

## DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT DENHOLM VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018

**Present:**

Community Councillor R Armstrong	Vice Chair
Community Councillor S Clew	
Community Councillor C Nicol	
Community Councillor S Passmore	Treasurer
Community Councillor W Roberts	Secretary
Community Councillor S Robinson	

**In attendance:**

Councillor S Marshall	SBC
Councillor N Richards	SBC
Councillor C Ramage	SBC
PC A Patterson	Police Scotland
Three Members of the Public	

Item	Subject/Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> CCs G Crew, T Lothian.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest.</b> Vice Chair called for any declaration of interest, either in general or when related to a specific item under discussion.	<b>All</b>
3.	<b>Police Report.</b> PC Patterson presented his report for Sep/Oct (attached).	
4.	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting (19 Sep 18).</b> The Minutes were proposed by CC Robinson, seconded by CC Nicol. <b>Approved.</b>	
5.	<b>Matters Arising.</b>	
a.	<b>Shooting Incident at Minto, 10 Aug 18 (Item 5a).</b> Chair had written again to Lord Minto expressing the CC's regret that the initial comments had been unbalanced. No response had been received to date.	
b.	<b>Minto Pump (Item 5d).</b> CC Armstrong was pursuing a second quote for the work, and would liaise with Mr Dunlop at SBC.	<b>Armstrong</b>
c.	<b>Denholm Phone Box (Item 5f).</b> The phone box had now been repainted and glass renovated by Mr Tony Marshall and the bill paid.	
d.	<b>Speeding (Item 5i).</b> Sec was tasked to contact Mr Brian Young at SBC to request that the proposal to impose a 20 mph speed limit through the village be considered under the forthcoming traffic review.  Mr Ian Thomson of Denholm Mill expressed concern about the amount of speeding traffic entering the village from the Hawick direction, which was continuing unabated.	<b>Sec</b>
e.	<b>Toilets (Item 15a).</b> Cllr Marshall reported that there had been no change in the public toilet cleaning schedule, Denholm being cleaned twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.	
f.	<b>Playpark (Item 12a).</b> Prior to the meeting, Mr Gordie Campbell, Chair of the Feuars Association, had informed all members by email of his initiative regarding improvements to the playpark on The Green. He had	

found a source of equipment on offer at greatly reduced prices, and asked if SBC would consider purchasing from this catalogue.

Cllr Marshall had contacted Mr Fraser Dunlop, the project officer at SBC, who had expressed the view that SBC work with a number of play equipment suppliers who have demonstrated over the years an ability to supply and install good quality equipment at a cost effective price.

Three separate proposals for the replacement of the 2 pieces of play equipment, with costs, had been received from 3 play equipment suppliers. These would be considered by SBC's Teviot and Liddesdale Councillors as a potential Small/Quality of Life Scheme, in consultation with the Community Council. Introducing a fourth proposal at this stage could well delay the whole process considerably.

It was unclear whether Mr Campbell (who had attended the meeting very briefly) was also implying that The Feuars might take over the purchase and installation in an attempt to reduce cost and/or increase the scope of the playpark.

Cllr Marshall confirmed that the playpark was an "SBC adopted" facility and therefore decisions regarding re-equipment etc would remain within SBC. As an adopted facility, SBC would remain responsible for annual inspections and maintenance – responsibilities which may not continue if the project was "out-sourced". Furthermore, the provision of any SBC grant towards the project would probably evaporate if the project was out-sourced. All these factors were considered priorities by the CC.

Considerable concern was expressed by members regarding any proposal to take action which would prejudice SBC's "ownership" of the playpark and consequently the H&S situation, insurance cover, and maintenance arrangements. It was pointed out that, although the prices in Mr Campbell's catalogue might well be lower than those currently being considered by SBC, those prices did not include delivery and installation.

Members agreed unanimously that, whether SBC considered purchase from the fourth catalogue or not, the project should remain firmly within SBC's auspices. Cllr Marshall would pass on the fourth catalogue to Mr Dunlop at SBC for his consideration, but the CC strongly recommended avoiding any consequent delay to the project.

**Marshall**

6. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer presented her report, attached.
7. **Correspondence.** There was no new correspondence to consider.
8. **Planning Applications.** One new planning application was considered:
  - a. 18/01275/FUL Extension at Rockview, Leyden Rd. No comments.
9. **Battle's Over WWI Commemorations.** Vice Chair updated the meeting on the arrangements made to date, which were progressing well. Chair had produced a programme which would be posted on the village notice board and website.

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10. **Denholm Main Street Footpath.** In his comments at the start of the meeting, Mr Campbell stated that the Feuars were the owners of the footpath on Main Street alongside The Green, and that the Feuars would not accept the installation of bollards. Cllr Marshall suggested that Mr Campbell should write to Mr Donald Scott, the officer responsible at SBC, along with any evidence available to support that ownership claim, and to inform him of the Feuars' position regarding bollards. *(After note: Mr Scott would be contacting Mr Campbell.)*

11. **Small Grant Scheme.** No new applications.

12. **Foundation Scotland.** CC Robinson reported no updates. It was agreed that in future, this item would be included within the Treasurer's Report

Sec

13. **Wind Farms Update.** Vice Chair had no updates.

Sec brought to the attention of the meeting the recent news regarding a scientific report into global warming, which was clearly extremely disturbing. He intimated that, personally, he would no longer be able to support CC opposition to local windfarm proposals in general, unless there were very specific issues of local and overriding concern.

14. **A.O.B.**

a. **Cold Calling.** Vice Chair reported suggestions that "No Cold Calling" notices be posted around the village. Members recalled earlier unsuccessful attempts to do so, and it was agreed not to pursue the idea.

b. **Phone Box Use.** CC Nicol asked whether better use could be made of the newly refurbished phone box, including storage of copies of the Denholm News Letter, (currently available at the Post Office) and a notice indicating location of the Defibrillator. All agreed. Implementation to be discussed at the next meeting.

Sec

c. **Street Lights.** SBC had indicated that work to regulate the street lights was scheduled to be done as soon as resources permitted.

d. **Salt Bin.** Cllr Marshall reported that the salt bin at Whinney Close would be replaced like-for-like.

e. **Local Biodiversity Action Plan.** Cllr Ramage brought the plan to the attention of the CC – available through the SBC website.

f. **Transport for Local Residents.** Cllr Ramage spoke of the Borders Community Transport Service, who offer a taxi service to those residents struggling to attend appointments, shopping etc. Their phone number is **0300 456 1985**.

g. **Monument Lighting.** Mr Campbell noted that the monument lighting had now ceased and asked that efforts be made to reinstate the lighting. Cllr Marshall agreed to pursue.

Marshall

h. **Ashloaning & Douglas Drive.** Cllr Marshall reported that patching work would take place in these two roads over the next week or so, and would take about 4 days.

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting would be on Wed **21 Nov 18** at Denholm Village Hall at 7.00 pm. Sec reminded members that there would be no meeting in December.

**All**

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

W A B Roberts  
Sec D&DCC

21 Oct 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)