



Eyemouth Community Council AGM 2018 Minute.

Attending:

James R Anderson, Lucy Anderson, Lynsey Walker, Donald Duggan, William Grant, Jan Weeks, Morgan Gallagher, Cllr Carol Hamilton & five members of the public.

Apologies, Drew Young, Davina Collin, Helen Laing, John Aitchison, Tracy Dick, Alice Fisher, David Dempster.

No previous Minute to approve.

Election of office bearers

JRA Chairman, Lucy Anderson, secretary proposed by JRA & seconded by WG. Lucy Anderson, treasurer proposed by JRA & seconded by WG. Morgan Gallagher proposed as full member by JRA, seconded by LA. Donald Duggan as full member proposed by JRA & seconded by LA. Co-opted members Andrew wood proposed by WG & seconded by LA. Jim Wilson proposed by JRA & seconded by JW.

Newley formed CC members as follows, JRA chair, LA secretarty & Treasurer, WG Vice Chair, MG, DD, Andrew wood, Jim Willson, Davina Colin, JA, JW.

Specific purpose members, Alice Fisher, David Dempster, Tracy Dick.

LW stood down as a member of ECC.

AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY CONSTITUTION AND CODE OF CONDUCT.

All members agreed around the table to abide by the code of conduct and constitution of Eyemouth Community Council. Each member was asked individually.

Treasurer Report as attached. JRA proposed the figures as an accurate account audited by Fiona White and WG seconded.

CHAIRMAN REPORT.

List of achievements.

Rallied support from SBC, MSP's, MP's, Attended the Scottish water public meeting at peebles hydro and has meetings with Bill Eliot to support the need for repairs in church street. Outcome, church street will have a new sewage system laid and work will begin in the winter of 2018-2019.

Co-op car park, we had a push to have repairs made to the carpark and continue to measure and lodge complaints with SBC roads department to push for repairs to the roads. Outcome? Co-op car park holes were repaired, work on harbor road was undertaken and incomplete however when pointed out by ECC the workmen returned and completed the welding around the repair. Progress is slow however we do have positive outcomes. Co-op car park is now on a list of works to be undertaken for resurfacing.

ECC received a 60% annual grant from SBC. Outcome? ECC have had 80% of the required meetings for a year which puts us up on meetings by 20% of the required number by SBC according to our constitution.

SIGNAGE. We have agreed with Julie Hogg on the 13th February 2018 ECC would carry out a revamp of the local tourist signage with additional fingerposts. Outcome? ECC received £10,000.00 grant application after submitting the pricing for new signage. ECC managed to secure quotations from fantasy prints that were far lower than anything SBC can compete with. No other company has offered to compete although have been asked. John Aitchison is writing the personalized signs for each car park and the original toon trail map will be used to keep old and new booklets relevant.

On grass cutting SBC are willing to "negotiate" and "compromise" especially with the cemetery. I spoke to Jason Hedley at SBC (Daren Silcock's boss) ECC we respond to complaints received. The people in Eyemouth are angry! So with help from Helen Laing we will meet with them after the AGM. The outlook for this meeting seems it may have a positive outcome with help from the enhancement group. Other borders towns who have previously been given MORE than Eyemouth will now get the same, which is very little. We are ahead of the game because we are used to it and know how to make the most of what we do have.

Floral gateway competition, a new fair category system will be made (probably not for this year but im pushing for it) apparently after being told grass will be cut every 20 days and SBC will NOT supply bedding plants next year peebles, gala and other towns used to being indulged have decided they wont be entering the competition in protest. They will be offered some shrubs or turf for there flower beds and need to do as everyone else and if they want nice gardens and planters do it themselves. It was agreed EEG sub group would enter the floral gateway competition.

Fullerton complaint, after an admission to his actions Jim Fullerton has not apologies to anyone for his actions of hitting tables and shouting uncontrollably. We offered one last chance for him to apologies and it was not taken. One of the conditions we made is if found guilty of our accusations was he would need to apologies. He has not and has been shouting at WG in the street and sending some quite confusing emails, so after i contacted Shona Haslem chief exec of sbc, he will no longer attend our meetings and the complaint will be sent to the standards commission. Helen Laing will be our point of contact for the time being. The SBCCN will be taking the complaint forward as the independent group for community councils across the borders. All agreed to continue with the complaints procedure.

Participation request,

BHA as expected are not accepting the request. It appears while we hammer on they are fixing properties for the tenants. This is ongoing and getting good results for tenants with a better service as the outcome. We will continue to persevere and BHA have had their housing association sent to the Scottish parliament with a request to have them added by name to those who the participation requests apply to. SBCCN will take this forward.

Participation request Eyemouth and east coast partnership.

