



**MEETING OF MELROSE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2021**

MINUTE

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

In Attendance: SBC Cllrs David Parker (DP) and Tom Miers (TM).

		Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: PC Calum Wilson, William Kerr.	
2.	Declaration of Interest: WW reminded members that they should declare any interest they may have in advance of an item being discussed.	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December were approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Trimontium Trust: The Trust lectures are now available on YouTube.</p> <p>20 mph Speed Limits: Consultations are ongoing. There are still issues with roads not in town or village centres where 20 mph seems less appropriate.</p> <p>Dingleton Phase 4 Development: WW has informed SBC that Toftburn was the preferred name.</p> <p>Pavements Opposite the Rugby Club: TM advised that Craig Blackie of SBC would attend to this.</p> <p>SBC Annual Grant: GB has been assured that this will be paid shortly.</p> <p>A6091 Litter: Due to the pandemic and lockdown restrictions there are no SBC staff available to attend to this.</p>	
5.	Local Development Plan: Any comments on the proposed development plan should be sent to SBC by 25 January. Of the sites in the Community Council area proposed for development the most contentious was the site at Darnlee due to the cumulative effect of recent developments in Darnick, the narrow roads and parking issues in the village, and the mention of potential future expansion to the west which is now community woodland. AP will forward to AT a letter from the Darnick Village Development Trust on the subject which will then be circulated to all councillors. TM also expressed ongoing concerns with the proposed development at Netherbarns.	
6.	<p>Traffic Matters:</p> <p>Gritting During Winter Weather: Recent severe weather had been</p>	

	<p>difficult for SBC to manage. Prioritisation of major routes meant local icy conditions on some minor roads with a consequent spate of fractures to be dealt with at the BGH.</p> <p>Grit Bins: DP asked for councillors to notify him of any issues with refilling of grit bins. Requests for additional bins can be made but will not be actioned until next winter.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning Sub Committee: Very few planning applications are being made at the moment.</p>	
8.	<p>Community Events: Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Matters Raised by Councillors:</p> <p>Resilience Funds: Funds had been provided for activity in Gattonside. Further funds are still available should application be made.</p> <p>Coatburn Green: AP raised the issue of the burn at Coatburn Green being in spate and eroding the banks. DP will notify the flood prevention officer at SBC for action.</p> <p>Gattonside Road Drainage: DC reported that water had been running down The Loan. SBC are to provide a new gully to address the problem.</p> <p>Christmas Lights: RC reported that the lights are now switched off but remain in place. RC and GB will review the existing timers and advise on the cost of replacements.</p> <p>A6091 Drainage Problem: Bear have investigated the problem with bank erosion due to road drainage near the bridge and have promised to take action within 28 days.</p> <p>Boat Brae Rubbish Bin: VM reported that the bin was broken and needed to be replaced. TM will take this up with SBC.</p> <p>Chiefswood Road: Emergency services have made no objection to the proposed one way system. The bus company are currently being consulted. Public consultation will follow.</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>RC, GB</p> <p>TM</p>
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.</p>	