

JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

A business meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at Glendouglas Community Hall .

Welcome, Apologies and Declarations

Apologies were received from Sheila Wilson & Cllr Sandy Scott.
No declarations were made.

Approval of Minutes

Subject to the correction of the following the minutes of the minutes of the 13th June 2018 were approved.

A typographical error in the stated value of monies held should have read £ 648.89 in lieu of the stated £648.59 in the Treasurers' report.

Proposed Michael Barker & Seconded Jenny Brown.

Matters arising

[a] The Area Partnership meeting arranged at Kelso High School had been cancelled and unfortunately our attendee had not received the information due to an internet glitch. The meeting was subsequently dealt with through a questionnaire the results of which will be known in the future.

[b] A meeting of the Borders Railway Extension had been attended by two representatives of the JVCC and it was reported that new members were being sought and CC's were invited to publicise the progress being made. Leaflets were handed out together with a copy of the minutes of the meeting. (these are available to members of the public on request via our web site). An offer was made for a representative to give a talk at any meeting and it was decided to invite Jedburgh CC to join with us in arranging such an event. A discussion was held around a members question concerning the benefits of the railway to our community.

[c] Following our attendance at a Cheviot Area Partnership meeting it had been hoped that copies of the minutes would be available but in their absence the item was held over to our next meeting.

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[d] A brief guide of the essential points to the GDPR had been passed previously to all members. A meeting in the past had been held at the SBC headquarters and a pamphlet has now been issued. A copy will be forwarded to each Jed Valley Councillor **BUT** it must be noted that the pamphlet has been prepared by and for SBC Staff. The contents are intended as a guide only and do not necessarily apply in their entirety to CC's. A later meeting organised by the ICO at Galashiels did not amplify any points already made. The ICO web site offers further information for both large & small companies as well as for charities and not-for-profit organisations and a short questionnaire on the registration requirements. Having completed the questionnaire it clearly stated that we did not need to register at a cost of £35 per annum. A short discussion evolved resulting in a suggestion that we await further information from SBC. It was further suggested that we might come under the Scottish Borders Council umbrella, (as we are for insurance purposes) , and the chair was invited to contact SBC to clarify the situation.

[e] The web site was being updated especially with road closure information of particular interest to the local travelling community.

[f] The completion of the A68 road repairs in the Ferniehirst area was welcomed as it removed a dangerous area of damaged road. Our thanks go to Cllr Jim Brown for his efforts and to Messrs Amey for a good resurfacing job.

A member of the public had forwarded a set of photographs indicating the narrowing of the A68 in the Camptown area cause by debris being washed down the embankment onto the road. Cllr Jim Brown had already taken the matter up with Messrs Amey and we can only await their action to clear the debris and replace the white lines.

Police Report

The Secretary had contacted the local Community Officer but unfortunately no report was available. As soon as it becomes available copies will be distributed.

SBC Councillors Report

[a] Plaque at Carter Bar .. movements were in hand to secure an

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estimate of refurbishment. *It was considered that about £100 might be a reasonable value*

[b] Messrs Amey had cleared up the roadside litter following the JVCC's cleaning of the lay-bys.

[c] Bridge at Richard's Cleugh. This is ongoing and we are awaiting a report.

[d] Arrangements are in hand to pick up the old chevron signs left at Carter Bar.

[e] Cllr Brown reported that the construction work for the new school at Jedburgh was on schedule.

[f] There will be no further seasonal planting of flower beds unless private funding can be secured for future years.

[g] Funding to the tune of £300,000 has been made to Harestanes Countryside Visitor Centre.

[h] The debate concerning charges for using public toilets is still ongoing.

Secretary's Report

There were no matters raised.

Treasurer's Report

The outstanding balance was reported as £648.89 being the same as the previous period.

Code of Conduct . All members were asked to confirm that they had read, understood and would continue to abide by the Code of Conduct previously issued to them.

A show of hands indicated that all were in agreement.

Any Other Matters

[1] Planning Applications .. There were no applications recorded in the period except for an application to change a past bed & breakfast application into a Class 9 (domestic property) application. This matter is being dealt with wholly by the SBC planning department.

[2] Footpaths.. A Local Community Path Maintenance Grant of up to £450 is available retrospectively for maintenance or improvements undertaken. Application deadline is 28th February 2019 and works must have been completed by that date. The matter is to be investigated within the Jed Valley and input from members of the public would be welcomed.

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[3] Picnic benches at Carter Bar. Discussion concerning the addition of at least one new picnic bench took place and it was decided that the chair should contact Southdean CC to seek their partnership in such a project. Illustrative information on bench styles had been handed to all to consider. A joint project was considered to be a good use of any available funding. The western side of Carter Bar is bereft of benches so we shall await Southdean's deliberations before moving forward.

[4] Scottish Borders National Park. An information sheet has been published giving details of progress. A discussion evolved when comments were made on the viability etc of such a National Park as it stood at the present time. In general terms it was thought to be a good thing for the Borders especially if there could be a link made with existing National Parks and other initiatives being considered for all four border counties ie Cumbria; Northumberland; Scottish Borders & Dumfries & Galloway.

[5] High speed broadband. Cllr Brown reported that a communication box had been placed adjacent to his property. Michael Barker also stated that one was to be placed adjacent his property. This has led us hope that the requisite cable works will soon be in place enabling those who require a high speed link to their property to seek further information from their communication provider.

[6] JVCC web site We are being fed with information about road closures, temporary speed restrictions etc from SBC. Where the information is considered to be of interest too or affecting Jed Valley residents it is being recorded on the web site.

*During the month of July we had a total of 64 sessions (hits).
Our address is :- <http://www.community-council.org.uk/jvcc/>*

Meeting Closed — — at 21.00 hrs

Date ,Time & Place of next Meeting

3rd October 2018, 19.30 hrs at Edgerston Village Hall

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