After the elected changed our £800k for Eyemouth into the Eyemouth and east coast partnership I put in a participation request to sit on this board. SBC have confirmed the paperwork is correct and are now processing this request. In other words we will have a vote and be able to tell everyone what the SBC elected members are doing and spending their money on. Gale coats from EDCT will also be added via a participation request.

Swan safety

The sonic deterrents are in place so fingers crossed.

BMX track

This is one I was going to fit in later into the community woodland out of the way but an opportunity came up for a bit of ground perfect for the job so I pounced on it. If all goes well with permission to use the extra ground from SBC we will have the BMX track this summer. The kids and their families are all keen to get stuck in and create the track. As it's mostly mud ramps it has no cost to it. There's no waiting for grant applications and so on it's just a bit of ground the young adults and teens can create their own space that's monitored by a group set up within the community council.

Community woodland

Still confirming and taking care of paper work we have agreed with Jim Knight and the woodland trust Eyemouth will have a community woodland. Litter picks and school activity groups are needed to gain knowledge of what they would like in their woodland. This will take place after the summer while the woodland itself is thinned out ready for work to begin in 2019 at some point.

AGM concluded at 7pm

ECC normal meeting opened at 7.10pm.

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Police Report

Eyemouth Town Community Council

Date of Meeting: May 2018

Current Campaigns:

PROTECT YOUR FUEL TANKS AGAINST THEFT

Police Scotland are urging rural residents and businesses to take steps to prevent fuel theft. As with any other type of theft, criminals will always pick on an easy target if it is available but there are various options available to prevent fuel theft.

- Lock your fuel tank with a good strong steel closed shackle padlock.
- Tank valves should be secured by removing hand wheels or using padlocks or lockable covers.
- If an electrically controlled pump is fitted to a tank, make sure the control switch is located in a locked building or in the house and that the electricity is turned off when the tank is not in use.
- Keep track of fuel purchases. Dip your tanks daily and monitor your fuel usage so that you know if there is an unexplained loss of fuel. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use.
- Consider building a security cage around any tanks. For tanks located close to an electricity supply there are additional options such as better lighting, motion sensors and alarms to act as further deterrents.
- Security lights, if properly installed, can provide excellent low cost security for fuel tanks. Lights can be linked to a sensor illuminating only with the presence of physical movement in the area.
- Where your tanks contain a large amount of fuel consider installing a CCTV system that operates equally well both during the day and at night.

Further information on rural security can be found on the Police Scotland website.

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION CAMPAIGN

Almost one-quarter of all registered sex offenders carried out online child sexual abuse, according to a snapshot taken by Police Scotland.

This campaign is also focused at perpetrators, warning them of the consequences they face as a result of committing online child sexual abuse offences. Police Scotland is working with Stop It Now! An online child sexual abuse prevention organisation. It manages a confidential helpline designed to help adults with a range of concerns about child sexual abuse, including those with concerns about their own sexual thoughts and behaviour towards children.

Anyone worried about online abuse can contact Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency. More information is available at www.ceop.police.uk and you can read more advice on our Keep Safe pages.

POLICE SCOTLAND SUPPORTS NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS WEEK

National Stalking Awareness Week ran from Monday 16th until Friday 20th April 2018.

#ReportingStalking aims to support victims in the criminal justice system and highlight best practice which effectively targets perpetrators while improving the safety and support for victims and others who raise concerns.

In November 2016, Police Scotland launched an Online Reporting Form to encourage victims of stalking to come forward and report abuse. Since that time more than 200 online reports have been received and acted upon.

This form can be found on the Police Scotland website – www.scotland.police.uk/keepsafe-personalsafety/stalking.

Ward Priorities East Berwickshire MMW Plan.

Following the most recent public consultation, the following priorities have been identified for East Berwickshire.

Road Safety (Speeding)

Speeding is an issue, particularly in built up areas and increases road casualties.

- Road Traffic Officers continue to conduct high visibility road checks across the Scottish Borders, enforcing traffic laws where offences have been detected.
- Police Scotland camera enforcement vehicle continues to be used throughout the area where appropriate.

No Incidents

Misuse of Drugs

You have concerns about the availability and supply of drugs

- Officers continue to gather drug related intelligence and prosecute known offenders.
- Officers continue to obtain warrants, search addresses and arrest, caution and charge known drug users and suppliers where evidence exists.

09/04 – Vehicle stopped and drugs smelt coming from within, driver searched and found in possession of Cannabis. Report submitted.

14/04 – persons stopped and searched and found in possession of drugs. Issued with a recorded police warning.

Rural Thefts

Thefts from houses and farms, particularly in the more rural areas are of concern to you.

- Residents are reminded to secure their valuables away out of sight under lock and key.
- Any persons / vehicles seen acting suspiciously within your area, please contact 101 and report this so it can be checked by officers.
- Anyone wanting a Crime Prevention Survey to be carried out on their property can contact the East Berwickshire Community team on 101.

