

# JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Meeting Minutes

A business meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Edgerston Village Hall

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### Welcome and Declarations:

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

### Present:

Peter Hincks, Sheila Wilson, Michael Barker, Nichol Renwick, Jenny Brown, SBC Cllr Jim Brown

### Apologies:

Anna Bradley, Matthew Tile, SBC Cllrs Scott Hamilton and Sandy Scott.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction:

Any Other Matters, (f) should read – Consensus is that Poling Districts and Stations are important. Following discussion around postal/phone votes, it was felt physically going to polling station was preferable.

Proposed: Michael Barker. Seconded: Nichol Renwick.

### Matters Arising:

- (a) The Dunion Project:  
The Chair pointed out Mr G Fry stated he was in attendance re talk on Dunion Project but went on to put forward suggestion that JVCC minutes could be published in the Jed Eye magazine. The Chair asked those present to reconsider this and there then followed a lengthy discussion around the appropriateness of formal publication from the Council. Perhaps would be more appropriate for representative from the Jed Eye to attend meeting and therefore any legal responsibility would be taken away from the Council. Of those members present, no-one was in favour of publication. It was also pointed out that minutes can be accessed via JVCC web site and notice boards in Community Halls.
- (b) Richards Cleuch Bridge:  
SBC Cllr Brown still awaiting estimates for cost of repairs. The Chair passed round printout of information, with map, he obtained from the internet, which states the bridge is designated as a 'Category C' structure by Historic Environment Scotland. SBC Cllr Brown will take forward to clarify. Cllr Barker pointed out he and Cllr Renwick had visited the site and the bridge marked on the map is not Richards Cleuch Bridge. The bridge we have been discussing is some way downstream but is not marked on maps. Further

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investigations will need to be made, although some of the comments will still apply.

- (c) Xmas Party:  
Following discussion, it was agreed would set budget at maximum £350 to cover all costs. The organisation will hopefully be organised by the parents who will present receipts for reimbursement of costs up to the budget limit. Cost of hall rental would come from JVCC funds. Cllr Tile sent apologies as still to discuss with parent to clarify if she will organise. The Chair to clarify situation around insurance cover.
- (d) VE Day 75 Celebrations:  
At last meeting Cllr Tile agreed to ask halls if would be interested in hosting celebration. Still awaiting reply from Glen Douglas, but Edgerston declined. Discussion followed around idea of having piper at Carter Bar to play two tunes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm. Jenny to advise of a piper who normally plays at Carter Bar. Would it be an idea, if possible, to supply period uniform? Cllr Brown will take forward. Idea of lighting beacon was discussed. The risks involved to be ascertained and the position around insurance sought.
- (e) Crown Estate Consultation:  
The Secretary has received no comments from email sent out. Got until 25<sup>th</sup> November for folks to look at and feedback.
- (f) CCTV Consultation:  
Discussion around viability of more cameras and police patrols. Where would funding come from and, if this was available, would the money be better spent on other things? Would it make any difference to current problems around boy racers, break-ins, etc? SBC Cllr Brown pointed out that at present any footage obtained from existing cameras cannot be used in evidence. Also, at present, Community Police Officers have access to mobile cameras. It was agreed JVCC would make no response at present.

## **Police Report:**

The Secretary summarised reports received from CPO Gary Chisholm covering the months of September and October. It was agreed by those present that she would forward future reports to members only if contained anything pertaining to our area.

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

- (a) Road work traffic lights at Trotters Wood causing problems and felt to be dangerous. Accidents have taken place and complaints have been received from members of the public. Cllr Brown to meet with Route Engineer and the Chair will write to Chris Bell around this issue.
- (b) Complaints have been received from local residents around the state of the old Jed Forest Filling Station. It was due to be demolished as part of access to new distillery which was hopefully to have commenced in September. The Chair will write to distillery seeking further information from the distillery owners around this issue.

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- (c) The new school campus will open on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020. No specifics around uniform as yet, but looking at simplifying by having single colours throughout, with logo to be based on kaleidoscope. Also considering possibility of adding classes in conjunction with Borders College. The Campus will house the largest nursery in the Borders.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to add to what she reported under 'Police Report'.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance stands at £1300.89 which incorporates grant of £540 and £108 reimbursement of hall rentals. Question around what additional insurance premium of £4.20 is for. Cllr Brown to follow through with Claire Masterson to clarify. The Chair pointed out, however, that Edinburgh Council now administers insurance for Community Councils.

## **Any Other Matters:**

- (a) The Chair asked if notification had been received around funding for benches at Carter Bar. SBC Cllr Brown thinks this went through. The Chair to follow through with Small Schemes.
- (b) Roads in Melrose will be closed on 18<sup>th</sup> November for Duke of Roxburgh Memorial Service.
- (c) The Chair received an enquiry from JVCC web site re telephone boxes in Camptown and Mossburnford. No decision from SBC or BT has yet been received.
- (d) The Chair received email from resident in Todlaw who is concerned around housing development there. The Chair advised the matter should be take up with relevant authorities as SBC had given permission. The state of the access road is also a matter for the local authority.
- (e) Future dates for meetings still to be clarified. Wednesdays can be difficult for some members, so it was decided to hold meetings on second Tuesday of the month. Secretary to check if halls will be available for next year.

## **Meeting Close:**

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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

14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm in Glen Douglas Community Hall