

JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council
held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 at Edgerston Village Hall

Welcome:

The meeting was opened by the Chair who welcomed all present and thanked people for their attendance.

Members present:

Peter Hincks; Sheila Wilson; Jenny Brown; Michael Barker; and Anna Bradley; together with SBC Cllr Jim Brown.

Apologies:

Matthew Tile.

Chairman's Report:

The Chair reported on the year's activities the highlights of which are noted here. A full copy of the report can be seen on the attachment to these minutes.

We commenced in December 2017 with a complement of 7 councillors and in February 2018 we formally agreed our constitution. We dealt with the resurfacing of the A68 in two places and organised a litter picking operation to the lay-bys of the A68 as well as considering the repairs to a drovers bridge at Richards Cleuch. We prepared our systems to operate within the General Data Protection Act attending conferences organised by the Scottish Borders Council. We supported the Cheviot area Partnership meetings and attended a meeting of the Borders Railway. We built a new web site with the help of a local resident and have had 333 reported sessions in the year. Glendouglas Community Hall requested help with applying for funding through the Localities Bid Fund and we organised the Jed Valley Christmas party for the children.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer circulated copies of the audited accounts, which were approved. Next year's grant can be applied for now. Balance in account at present is £697.89. Approval was given for gift voucher to volunteer accountant.

Proposals for Amendments to the Council's Constitution:

[1] A proposal was made to change the timing of our bi-monthly meeting dates in order to fall in line with the accounting period of 31st March to 1st April and at the same time allowing the accounts to audited within the specified period.

[2] A second proposal was made to change the date of the meeting days to the second Wednesday of the month.

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Following a discussion it was resolved that the bi-monthly meetings be changed to January, March, May, July, September and November in any on year. It was also agreed to change the meeting day to the second Wednesday of the month.

Both proposals were agreed by those members present ,with the proviso that the change should take place from September 2019 unless the venues were unable to accommodate the change in which case the change was to be effective from January 2020, and therefore passed. It should be noted, however, absentee member intimated by email he was against the second proposal.

Election of Office Bearers:

As there is no Office Bearer who has completed the three-year term, or a vacancy has arisen there is no need to hold elections. All in agreement.

Appointment of Auditor(s):

The treasurer confirmed that Fiona Geddes will continue as auditor.

Code of Conduct:

All present have read and agreed to follow the Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. The Chair will write to absent member to confirm his agreement.

Meeting Close:

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Date, Time & Place of next meeting:

Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in Glen Douglas Community Hall.