

JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2018 held in Glendouglas Community Hall at 7.30pm

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; Matt Tile; Sheila Wilson; Jenny Brown; Anna Bradley; Michael Barker; together with SBC Cllr Jim Brown and PC Gary Chisholm.

Apologies:

Nichol Renwick.

Police Report:

CPO Gary Chisholm reported back latest incidents in the local area noting the large volume of calls relating to vehicle breakdowns and accidents due to the recent snowy conditions. There was a report of sheep worrying in Camptown and the dog owner has been charged. The monitoring of various roads in our area is continuing focusing on speeding, mobile phone offences and antisocial behaviour. All the emergency services worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of local residents. CPO Gary Chisholm was thanked for his report.

Approval of Minutes (from previous meeting):

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.
Proposed: Matt Tile. Seconded: Michael Barker.

Matters Arising:

- (a) Communication Mast at Dolphinston:
Satisfactorily resolved.
- (b) Communications Idea:
Following on from the February meeting, Anna had suggested that the local school might like to consider resolving the JVCC's communication concerns by means of a project. Jedburgh Grammar School had been contacted and further contacts would be made after Easter as the proposal may be of interest to those pupils wishing to study journalism or like subjects. Action: AB
- (c) JVCC Website:
Sheila reported Jane Jameson of Techstar had volunteered to set up JVCC web site on a no-fee basis. Following a discussion, her offer was unanimously accepted by those present and that the previous administrator be contacted to help familiarise her with the service provider. Action: PH
- (d) Localities Bid Fund:
Peter will contact Nichol and feedback.

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(e) Litter Picking and Progress with Amey:

Michael reported that the previously arranged date for litter picking within lay-bys not suitable. 28th April was now proposed as a suitable date. He will contact Southdean CC to ascertain if anyone available from there. Cllr Brown passed on details of SBC conditions around supply of vests, pickers, etc, noting that SBC do not necessarily approve of individuals litter picking on trunk roads. Cllr Brown offered to take up issues with Amey.

Michael would be happy to report potholes, etc, direct to SBC, but report trunk road issues through Cllr Brown.

SBC Councillor's Report:

(a) Tourist Bench/table at Carter Bar:

Ongoing.

(b) Brundeanlaws Road (C33):

Work satisfactorily completed.

(c) Superfast Broadband:

Openreach work now reached Camptown and will probably end on the outskirts of Edgerston. Individuals need to sign up with providers to hook up. Matt spoke of large hole on A68 at site of Openreach work. Cllr Brown will contact Openreach around this.

Secretary's Report:

(a) Request from Chimney Sweep:

Sheila had request from Chimney Sweep asking for his details to be displayed on CC notice boards. Sheila informed him JVCC does not have advertising material on its notice boards, but perhaps he could contact secretaries of community halls who may be of assistance.

(b) Stable Life Volunteer Recruitment Drive:

Request for assistance in raising awareness of this this charity. Although this was not something which JVCC could adopt, individual members should feel free to take up on a personal basis. Matt will display their poster on notice board at Glendouglas Community Hall and a further poster will be displayed at Edgerston.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in account, following grant from SBC, deduction of fees for use of halls and fee to Bridge, will be £693.84.

Fee for The Bridge has increased to £15, which was approved by those present.

Transferring of funds from RBS to TSB still being processed.

Business Matters:

(a) Planning Applications:

Planning applications are not necessarily routinely notified to JVCC, however an application had been lodged with the SBC for the erection of a deer fence at Huntford Lodge. The JVCC had no objections. The planning application list will continue to be monitored and details forwarded to members for comment if the closing

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date is in conflict with our meeting dates. Cllr Brown pointed out a decision could have been taken before Council meetings and that some applications are decided by officers without going to Committee. He will take this up with Chief Planning Officer to ascertain protocol.

Wind Farm Update:

Brief summary on Wind Farm. New supplementary planning guide has been published by SBC. To be carried forward.

(b) Resilient Communities:

It was agreed by those present not to become a Resilient Community. Have good community support within our area at present with various groups supporting those who are in need of it. Action: PH

Other Council Matters:

(a) Cheviot Area Partnership:

Peter asked if anyone would like to accompany him to the next meeting. This is an information forum for opportunities in the Scottish Borders which he feels is worth attending. Cllr Brown advised there are grants available for specific purposes.

(b) Defibrillator:

Peter has had communication from Glendouglas Community Hall around acquiring a defibrillator. It was agreed this was a good idea and enquiries would be made on how to take this forward and advise accordingly. Action: PH

(c) Mossburn Distillery:

Mossburn Distillery have appointed a distiller who, together with his wife and young son, will be arriving on site in July as progress is made towards a 2018 start.

(d) Information Plaque at Carter Bar:

The plaque on the beacon at the Carter Bar has become very weathered and difficult to read. Should JVCC or SBC arrange to rectify? Cllr Brown will make enquiries.

(e) Information Signs:

There was a discussion around having information signs asking people to pick up and take away their own litter. SBC advise against such signage as it can be difficult to enforce.

(f) Scottish Borders Physical Disability Strategy Consultation:

The Health and Social Care Partnership is holding a consultation on the Scottish Borders Physical Disability Strategy, A Fairer Borders for People with a Physical Disability or Long-Term Condition and their Carers. The Draft Strategy, Easy Read Online Survey can be found on www.scotborders.gov.uk/physicaldisability. This will run from 3rd April 2nd July 2018.

Meeting Close:

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date, Time & Place of next meeting:

Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 7.30pm in Edgerston Village Hall.

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