

MINUTES OF MELROSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 20th March 2024, ORMISTON ROOMS

1. Welcome, Attendance, Apologies, Declarations of Interest

Present: Mary Douglas (Chair) (CC), Jane Bell (CC), Mike Sherlock (CC), Bruce Wilson (CC), Simon Harris (CC), Dougal Stewart (CC), Lorna Paterson (CC).

In Attendance: Sue Palmer (Melrose Paths Group).

Apologies: John Paton Day (SBC) David Parker (SBC), Jenny Linehan (SBC), Willie Kerr (CC), Bruce Jackson (CC), Martin Baird (CC).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

No declarations of interest.

2. Police Report.

No Comment.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, and Matters Arising.

Matters arising:

- Bench Audit

61 Benches in Melrose alone, 6 recommended for removal or substitution.

Inventory to be prepared for Gattonside (Jane Bell), Newstead (Bruce Wilson), Darnick (Dougal Stewart).

Simon Harris to forward audit form electronically.

Action: As above

- Melrose Traders Association

The association is still in discussion ways of promoting Melrose and will report findings to the council shortly.

4. Teba Twinning

- Books and Posters from Teba were distributed.
- Twinning was approved on the basis that it was clear, that it was for the activity of providing information/ publicity for both parties.

Action: M. Sherlock to make communication with Teba Council.

5. Spring Clean

- The Annual Spring Clean will be conducted between 16-23 April.

Action: J. Bell

6. Retro Fitting Proposal. (Shared Prosperity Fund – Energy Efficient Supply Chain Project - Southern Uplands Partnership)

A discussion was had about the recent communication from the Southern Uplands Partnership. Whereby *“retrofitting of privately-owned homes could be undertaken in clusters. The assumption is that by retrofitting a group of similar houses within a street or neighbourhood it will be easier to get competitive quotes”*

Due to the conservation nature of buildings within the MDC area, the conclusion was that this was not suitable and no further action to be taken.

7.AOCB

- Requests have been made for a “ Deep clean of pavements and Drain Clearance”

Action SBC.

- When will the Barber Millenium Park Re – Open in Newstead following the installation of new play park equipment. It is currently a mud bath and eyesore.

Action SBC

- Darnick Village Development Trust (DVDT), are giving consideration to their Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. They seek clarity/ position from the SBC on infrastructure planning approval for above and below ground works/installation especially relating to recent Go Fibre works and further, what is the position to installing rooftop solar panels within the conservation area.

• **Action** SBC

- The Chair, Mary Douglas, announced that she would be resigning from the council due to health reasons and also, that she would be shortly moving out-with the council area.

8. Questions from the floor

None

Meeting Closed at 2030

9. Next meeting Wednesday 17th April 2024 Ormiston Rooms, Melrose