

# JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Meeting Minutes

of the Jed Valley Community Council held on  
Tuesday 14th January 2020 at Glendouglas Community Hall .

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### **Welcome and Declarations**

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

### **Apologies**

Sheila Wilson, Cllr Sandy Scott & Cllr Scott Hamilton.

### **Members present**

Michael Barker, Anna Bradley, Jenny Brown, Peter Hincks, Nichol Renwick and Matt Tile.

SBC Cllr Jim Brown was in attendance together with Police Officer Gary Chisholm and Miss Wylie a representative of the Southern Reporter.

### **Approval of minutes**

The minutes of previous meeting were unanimously approved.  
Proposed. Jenny Brown      Seconded. Michael Barker

### **Matters arising**

**[a]** Matt Tile gave a report on the Children's Christmas party held on Sunday 22nd December 2019 at which 25 local children 10yrs of age and under attended. Our thanks go to Diana Hickson who organised the event ,(complete with "Father Christmas"), ably assisted by other Mums and Dads. A card of thanks signed by all the children present was handed round.

**[b]** Michael Barker reported on the latest position with the Picnic Bench at Carter Bar. Messrs Kaimburn and he had visited the site and marked out the agreed position. It is intended to install the bench before April. The bench will be bolted down to a concrete base.

**[c]** Jenny Brown stated that the "piper" had been contacted and had agreed to play the bagpipes to celebrate "VE Day 75" at Carter Bar. His remuneration of £30.00 was agreed by all.

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**[d]** Following on from the last meeting the Chair had contacted Mossburn Distillery representative and requested an update. There is no further information available from the distillery although Cllr Brown had been informed that it was now intended to demolish the remains of the old garage in the very near future.

**[e]** A hand out was passed around concerning the old bridge at Overton Bush (copy attached). The subsequent discussion resolved that

(i) the JVCC should request HES ( Historic Environment Scotland) to assess the bridge for designation

(ii) Several names were suggested for the bridge :- Callant's Bridge, Callant's Way, Reivers Bridge and Auld Coaching Brig. Following a show of hands Auld Coaching Brig was adopted. Michael Barked volunteered to progress the application through HES. The chair agreed to approach a local contractor for a preliminary indication of costs involved for repairs<sup>(1)</sup>.

## **Police Report**

The officer in attendance apologised for not having a written report available but he was unable to access computers due to a power cut in central Jedburgh. One would be made available as soon as possible. He reported that the recent break in at David Thompson was now being investigated by the CID ; that road patrols were being made when possible and that a new format was being introduced for police reports to community councils throughout the borders.

## **SBC Councillors Report**

**[a]** Special hand held devices are now being operated by the Police to detect such items as untaxed vehicles with some considerable success.

**[b]** The traffic lights at "Dark Wood" have been checked and found to comply within limits of distance etc.

**[c]** The contractors had vacated the old filling station site but it was stated that demolition was due in January, but could not confirm whether or not distillery going ahead.

**[d]** The private building surrounded in scaffolding in Jedburgh was for public safety as the building is still showing signs of movement. The local council was still trying to negotiate a settlement with the owners despite a compulsory purchase order having been applied for.

**[e]** The Grammar School campus is nearing completion whilst the old buildings are being repurposed before plans are brought to the public.

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## Secretary's Report

The Secretary had requested a communication entitled " Scottish Borders Walking Festival 2021 to 2023" be brought to the CC's attention. A copy of the communication was handed to all for discussion at the next meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

As at the 10th January the balance of accounts stood at £1,296.69 with £237.60 being ring fenced for the picnic bench. A cheque had been raised to cover the Xmas party costs which had overrun by £9.00 and would have to be met by the parents as previously agreed.

## Any Other Matters

(1) Prior to Christmas the Chair had been approached about a matter concerning planning permission to a local property. The local planning officer confirmed that a building warrant was in place.

(2) A second point raised was whether an adjacent new building was covered by any planning application. Planning enforcement would look into the matter.

(3) Planning enforcement would also investigate the possible abandonment of several vehicles in the area.

(4) The Council discussed the above points and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

## Meeting close

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

## Date, Time & Place of next meeting

Tuesday 10th March\_at 7.30pm in Edgerston Village Hall.

(1) *Chairmans note :- This will not be required at designation stage.*

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Jed Valley Community Council Members  
Michael Barker, Anna Bradley, Jenny Brown (Treasurer)  
Peter Hincks (Chairman), Nichol Renwick, Matt Tile (Vice Chairman),  
Sheila Wilson (Secretary)

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