



**MEETING OF MELROSE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER 2021**

MINUTE

Present: William Windram (WW) (Chair), Val Miller (VM), Graham Barker (GB), Robin Chisholm (RC), Agnes Waldie (AW), Andrew Panter (AP), Lorna Paterson (LP), Aziza Taylor (AT) (Secretary).

In Attendance: SBC Cllrs David Parker (DP) Tom Miers (TM), and Jenny Linehan (JL). Two members of the public.

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1.	Apologies for Absence: William Kerr, Dorothy Cameron.	
2.	Proposed Lidl Supermarket at Tweedbank: Kim Steele of Lidl gave a presentation on the proposed Lidl supermarket as part of the Borders Gateway Development. The size of the proposed store would be approximately 3 times that of the current Co Op in Melrose. The response to Lidl's recent survey of the public showed support for the supermarket. There were mixed views among the councillors but concerns remained over the impact the supermarket would have on food retailers in Melrose High Street. The area is currently designated for industrial development and a relaxation of this rule would need to be applied for the planning application to be approved by SBC.	
3.	Declaration of Interest: WW reminded members that they should declare any interest they may have in advance of an item being discussed.	
4.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November were approved.	
5.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Christmas Lights: It was agreed that the lights will remain in place after they are switched off in January. Future maintenance may be provided by Bruce Colvin subject to agreement of any costs. There have been issues with the Christmas tree lights which SBC have responsibility for.</p> <p>Bollards: DP reported that replacement bollards will be provided.</p> <p>Boat Brae Banking: MIB are to clear the path.</p> <p>Path near the Chain Bridge: No date for when the repair work will be done.</p> <p>Litter Bin near Lowood Bridge: SBC will attend to this.</p> <p>Black Path: Bear have replaced the drainage pipe that was causing</p>	

	<p>problems.</p> <p>Faulty Lights at the Rugby Club: Two lights are now flickering.</p> <p>Rhymers Stone: DP is awaiting a quote from a builder to replace the base.</p> <p>BGH Underpass Lights: JL will check if Bear are attending to this.</p>	
6.	<p>Police Matters:</p> <p>The Police Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It is hoped there will be a meeting with the Police in the New Year. PC Calum Wilson had advised the Community Council that a local resident was setting up a No Cold Calling Zone in Dundas Terrace. If the scheme is successful there may be other areas of the town who would like to do this as well.</p>	
7.	<p>Community Council Elections: The process to hold elections will commence in January 2022.</p>	
8.	<p>Traffic Matters:</p> <p>Road Resurfacing: A bag of rubbish left at the roadside following work on Waverley Road has not yet been uplifted. DP will ask SBC to attend this.</p> <p>20mph Speed Limits: The trial is to become permanent. A local resident had contacted the Community Council with concerns over the 20 mph speed limit on Chiefswood Road. DP will report back on how this was agreed on.</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>DP</p>
9.	<p>Planning Sub Committee:</p> <p>Land North of Ivanhoe, Dingleton Road, Melrose – erection of two dwellinghouses: The Community Council would like to see the roadside wall reinstated to match the existing walls.</p> <p>Car Park at Abbotsford Visitors Centre, Melrose – Installation of car park management system incorporating CCTV cameras and parking meters: The Community Council would like to see measures put in place to ensure visitors use the car park and do not park on the roadside which would be totally inappropriate and possibly cause traffic management issues.</p> <p>Ship Inn, East Port, Melrose – alterations and extension to public house: The Community Council would like the extraction system to keep cooking smells to a minimum so as not to affect surrounding neighbours.</p> <p>6 Brewster Place, Gattonside, Melrose – Formation of french doors from window: No comments.</p> <p>Mayfield, Gattonside, Melrose – Alterations to dwellinghouse: No comments.</p>	
10.	<p>Community Events:</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
11.	<p>Matters Raised by Councillors:</p> <p>BT Phone Box, Newstead: A local community group would like to take this over but it still provides a live service from BT.</p> <p>Royal Bank Site, Melrose: There is a potential new business interested in taking over this site. JL declared an interest in this item as the business owner is known to her. The business owner is interested in having a Post Office counter as part of the business and is exploring sources of finance to help make this happen. The Community Council were not in favour of the William Hill Trust providing any funds. The existing mobile Post Office service is due to cease in spring 2022.</p> <p>Dean Place, Newstead: GB asked for SBC to attend to the potholes.</p>	

	Salt Bins: AP had reported the need for additional salt bins to SBC. DP will report back on progress.	
12.	Matters Raised by the Public: Chiefswood Road Speed Limit: This is reported under Traffic Matters above.	
13.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 19 January 2022 at 7.30 pm. on Zoom.	