No Incidents

Antisocial behaviour

You told us that rowdy drunken disorderly behaviour was occurring within your community

- Officers continue to carry out both mobile patrols and foot patrols in order to deter antisocial behaviour, paying particular attention to areas that are known to have issues.
- Regular patrols during the month have seen Officers engage with youths in efforts to deter anti-social activities.

11/04 – Report of an assault with minor injuries. Enquiries ongoing.

14/04 – Report of windows smashed on property, enquiries ongoing.

14/04 – Report of youths causing a nuisance, no crime and youths spoken to.

15/04 – Report of damage to a gate, enquiries ongoing.

16/04 – Noise complaint received, noise not excessive but occupier warned accordingly.

16/04 – Report of a disturbance. Persons reported for a minor assault and another person issued with a recorded police warning for threatening and abusive behaviour.

21/04 – Report of anti-social behaviour by windows being banged regularly, extra patrols to be carried out in the area.

21/04 – 2 calls regarding youths being a nuisance, area searched no trace.

22/04 – Vandalism to a motor vehicle, enquires ongoing.

26/04 – Report of a disturbance, Person issued with a Recorded Police Warning for threatening behaviour.

26/04 – Report of youths throwing stones, area searched with no trace.

28/04 – Report of youths causing a nuisance, no criminality, area searched with no trace of youths.

30/04 – Report of windows being banged, ongoing issue, no trace of anyone responsible.

Other Incidents of note/relevant Community Council information.

There were a number of calls reported to Police during April regarding the A1107 road as it passes through Eyemouth regarding road traffic matters of minor nature.

Other incidents relate to calls made for police information or concerns for others welfare.

09/04 – Theft shoplifting at Co-Op, suspect traced and found in possession of the stolen goods. Issued with a recorded police warning.

20/04 – Report of fire raising outside Co-Op, whereby newspapers were set alight. Enquires ongoing

21/04 – Report of a minor assault, enquiries ongoing

28/04 – Report of Theft Housebreaking to business premises at The filling station, enquires ongoing.

29/04 - Report of a minor assault, male arrested, charged and reported.

Feedback from meeting: Please e-mail any feedback to

Suzanne.jacobs@scotland.pnn.police.uk

EastberwickshireCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Members of the public were allowed to address the meeting regarding speeding issues & parking. Acredale Road was highlighted as well as lower houndlaw. Chair agreed a separate road safety meeting with police and SBC attendance would be the most productive course of action.

SBC report. Cllr Hamilton Asked for questions from the council. Request for update on new school hall. This is a work in progress and we will be invited to the next stage of the process.

NURSERY SCHOOL FEES. JRA for an update on private nursery fees Vs private. DD explained fees do not cover lunches. Cllr Hamilton stated a raise of fees to £4.54 per hour per child was to come into place after the summer break. DD stated SBC pay their own nurseries more per hour than private. This has been an ongoing issue for many years. He explained reasons for this previous were to cover admin however private nurseries also have admin costs. JRA stated this seems like SBC putting their own needs before that of private nurseries and this would seem unacceptable. CH to check figures and report back on this issue. DD stated he can assure CH what he has stated is correct 100% and looks forward to her response because it is a case of SBC paying themselves more and taking from the children the money is allocated to.

30MPH signs behind acredale need moved to cover road area next to new housing estate. **CH to investigate.**

Grass cutting, JRA stated it is unacceptable to limit grass cutting hours and if SBC had consulted communities properly they would have had help. Volunteers would be willing to give man hours in return for a better level of upkeep of the grave yard. This will be looked at with Cllr Helen Laing.

Street lights never turned off. WG stated a number of lights coming off from Albert Road, street lights had been on for over a month since the last repair when a lack of checking workmanship he felt was to blame. If the job was done right the first time they wouldn't need to return a further five times and would that way save money. **CH to look into this**

Lower Houndlaw road surface was left full of holes after the extension works to the health center were completed. **CH to follow up.**

GP Waiting times, A general discussion regarding the long waiting times of the newly renovated health center took place. **ECC to write to health centre.**

Minute and matters arising from 26th March 2018,

JW proposed minute as an accurate record of the meeting WG seconded. No Matters arising.

EXPENSES. JRA stated travel cost had been accumulated however as the accounts had been with the auditor & no monthly record of account was available at this time. A full breakdown will follow in June.

Participation request BHA.

JRA explained as he suspected BHA did not welcome ECC with open arms as previously stated by Cllr Fullerton. We will now look to the Scottish government to add BHA to a list of bodies the participation requests are relevant to. The SBCCN will help with this process.

Participation request Eyemouth and east coast partnership.

JRA received confirmation from Clair Malster the forms were filled in correctly and the process was underway. ECC will be on the board of this partnership if all goes well.

