

DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT DENHOLM VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 18 April 2018

Present:

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| Community Councillor G Crew | Chair |
| Community Councillor S Clew | |
| Community Councillor T Lothian | |
| Community Councillor C Nicol | |
| Community Councillor S Passmore | Treasurer |
| Community Councillor W Roberts | Secretary |
| Community Councillor S Robinson | |

In attendance:

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| Councillor C Ramage | SBC |
| Councillor N Richards | SBC |
| One Member of the Public | |

| Item | Subject/Discussion | Action |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence. CC R Armstrong, Councillor S Marshall, PC A Patterson (Police Scotland). | |
| 2. | Declaration of Interest. Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion. | All |
| 3. | Police Report. PC Patterson had emailed his report for Mar/Apr, which Sec read to the meeting (attached). | |
| 4. | Minutes of the Last Meeting (21 Mar 18). The Minutes were proposed by CC Passmore, seconded by CC Clew. Approved. | |
| 5. | Matters Arising. | |
| a. | Road Signage (Items 5a). Following discussion, it was agreed to dispense with the requested signpost to the cemetery outside the Cream Puff café, but to press for the one at the start of Canongate. Cllr Richards agreed to pursue. He also agreed to report the damaged state of the road sign to Minto opposite the Cream Puff. It was noted with appreciation that the sign post to Denholm requested for the Ancrum junction was now in place. | Richards |
| b. | Flooding at Eastgate (Item 5f). Mr Pilch reported that there had been no action to date to address the flooding in the vicinity of his property. Cllr Marshall had previously offered to pursue with SBC. | Marshall |
| c. | Village Spring Clean (Item 5c). Chair reported that the litter pick-up previously cancelled due to the bad weather was now scheduled for Saturday 28 April. All members of the community were encouraged to help. | All |

- d. **Community Storage Facility (Item 12).** Chair reported she had received an email from Neil Hastie at SBC. He indicated that SBC would offer D&DCC tenancy of the shed for a nominal rent, provided the CC accepted responsibility for future maintenance.
- Sec suggested that maintenance costs might be borne by grants from the Langhope Rig Fund, but CC Passmore expressed doubt whether this would be allowed; she would check. The matter of responsibility for and cost of insurance was raised. **Passmore**
- Cllr Ramage offered to investigate both the rent and premiums. **Ramage**
- CC Lothian pointed out that there was a possibility of woodworm infestation in the building, and he undertook to investigate **Lothian**
- Following a discussion, it was agreed in principle that D&DCC would accept the tenancy of the facility from SBC, dependant on the rent and insurance premium being affordable, and the report regarding woodworm infestation.
- e. **Auld Cross Keys Hotel Rates (Item 14d).** On-going.
- f. **Teviotdale Locality Plan – IT Training Group Proposal (Item 5I).** Chair had now received two expressions of interest. It was agreed that a “pilot” session to test the level of interest would be held later in the year. **Chair**
- g. **The Loaning – Subsidence (Item 14i).** CC Robinson reported no change, and that the mast contractor was still working on the project. **Robinson**
6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer presented her report (attached). A “Returns Report” had been submitted to Foundation Scotland (FS). **Treasurer**
7. **May Fair 26 May 2018.** Chair said a committee of three was now formed (meeting Thursday 19 Apr 18), but additional helpers would be required. Sec agreed to provide a gas barbecue. **Chair
Sec**
8. **Correspondence.** One item only:
- a. **“The Bridge” Newsletter.** It was agreed that the CC would not subscribe to this newsletter or join the organisation.
9. **Planning Applications.** One received:
- a. 18/00437/FUL dwelling house at Linden Park, Hawick. There were no objections, although concern was expressed about the number of houses being erected in this area and requiring access via the narrow lane (opposite the caravan park). **Sec**
- b. There was also discussion regarding the question of printing off plans from the SBC website, when these were invariably the “copyright” of the developer. Cllr Ramage agreed to discuss with the SBC Planning Committee. **Ramage**
11. **Small Grant Scheme.** No new proposals.

12. **Foundation Scotland (FS).** Nothing to report. Treasurer was awaiting the annual grant for 2017-18; she would chase.

Treasurer

13. **Wind Farms Update.** Chair reported the following:

- a. **Birneyknowe Windfarm Public Inquiry.** Awaiting outcome. Chair had sent CC comments to the QC, Mr Campbell. He had decided to include only those concerns over traffic in his final submission.
- b. **Pines Burn.** Hobkirk CC had submitted comments (twice) to the Appeal, which was due to report by 2 May 18.
- c. **Windy Edge.** There now appeared the possibility of a re-application.

A.O.B.

- a. **Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Partnership.** Sec and Cllrs Ramage and Richards had attended the second meeting the previous evening. Progress was very limited, but SBC now seemed to accept the need for CCs to be given a voice, as in the defunct Area Forum.
- b. **Denholm Public Toilets.** Chair reported the toilets had been broken into shortly before Easter and used, unfortunately without the water being turned on. This had been reported and the resulting mess had been cleared. The facility was now officially open and the water turned on, and available to use free of charge.
- c. **Flower Planter.** Chair queried the situation regarding the flower planter formerly at the Jedward Terrace entrance, which had been removed during the construction of the houses there, and who should be responsible for its replacement. Cllr Ramage agreed to investigate.
- d. **Dementia Care Presentation.** Mr Simon Wallace, the Alzheimer Scotland Area Co-ordinator, had agreed to repeat his presentation and forum on Tuesday 15 May and 7.00 pm in the church hall. All were most welcome. It was agreed that the CC would donate £10 to the Church (which had waived a charge for use of the hall), and £20 to Alzheimer Scotland in respect of Mr Wallace's efforts.
- e. **Borders Car Parking Issues Group.** Cllr Richards reported the establishment of this Group, which was to consider ways of improving car parking in the area. It had been proposed to "decriminalise" parking offences, thus removing responsibility from the Police, and the establishment of parking wardens. CCs were invited to submit areas of concern for the Group to consider.

Ramage

Treasurer

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting would be on Wed **16 May 18** at Denholm Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

All

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Will Roberts
Sec D&DCC

23 Apr 18

Attachments:

1. Police Report
2. Treasurer's Report

Membership of D&DCC:

Mrs G Crew (Chair)
Mr R Armstrong (Vice Chair)
Mr S Clew
Mr T Lothian
Mrs C Nicol
Mrs S Passmore (Treasurer)
Mr W Roberts (Secretary)
Mrs S Robinson

Information:

Mr S Marshall (Councillor, SBC)
Mr C Ramage (Councillor, SBC)
Mr N Richards (Councillor, SBC)

Democratic Services Team, SBC
PC A Patterson (Community PC)
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)
Ms K Wylie (Hawick News)
Mr J Marshall (The Hawick Paper)