

# JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Meeting Minutes

A business meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at Edgerston Village Hall

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### Welcome:

The meeting was opened by the Chair who welcomed all present, thanked people for their attendance and invited declarations of interest.

### Members present:

Peter Hincks; Sheila Wilson; Jenny Brown; Nichol Renwick; Michael Barker; Matt Tile; together with SBC Cllrs Jim Brown and Scott Hamilton.

### Apologies:

Anna Bradley and Cllr Sandy Scott.

### Approval of Minutes (from previous meeting):

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.  
Proposed: Nichol Renwick. Seconded: Michael Barker

### Matters Arising:

- (a) Footpaths:  
Peter produced a map of public footpaths and rights of way in the Jed Valley area. The Local Community Path Maintenance Grant is once again available to reimburse annual expenses incurred up to the value of £450 for local path maintenance or improvements undertaken, the deadline for which is February 2019. It was felt there was no need at present for use of this grant and the Chair suggested it should be put in abeyance for now.
- (b) Picnic Benches at Carter Bar:  
Following this evening's meeting, the Chair contacted Southdean CC who have responded to his request for a partnership in the picnic benches, etc. He will continue to follow up on the matter.
- (c) Cheviot Area Partnership:  
An interesting meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, attended by Anna Bradley and Cllr Jim Brown, around what areas need further investment. Members felt it would be helpful to have sight of the minutes from this meeting as and when available. Discussion followed around house building and the fact there is an over-supply of plots from which developers can pick and choose best sites. There was also a suggestion that empty properties should be filled before new building takes place. A consultation has gone out for local review.

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- (d) Uncovering the Environment:  
The Chair had emailed members asking if this is the sort of thing we should look into. As there was no interest in this from members present it was decided to pass on this one.
- (e) Community Action Team Survey:  
A new community action policing team was launched in the Borders aiming to tackle local issues across the area. The team provides a dedicated community resource which will specifically target issues such as anti-social behaviour and on-street parking. Concern was raised around youths speeding around the town and car park adjacent to the bus station. Cllr Brown is the representative for Jedburgh and members should get in touch with him around issues discussed.

## **Police Report:**

CPO Gary Chisholm was unable to attend the meeting. The Chair outlined the issues in the report and a copy has been emailed to members for their information. The report indicated that there had been 160 reported incidents in the Jedburgh area and a number of rural area thefts.

## **SBC Councillor's Report:**

Items of interest to Jed Valley residents:

- (a) New School Campus:  
Work on the new school campus is progressing. Concern was raised around the impact this would have on Jedburgh High Street traders as the new campus will have café area which will be open to all. There was a feeling among some that SBC should provide quality meals for school pupils.
- (b) Biodiversity and tree planting paper is out to consultation and the draft plan can be viewed on line at <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com>.
- (c) Mention was made of concerns around speeding at school and construction site. Possibility of a 'Pop-up Bob' being sited in the area.
- (d) CARS:  
The CARS scheme is progressing nicely.
- (e) Localities Bid Fund:  
This closed on 1<sup>st</sup> October and what the Cheviot area will receive is still to be revealed.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- (a) No observations from those present were made to emails sent by Sheila previous to the meeting.
- (b) Sheila was asked for confirmation that the meeting is open to members of the public. Visitors are welcome, but if they wish to bring up specific topic the Chair's permission needs to be sought.

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## **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in account, following annual grant of £540.00 and hall reimbursement of £72.00 is £1,260.89. A discussion followed around use of funds for various projects/activities and this will be looked at by various members and followed through at next meeting.

## **Any Other Matters:**

- (a) Planning Applications:
  - (i) The application to change a B & B to domestic use refused.
  - (ii) Alteration and extension to Edgerston Rigg Farmhouse.  
The Chair will send notice for comment by all members.
- (b) What Matters Hub:

There was no particular interest at this time.
- (c) SBCCN meeting:

The Chair attended and did not find much of interest for the JVCC. Awaiting clarification from CCN around the need for CCs to be registered for General Data Protection Regulations.
- (d) Making Places Initiative:

The Chair asked for comments following perusal of information.
- (e) Vacancies within JVCC:

There are currently 2 vacancies. Members were asked if they knew of any likely candidates. New residents to the Valley were to be contacted and made aware of the JVCC.
- (f) A68 Road Repairs:

Further discussion around bridge repairs at Inchbonnie and bridge near Bonchester Bridge turnoff. Also around work carried out on road from A68 leading to the Bairnkine. Cllr Brown will take forward.
- (g) High Speed Broadband:

Problems still ongoing around this issue. When contacting Outreach need to give house address in addition to postcode.
- (h) Public Access Computers:

Not every household has direct access to a digital device and this is needed to make application to the Universal Credit system for benefits. There is no known public digital device within the Jed Valley and the nearest was in Jedburgh. SBC have indicated that the Financial Support & Inclusion Team will help if contacted on [0330 100 1800](tel:03301001800).

## **Meeting Close:**

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

## **Date, Time & Place of next meeting:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm in Glendouglas Community Hall.