Cllr Fullerton complaint.

JRA explained complaints had been received from female members of the CC about the conduct of Cllr Fullerton. A full complaint was made and although Cllr Fullerton accepted his actions had offended and intimidated members he offered no apology. Brian Frater from SBC decided although an admission was made no further action was to be taken. JRA followed up on this with the Chief Executive Shona Haslam who directed us to the standards commission. JRA stated he would like ECC to use the SBCCN and Colin McGrath to go to the standards commission. All agreed this was the proper course of action. **SBCCN to follow up.**

NEW SUB GROUP FOR BHA

BHA sub group was proposed by JRA and seconded by WG to be created to deal with issues relating to BHA. The chairman of the tenants association was present and was happy with this progressive forward thinking motion.

BHA update, BHA slowly doing repairs after a longer than two year period of being asked to do so. A list of faults exists with JRA taken from the residents two years ago. Some of these are just being done now.

Community woodland, The woodland project is underway and after three years of background work will be moving forward with a public consultation over the summer.

SKATE PARK, A meeting with Ally Hay took place who created Kelso skate park. LA now has a list of how to's to move forward. EDCT will be involved and may be selected to take the project forward.

Enhancement group, The group is going strong and will enter the national competition for Beautiful Scotland which will be judging in August. They hope to get some awards to attract tourists and return visitors to help boost the local economy.

Eyerun, No update this month but all is going well and the group has more than 30 runners twice each week.

Harbour trust, all going well with no issues. JRA requested the hut along from Gunsgreen house be looked at as it is a mess and has been for some time. DD to look into this. Member of the public asked about the red bridge, DD stated this would be going forward and the new bridge be in place early 2019. A question about mess on the harbor was asked. JRA stated contacting Christine Bell at the harbor would get the mess cleared quickly as she has been very good to work with over the last year.

Paths. It was decided with limited input from contractors that Homeland solutions would carry out repairs to the loaning. All members agreed.

Secretary report

Smell at Acredale soak away. **HL to identify exact addresses** for Scottish water to look into this.

BMX track update, JRA working with SBC to gain extra land to add onto memorial walk way. Looking promising that a BMX track will be created. Time scale is dependent on SBC returning emails.

Mess behind the dolphin hotel was reported by a member of the public. Pictures were shown. It was agreed **JRA would contact SBC** and the relevant departments to try and resolve this issue as it was feared this mess could bring rats.

AOB.

Bantry mess. SBC have been requested by JRA to supply local businesses with free bins if they are willing to empty the bins on the bantry. This has worked in the past until SBC started charging for the bins. If the public are to help SBC then SBC departments must be willing to work with local businesses.

Herse, The town's old Herse was moved to Ian Waddell's yard to be a future project for a sub group as yet to be identified.

RBS building, Eyemouth bank qualifies as part of an agreement with the government to possibly become a community asset transfer. JRA looking into this complicated and long process. RBS have confirmed they do own the building and we are the first to take an interest.

COMPETITION. JRA has entered the town in national competitions and will be looking to ask the town's folk to get involved in the near future to raise the profile of the town possibly nation wide if a good enough outcome comes from the competition.

Christmas lights. ECC, the chamber of trade and EDCT all have taken ownership. It was agreed by all £300 would be donated to the Christmas lights group to help with insurance and repairs. Thanks was given to Kerry Waddell for her hard work in keeping this group alive and organizing meetings.

Toon tidy, to take place on 9th of June and to be run by Splash as part of bringing the community together.

Defibrillator. A new defib is situated at the life boat shed.

Beavers planting, a date has been set with Eyemouth enhancement group for beavers to have a planting and tidy up session. Other groups are welcome.

Circus. The circus is coming to town. Signs are up and ECC are happy to have supported this entertainment coming to the town.

Community Award. Arianna McCulloch is nominated for a community award. A well done and congratulations were given to Arianna who was present to record our meeting.

Post office, a petition was delivered by Jan Weeks to the head of the post office. We await a response. Well done to JW for her effort in pursuing the post office people relevant.

Well done to Andy Haddow, Carrie Haddow, Robin Chapman and Jane Waite for their moderator award.

Playpark budget. LA stated SBC have confirmed a playpark budget of £180,000.00 for Eyemouth has been allocated. More details to follow in the near future.

Questions from the public.

A question about signage was asked. JRA stated JA is working on the new town maps and the first one would be displayed to the public as soon as fantasy prints completed their design work.

New web site. Neil McMurdo will update the old website while we wait on the SBC community web site. All agreed to pay the annual fee to make the site advert free.

Abandoned car next to Invereye is blocking the parking for guests. JRA to look into this with WG. Also to contact police.

Public phone box at Broad Street has been vandalized. JRA advised phone box is to be removed by BT in the near future.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9PM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018 IN ROOM ONE EYEMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE.