

DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT DENHOLM VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2016

Present:

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| Community Councillor N Richards | Acting Chair |
| Community Councillor T Lothian | |
| Community Councillor C Nicol | |
| Community Councillor S Passmore | Treasurer |
| Community Councillor W Roberts | Sec |
| Community Councillor S Robinson | |

In attendance:

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| Councillor S Marshall | SBC |
| PC Allan Patterson | Police Scotland |
| Ms H Howden | RC Co-Ordinator |
| 3 Members of the public | |

| Item | Subject/Discussion | Action |
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| 1. | Apologies for Absence. CCs G Crew, R Armstrong and M Wilson; Cllrs A Cranston and W McAteer. Chair welcomed Mrs Susan Robinson as a new Co-opted Member of the CC. | |
| 2. | Declaration of Interest. Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion. CC T Lothian declared an interest in Item 8a, the applicant being a family member. | All |
| 3. | Police Report. PC Patterson presented his report (attached). | |
| 4. | Minutes of the Last Meeting (17 Aug 16). Minutes were proposed by Chair, seconded by CC Nicol. Approved. | |
| 5. | Matters Arising. | |
| a. | School Buses – Obstruction (Item 6b). Cllr Marshall reported that he and Cllr McAteer had met at the church with Philippa Gilhooly from the Safer Routes to School team to assess the situation. However, it was agreed that there was little that could be done to alleviate the problem, other than asking the bus drivers to avoid arriving earlier than necessary. | |
| b. | Scottish Borders Digital Forum (Item 8c). Chair had attended the meeting, but felt there was little sign of material improvement in the broadband delivery in the area in the near future. A further meeting in November may prove more interesting and Chair said he would be attending. | Richards |
| c. | Tree Felling (Item 11c). Sec had established that the tree was on Feuars land. SBC were prepared to fell the tree but there would be a modest charge. Sec to pursue with Chair of Feuars. | Sec |

- d. **Offensive Odours (Item 15b).** Cllr McAteer had received an email from SEPA explaining that they would be prepared to intervene if there was a complaint from “someone living close by”. CC Armstrong (absent) would be asked to pursue within the affected community.
 - e. **Permits for Trade Waste (Item 15b).** Sec had written to the CE SBC expressing concern over the level of the charges, but had had no response.
 - f. **Riverside Drive Sign (Item 15d).** SBC had reinstated the sign as requested.
 - g. **Dean Road Trees (Item 15 f).** SBC had been advised of the problem but no action had yet been taken.
6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer presented her report.
- a. At 19 Oct 16, the balance stood at £1222.60, of which £296.05 was ring-fenced for the Defibrillator Fund, leaving a working balance of £936.55. The new Defibrillator sign had been paid for, and a donation of £100.00 made to the Denholm Horticultural Society.
 - b. A cheque for £115.90 was issued to Denholm School for Rugby Competition medals.
 - c. There had been no payments from the Projects Fund.
7. **Correspondence.** Three items:
- a. Notification regarding a Police Scotland survey.
 - b. **Scottish Borders Walking Festival.** Letter from SBC seeking host CCs for the walking festival for years 2018,19 and 20. It was felt that D&DCC should not volunteer in view of our recent efforts.
 - c. **Education.** Email from the SG “Empowering Schools Unit” announcing a Governance Review, and an engagement session at Edinburgh International Conference Centre 30 Nov 16, 10 am to 1 pm.
8. **Planning Applications.**
- a. **16/01200/FUL.** Alterations and extension to existing shed to form garage, and alterations to existing garage to form additional residential accommodation.

The shed was owned by SBC but had been used for many years to store equipment for the Denholm Flower Show and communal sports equipment, and concern was expressed over the potential loss of this storage space. SBC Planning had stated that they were not prepared to refuse the application, but were open to suggestions for provision of an alternative storage facility.

Sec to comment on the application to the effect that there was no objection to the proposed alterations, but that a replacement storage should be provided, possibly under a Small Grant Scheme.

- b. **16/01211/FUL.** The Orchards, Kirkside, Denholm – erection of a conservatory. No comments or objections. **Sec**
9. **Small Grant Scheme.**
- a. **Storage Facility.** See Item 8a above.
- b. **Dean Pathways.** CC Armstrong was pursuing a proposal to upgrade the existing pathways through The Dean woodland.
- c. **Tree Felling.** See Item 5c above.
10. **Resilience Group Stores.** The two storage units had been delivered but had been deposited in the car park area beside the village hall. Ms Helen Howden reported that she had informed the RC Office of the required location for the units, that she had not been contacted prior to the delivery and was unclear how they were to be relocated. The process had been most unsatisfactory. Cllr Marshall offered to discuss the matter with the RC Office. **Marshall**
11. **War Memorial Refurbishment.** Sec reported he had tried to open a discussion with SBC on the need for some renovation work, but had been unsuccessful. Cllr Marshall proposed that Sec contact Mr Frank Scott, the SBC Property Maintenance Officer to progress the matter. **Sec**
12. **Dog Fouling.** CC Crew had reported more dog fouling in Cemetery Road and Cllr Marshall also reported considerable instances elsewhere in the village. The activities of the two new Wardens (for the whole of SB) was discussed, and Cllr Marshall urged members to report by email instances requiring clearing. **All**
13. **Wind Farms Update.**
- a. **Foundation Scotland (FS).** No further progress to report regarding the community fund arrangements for Langhope Rig. A response was still awaited from EFS Anemoi, following the proposed draft agreement from the five CCs.
- b. **Pine Burn.** Sec had attended an update briefing from EnergieKontor on 14 Oct. The company announced that they would NOT be transporting materials through Denholm, but would use the A7 and route through Hawick. Sec opined that it may therefore be the case that Denholm may not be considered eligible for community funds from Pine Burn.
- c. **Birneyknowe.** Banks had recently submitted their FEI; a CD copy was available from Sec, and a hard copy had been lodged at the village post office. Banks had asked for a meeting to brief D&DCC on their revised proposals; CC Crew had responded saying this should not be before November. Anyone wishing to comment on the FEI should contact Sec.
14. **Christmas Tree, Carol Concert.** CC Crew had indicated that Rev Nicol was planning to hold a carol concert with the school children, prior to the end of term, and he would like to be able to hold it around the village Christmas tree. Sec sought reassurance from the Feuars that the Christmas tree lights would be available in good time: Mr G Campbell confirmed that they would.
15. **D&DCC Vacancies.** While welcoming CC Robinson, Chair reminded the meeting that there was still a vacancy, and we should continue to seek another volunteer. **All**

16. **A.O.B**

- a. **SBCCN.** The AGM of the SBC Community Councils Network was scheduled for 3 Nov 16 at Council HQ at 7.00 pm. CCs Passmore, Nicol and Robinson would attend.
- b. **Fireworks Fund.** CC Nicol proposed that a donation again be made towards the village Fireworks Display on 4 Nov 16. Chair proposed £100, seconded by CC Lothian. **Agreed.**
- c. **Thank You Letters.** Cllr Marshall asked that two letters of appreciation from Hawick Cornet Euan Reilly, thanking the school and the community for their welcome at the Common Riding Denholm Ride Out, be delivered. Members of the public obliged.
- d. **Mobile Phone Mast.** Ms Howden asked if there were any further developments regarding the proposed new mobile mast. None had been reported.

**Passmore
Nicol
Robinson**

Treasurer

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

All

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

W A B Roberts
Sec D&DCC

23 Oct 16

Membership of D&DCC:

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

Information:

Mr A Cranston (Councillor, SBC)
Mr S Marshall (Councillor, SBC)
Mr W McAteer (Councillor, SBC)

Democratic Services Team, SBC
PC A Patterson (Community PC)
Ms J Wilkinson (Clerk to SBC)
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