



**MEETING OF MELROSE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2021**

MINUTE

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

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

		Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: Agnes Waldie, Dorothy Cameron.	
2.	Declaration of Interest: WW reminded members that they should declare any interest they may have in advance of an item being discussed. All members agreed to abide by the code of conduct at all meetings of the council.	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May were approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: Pavements Opposite the Rugby Club: SBC are to provide dropped kerbs. Boat Brae Rubbish Bin: New bin now in place. Christmas Lights: RC had obtained two quotes. It was agreed to accept the quote from B. Colvin for £2,548. DP will send RC an application form for the SBC Fast Track scheme which will fund most of the cost with the remainder to be sought from the William Hill Trust. The Christmas lights at Burts and the Townhouse will be removed and stored by RC while the premises are redecorated. Golf Club Drainage Problem: No work done yet. Bollards: SBC will be replace the bollards which were knocked over. Community Council Accounts: GB had circulated the finished accounts before the meeting. The accounts were approved unanimously. Gall Robertson have agreed to audit the accounts for next year. Barrons Way Sign: Road sign replaced. Quarry Hill Path: Nothing further to report. SBC Small Schemes: DP had circulated details of all the project under this scheme. Boots, Market Square: AT will write to the Head Office to pass on complaints about the poor state of both the exterior and interior of the premises</p>	<p>DP, RC</p> <p>AT</p>

	<p>Broken Drain Pipe, Market Square: DP confirmed that the property is not owned by SBC.</p> <p>Newstead Development Trust: WW had attended a meeting with committee members of the Trust. GB is now a member of the Trust.</p> <p>Damaged Gully Box, Fairways: JL has reported this to SBC.</p> <p>Dean Road Surface: SBC have confirmed that this is on their list of work to be done but no date can be given and it is a low priority.</p> <p>Chain Bridge: DP will provide information on the maintenance schedule.</p>	DP
5.	<p>Police Matters: The Police Report for May had been circulated prior to the meeting. Several alcohol related incidents had been reported. JL reported that anti-social gatherings late at night by the Tweed at Gattonside had been reported to the police. JL will notify police of vandalism to the wall by the cemetery where the coping stones have been removed but not taken away. A parked car on Waverley Road which has been stationary for some time has been reported as it is by the Tweedmount Road junction. The police will contact the owner about a more suitable parking spot.</p>	
6.	<p>Traffic Matters: Additional Bicycle Hoops: AP had asked for more bicycle hoops to be provided in the town as cycling has become increasingly popular. SBC have produced a list of possible sites which DP will circulate for comment next week. It was agreed that this would be a welcome development for both residents and visitors. Gates at Rhymers Stone: SBC are to replace the existing gates with a staggered facility. This is to discourage over use of the verge. Gattonside Road Closure: A temporary road closure will be in place while the embankment is repaired. Bowden Moor Road Repairs: This work has been delayed while the Chiefswood Road temporary one-way system is in place. Chiefswood Road: Early results of monitoring show the cycle and pedestrian path is being well used. DP will update the Community Council next month. Increased traffic has been noted through the town and on Dingleton Road but this is expected to ease over the school holiday period.</p>	DP DP
7.	<p>Planning Sub Committee: Westgrove Development: The developer's suggestion of Westgrove Apartments as a name for the new development on the site was approved. Waverley Road, New Loose Box in Horse Field: The situation with regard to possible planning permission is not yet clear. Land north of Ivanhoe, Dingleton Road, Melrose – erection of two dwelling houses: The Community Council asked if the wall by the roadside of the site could be reinstated during construction, otherwise no comment. It was noted that this development is not popular with local residents. The Loan, Gattonside, Melrose – alterations and extension to dwelling house: No comments. Land west of Grange House, Drygrange, Melrose – change of use of land to form allotment, siting of polytunnel and formation of car parking area (part retrospective): No issues with this application. Hoebriidge Inn, Hoebriidge East Road, Gattonside, Melrose – Alteration to roof to form 8 roof lights and roof ventilation: No comments.</p>	

8.	<p>Community Events: Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Fence at Darnick: work is to be done by the end of July. Melrose Abbey: Dangerous stonework has resulted in part of the Abbey being cordoned off to visitors. The admission price has been reduced while this is in place. Trimontium Trust Licence: WW declared an interest in this item as a member of the Trust. The Trust has applied for an off sales alcohol licence to sell a local product from the Tweedbank brewery. Laundry Corner, Broken Fence: RC reported a broken fence on the path nearby on a steep incline. JL will follow this up with SBC and also a fence on Weirhill, and the fence by the electricity substation on Dingleton Road. Potholes: A program is now underway to repair potholes in Melrose. RC will provide information to DP. Cutting of Rights of Way: GB reported that £450 will be made available from SBC for this. Annay Road Footpath: DP will speak to Craig Blackie about clearing the footpath. Black Path, Darnick: SBC will undertake strimming shortly. Broken Road Sign, High Street, Melrose: MB raised the issue of a broken road sign outside Hettie's where a bollard has been used to cover exposed wired. TM will take this up with SBC. Ormiston Institute: VM asked if the main door and window sills at the Ormiston Institute could be renovated to match the new door to the Trimontium Museum. The museum will open in the summer. TM will look into this. Live Borders Reopening of Halls and Meeting Rooms. This is currently due to happen in August at the earliest. AGM and Elections: These could happen in September/October.</p>	<p>JL RC, DP DP TM TM</p>
10.	<p>Matters Raised by the Public: None.</p>	
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.</p>	