotspots where juveniles are known to congregate, this will give Officers the opportunity to engage, offer advice and prevent anti social behaviour.

Bogus caller warning. There have been a number of calls recently regarding individuals attending at addresses in the Scottish Borders offering to make repairs or carry out household maintenance. In reality, they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.

However, doorstep crime is easy to prevent. By saying "NO" to cold callers, you can vastly reduce your chance of being targeted. Be on guard if someone turns up unexpectedly, ask for proof of identity and take the time to check it. If in doubt don't entertain them, only engage callers when you are absolutely sure they are genuine. If you feel threatened call 999.

Policing Plans

Police Scotland have now published the local Multi Member Ward plans for the Mid Berwickshire District and these are available to download from the Police Scotland website with the following links

www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/mid-berwickshire

These plans were set as a result of public consultation and will be reviewed annually ensuring that we are tackling those issues that matter most to the local communities in the Cheviot Ward and that we are held accountable to our communities.

5. WS Happer Memorial Park.

- Watergate; quotes obtained from three different contractors, agreed to accept the quote from Greengrass Landscaping Services.
- Chipper Quote; quotes obtained from two different contractors, agreed to accept the quote from Greengrass Landscaping services.
- Proposal of a small Sub Group to deal with the day to day management of the Park, FD and HP and representation from Greenlaw Football Club and several youths.

6. Treasurer's Report.

The accounts were circulated. Thank you to Duncan Robertson for examining the annual accounts.

7. Proposed Wind Farm, Rumbletonrig.

Paul Beale and Alex Orr gave an update on the proposed wind farm at Rumbletonrig which included the results of the feedback received from the public exhibition last March and the proposed community benefit fund.

In addition to the community benefit fund, if the wind farm gains consent TCI Renewables have agreed to provide one off funding to; Skills Development Scotland, £40,000, Brian Hermiston from Skill Development Scotland proceeded to give a talk on the organisation and ways in which the funding will help young people in the area. And one off funding to Greenlaw Football Club of £150,000 towards the provision of a 3G pitch.

A Planning Sub Group, consisting of representation from the Community Council, TCI Renewables, Orbit Communications and the community, will be set up to discuss and liaise with regards to the wind farm and associated issues. FD, HP, JM, PC, GM, agreed to be on the group.

8. Councillors' Report.

Clr John Greenwell mentioned the working group for reviewing the Scheme was looking at Community Council boundaries and if any boundaries required updating.

9. Planning Matters.

- Planning Application 13/00467/FUL, Installation of biomass boiler and accumulator tank, Woodheads Farm. Circulated, no concerns or objections raised.
- Planning Application 13/00544/LBCNN, Alterations and two storey extension to dwelling houses, 1 & 2 Marchmont Cottage , Greenlaw- no concerns or objections.

10. Correspondence.

Consultations

- ✚ Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) 2014-2020,

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/05/9633>

- ✚ Main Issues Report for the third National Planning Framework (NPF3) AND Draft Scottish Planning Policy have been launched for consultation
<http://www.scotland.gov/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/NPF3-SPP-Review>
- ✚ Review the legislation framework governing allotments.
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/04/5940>
Information
- ✚ 2013 Development Plan Scheme was approved by SBC,
<http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldpmir>
- ✚ Walk it Walks, Borders Biodiversity and Wildlife sites programmes.
- ✚ Temporary road closures for Jim Clark Rally 31st May-2nd June.
Invitations
- ✚ Scottish Voluntary Sector and Community Resilience Seminar 2013.
- ✚ Planning and Regulatory Services Annual Stakeholder Meeting.
- ✚ Borders Volunteers' Day.

- ✚ Receipt received from Hume Community Association for reimbursement of 2012 Remembrance wreath.

11. Any Other Business.

- HP apologised for forgetting to mention at the last meeting that Cllr Frances Renton thanked everyone for her get well card.
- Following a request it was agreed that the CC will help with costs for some equipment needed for the school vegetable garden.
- Concern raised about the detached part of the banking near the Bottle bank.
- Positive comments received with regards to the Community Council's website.
- Request for members of the Community Council to help man the stalls during the Festival weekend.
- Query as to what is happening about the Tennis Court and Club, **update required for next meeting.**
- Update requested on issues previously mentioned; additional street lighting in Mill Wynd; bus stop at Blackadder Crescent Road end; and overgrown bushes at the substation in Church Hill. **HP will make enquiries.**
- The benches beside the War Memorial are in need of being treated. **HP will contact Daren.**
- Pavement at the new cemetery gates needs lowered for disabled users and buggies. **HP will contact Daren.**
- Floral Gateway competition, it was agreed that both villages will enter again this year. Volunteers needed to help with planting and tidying up in Greenlaw. Contact Emily or Kym Campbell-Whitton for further details.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be on 17th June.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 2210hrs.

