



**MEETING OF MELROSE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021**

**MINUTE**

**Present:** Val Miller (VM) (Chair), Graham Barker (GB), Robin Chisholm (RC), Andrew Panter (AP), 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.

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> PC Calum Wilson, William Windram, Dorothy Cameron, Agnes Waldie.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> VM reminded members that they should declare any interest they may have in advance of an item being discussed.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March were approved.	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>Pavements Opposite the Rugby Club:</b> SBC are to provide dropped kerbs.</p> <p><b>Boat Brae Rubbish Bin:</b> TM will take this up with SBC.</p> <p><b>Christmas Lights:</b> RC and GB have produced a specification for the replacement timers and new garlands and prices are being sought.</p> <p><b>Market Square Electricity:</b> GB has agreed with the traders that the costs will be split 50/50 between themselves and the Community Council.</p> <p><b>Golf Club Drainage Problem:</b> SBC will check the gullies. There is possibly a problem for Scottish Water to address.</p> <p><b>Melrose Station Banner:</b> A member of the group who had put up the sign had contacted the Community Council. The banner has been removed and the group would like it returned. It is presumed that the property owner removed it.</p>	<b>TM</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Police Matters:</b></p> <p>The Police Reports for March had been circulated prior to the meeting. PC Calum Wilson had reported that he had attended Shunters Wud following concerns about local youths gathering to socialise in the shelter. A group of youths ran away at his approach. He will continue to monitor this when possible. Other instances of anti social behaviour by youths were reported near the Tweed at Gattonside particularly on Friday and Saturday evening. TM and JL will raise this at their next liaison meeting with police.</p>	<b>JL, TM</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Traffic Matters:</b>	

	<p><b>Chiefswood Road One-Way Proposal:</b> TM, JL and DP will deliver a newsletter on the limited May to September one-way system to all houses affected. The road will revert to two way traffic after 30 September. Figures on actual usage by cyclists and pedestrians over the summer will be used to build a business case for the creation of a separate path at the side of Chiefswood Road. SBC will draw up detailed plans and costs, and funding will be sought from Sustrans.</p> <p><b>Speeding on A6091:</b> The situation with cars speeding on the A6091 appears to be getting worse. This will be raised with police.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Planning Sub Committee:</b> Only one planning application had been received and no comments were made by the Community Council.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Community Events:</b> <b>Spring Clean:</b> There has been no large scale effort this year due to Covid restrictions. A group carry out regular litter picking in Gattonside.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Matters Raised by Councillors:</b> <b>Missing Bollards, High Street, Melrose:</b> A number of bollards have been knocked over by vehicles. SBC will replace them. It was questioned whether the bollards were visible enough being black. <b>Community Council Accounts:</b> GB reported that these are with the accountant for review. <b>Newstead Wooden Walkway:</b> RC reported that a dog caught its foot between the wooden slats of the walkway and broken its leg. The Paths Group will be asked to see if anything can be done to make the walkway safer. JL will verify who owns the land. <b>Barrons Way Sign:</b> RC reported that the sign had become detached. <b>Eildon Paths:</b> RC complimented SBC on the good job done in improving the path. <b>Quarry Hill Path:</b> VM reported that some work was being done on the Quarry Hill path. Grant funding may be available for this. VM will send details to DP. <b>Small Schemes:</b> DP reported that a new list of projects to be done under Small Schemes will be circulated.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>VM</p>
10.	<p><b>Matters Raised by the Public:</b> None.</p>	
11.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.</b></p>	