

DENHOLM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT DENHOLM VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 16 May 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 S Marshall | SBC |
| 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, 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 (18 Apr 18). The Minutes were proposed by CC Clew, seconded by CC Passmore. Approved. | |
| 5. | Matters Arising. | |
| a. | Road Signage (Items 5a). Cllr Richards confirmed the following would be implemented: one signpost to the cemetery at the start of Canongate, and the other road signs at the junction of Canongate and Minto Road would be consolidated onto one post. | |
| b. | Flooding at Eastgate (Item 5b). Mr Pilch reported that there had been progress to investigate the flooding in the vicinity of his property. Cllr Marshall said SBC were assessing options for action, and Mr Pilch thanked him for his assistance. | |
| c. | Community Storage Facility (Item 5d). CC Lothian reported that the building appeared to be clear of any woodworm infestation. Cllr Ramage had had no response to her enquiry regarding the amount of the rent chargeable for the property, and the likely premium for insuring it; she would resend her request for information. CC Passmore had spoken to Foundation Scotland and they had confirmed that a bid to the Langhope Rig Fund for renovation would be looked on favourably. | Ramage |

- d. **The Loaning – Subsidence (Item 14i).** CC Robinson reported no change.
- e. **Planning Applications – Copyrights (Item 9b).** Cllr Ramage stated that the CC was entitled to print off copies of planning application drawings for its own use, but for any other purpose permission would be required.
- f. **Flower Planter (Item 14c).** Cllr Ramage reported that the developers of Jedward Terrace, Eildon and Ballantynes had agreed to reinstate the planter. SBC Roads department would be informed.
- g. **Dementia Care Presentation (Item 14d).** Treasurer had yet to make the donations specified, but would do so without delay. **Treasurer**
6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer presented her report (attached).
7. **May Fair 26 May 2018.** Chair reported that plans were proceeding, but that the support from the community to date had been disappointing and additional helpers would be most welcome. She added that a PA/music system had not been secured as there was no one available to run the Folk Club system. Sec undertook to pursue. **Sec**
(After Action: The Folk Club system would be available and Malcolm McEwen had agreed to run it.)
8. **Correspondence.** Nil.
9. **Planning Applications.** Cllr Ramage declared an interest as a member of the SBC Planning Committee. Three applications received:
 a. 18/00382/FUL. Extension at Manse House, Bedrule.
 b. 18/00546/FUL. Dwelling house, Plot 6, Hassendean Station.
 c. 18/00470/LBC. Alterations at Heatherlie, Sunnyside, Denholm.
 There were no objections regarding these applications. **Sec**
11. **Small Grant Scheme.** CC Nicol suggested that the equipment in the playpark on the Green should be up-dated. Cllr Marshall agreed to discuss the idea with SBC under the Small Grant Scheme. **Marshall**
12. **Foundation Scotland (FS).** Treasurer reported that the 2018-19 instalment of £8000 had been received and applications for grants were being sought.
13. **Wind Farms Update.** There were no new developments.
14. **A.O.B.**
 a. **SBC Grass Cutting Policy.** Chair expressed her appreciation for the mowing of The Green. However, it was noted that, under the revised SBC grass cutting policy, large areas would be cut every 10 days using the new large mowing machines, but smaller areas inaccessible to these machines would only be cut every 20 days, and some roadside areas would not be cut at all. Cllr Marshall reported discontent across the Region at this development. It was suggested that areas such as the School playing fields may be the responsibility of the Education Department. Following considerable discussion, Sec was tasked to draft **Sec**

- a letter from D&DCC expressing our concern at this change of policy. Cllr Marshall would provide the appropriate contact. **Marshall**
- b. **Recycling Centres.** Cllr Marshall reported that plans were under consideration to revise the opening days/times of the SBC recycling centres, and would keep the CC informed of developments.
- c. **Litter Picking.** Chair expressed her satisfaction with the recent “litter-pick-up” which had been highly successful, and she thanked those who had contributed their time. A total of 34 bags of litter had been collected, just from within the Denholm village area.
- d. **Borders Rail Link Extension.** A meeting was scheduled for 6:30 pm on 18 June in Hawick Town Hall (Lesser Hall) to promote the proposal to extend the Borders Rail Link. Two CCs were invited to attend from each Borders CC. CCs Nicol and Robinson would attend. **Nicol
Robinson**
- e. **Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Partnership.** The next meeting would be on 19 June. Sec would be away; Chair would attend. **Chair**
- f. **New Data Protection Regulations.** Chair had attended a meeting on the revised regulations. Sec proposed a letter form to be distributed to all CCs and those attending D&DCC regularly, which he believed should meet the new requirements. All would be asked to sign (or to indicate their refusal to sign!) and return the forms to Sec who retail these on file. **Sec
All**
Agreed.
- g. **Kerb Damage.** Chair reported damage to the footpath kerb at Eastgate opposite The Loaning, caused by an HVG which cut the corner. Cllr Marshall agreed to report and pursue the matter with SBC. **Marshall**
- h. **Main Street Footpath.** Cllr Marshall reported that SBC had proposed to resurface the footpath along Main Street beside The Green, but included the proposal to install bollards to prevent “illegal” car parking. Discussion followed, and it was believed that this was likely to be a very contentious issue among the community. It may be necessary to establish ownership of the ground holding the footpath, and any assurances previously given to residents affected. Cllr Marshall proposed a site meeting with SBC officials to consider the proposals. Sec to attend **Marshall
Sec**
- i. **SBCCN Meeting.** The next meeting would be on Wednesday 30 May 18. CCs Nicol and Passmore would attend. **Nicol
Passmore**
- j. **Borders Car Parking Issues Group.** Cllr Ramage reported again 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.
- Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting would be on Wed **20 Jun 18** at Denholm Village Hall at 7.00 pm. **All**
- Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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)