

JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

A business meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council
held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Glendouglas Community Hall

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; Anna Bradley; together with SBC Cllrs Jim Brown and Scott Hamilton.

Apologies:

Cllr Sandy Scott.

Approval of Minutes (from previous meeting):

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

Matters Arising:

- (a) Picnic Benches at Carter Bar:
The Chair had been informed that planning permission was not required but advised to obtain the approval of Neighbourhood Foreman. Likely cost per bench is around £300, plus fitting and the Chair proposed budget of £500 per bench. There has been no response from Southdean around sharing of costs. Cllr Barker volunteered to oversee the project but asked that the Chair follow up with Southdean.
- (b) Unconventional Oil and Gas Consultation:
Consultation by Scottish Government to decide policy. Requesting feedback from community on fracking, etc. General opinion of members was that it would not work well in this area. Discussion followed around environmental effects. The Chair will follow up with Council's response.
- (c) Local Christmas Party:
Cllr Tile confirmed date for party as 16th December at Glendouglas Hall for around 30-35 children. The parents were happy to organize food, presents and games for which they have been given budget. Cllr Brown volunteered to be Santa. Cllr Tile agreed to ensure the new children to the area had been invited.
- (d) SBC Cemetery Safety:
Of the 154 SBC cemeteries a considerable number have been checked for headstone safety. The work is ongoing.

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- (e) SBCCN Meeting:
The Chair sent apologies for this evening's SBCCN meeting. A copy of the minutes from the previous meeting were made available for all to see.
- (f) Planning Applications:
The Chair reported there have been no planning applications since last meeting. The JVCC offered no comments or objections to either. The SBC planners have since approved the applications.
- (g) Additional Members:
There are still two vacancies unfilled. Members to follow through.
- (h) Scottish Borders National Park:
An Economic Impact Study had been published by the Scottish Borders National Park and the Chair produced a copy for each member to view and comment upon in due course.
(*the report can be viewed www.borders-national-park.scot*).
- (i) GDPR News:
Following on from the previous meeting the Chair had contacted the SBCCN in respect of the necessity for Community Councils to register but did not receive a satisfactory reply. Ultimately the SBC noted that all Community Councils had been registered under the Data Protection Act and therefore GDPR registration was automatic and the cost would be borne by SBC. The current JVCC had no record of the DPA certificate. A copy of the current GDPA certificate, (issued by the Information Controllers Office), was handed round and it was noted that the address of the Secretary was incorrect as it was that of a past secretary. It was felt that current arrangement of using the secretary's address was unsatisfactory so the registration address is that of the SBC. The Chair or Secretary will receive information as it is produced. Community Councils are not now required to have a Data Controller.
- (j) New Residents in Jed Valley:
This was covered under item (c).
- (k) Mossburn Distillery Update:
Representative was unable to attend this meeting as out of the country. The Chair will ascertain if attendance at next meeting will be possible.

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. There was a discussion around the matter of suspicious people in the area.

SBC Councillor's Report:

- (a) Resurfacing of the A68:
This is continuing and being completed in sections.

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- (b) Localities Bid Fund
Cllr Hamilton is new chair of committee. Looking at criteria
- (c) SBC Budget
In process of being prepared at the moment.
- (d) Lynx:
Seems there is the possibility of lynx being reintroduced in the Borders area. Discussion followed around feelings of local community on this issue and it was felt that there was genuine concern amongst the farming community especially in respect of livestock safety. Much more information needs to be made available before any informed decisions can be made.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary forwarded emails of interest to members prior to the meeting.
No other issues to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in account is £1,260.89. Cost of Children's Christmas Party to be deducted from this, which will be around £300-£400.

Any Other Matters:

- (a) Logging:
Concern was raised around the proposal to load timber lorries from the 'passing bay' on the access road to Langlee. The question was raised about access for emergency vehicles during loading operations on to a public road. The Community Council was informed that the proposed loading operation had been moved to another location and, as a consequence, the access road and 'passing bay' would remain clear of any obstructions.
- (b) Superfast Broadband:
This is still an issue of concern in the area.

Meeting Close:

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Date, Time & Place of next meeting:

Wednesday 6th February at 7.30pm in Edgerston Village Hall. This will take the form of an AGM.