

# JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## Meeting Minutes

A business meeting of the Jed Valley Community Council held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Edgerston Village Hall

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### 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; Anna Bradley; together with SBC Cllr Sandy Scott.

### Apologies:

SBC Cllrs Jim Brown and Scott Hamilton.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to Matters Arising para (f) being re-worded:

‘The Chair reported there have been no planning applications since the last meeting. Two previous applications had been passed and approved by SBC planners. The JVCC offered no comments or objections to either’.

### Matters Arising:

- (a) Report on Christmas Party:  
The Chair attended the Christmas party, which was a great success, and he had thanked all of those who helped make it so. Approximately 35 children took part. A thank you card was received from the children.
- (b) Follow up on Picnic Benches:  
The Chair again contacted Southdean without success. Cllr Barker offered to take forward, bearing in mind that the placing of the new bench would be in Southdean’s area and their agreement would be needed.
- (c) Planning Applications and Queries:  
The Chair noted only application on the planning portal attributed to the Jed Valley was in fact for Wester Ulston/Crailing. He has written to Chair of Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council advising of incorrect placing on portal. Cllr Scott will take forward with Ewan Calvert to rectify.
- (d) Extracts from SBCCN Minutes:  
It was noted there are no problems with parking in the Jed Valley. Cllr Scott feels towns like Galashiels have more of a problem, in that introducing parking charges encourages parking on side streets which could prove problematic. Not clear as yet if charges are to be implemented. Police

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Scotland are willing to give talks to Community Councils on the issue, but it was felt not necessary in our case.

- (e) Economic Impact Study ex SBNP:  
Taking into account replies received from members, the Chair passed a copy of his response for members perusal, a copy of which is attached.
- (f) Insurance Policy and JVCC Activities:  
It was noted that in the past this was covered by SBC but in a policy change, implemented two years ago, it now comes under Edinburgh who will deal with the renewal on behalf of SBC. The Chair had completed the insurance renewal form and a copy was passed round for comments. It was agreed that one section needs to be revamped to properly reflect the community council's actions.
- (g) Notification of Future Events:  
Cllr Barker indicated he would like to organise further litter picking exercise. A date in late March to be notified in due course.  
It was pointed out that consideration needs to be made of the insurance requirements for any events as there was the possibility of a premium being required, which would be the responsibility of the Community Council.
- (h) Mossburn Distillery Talk Date:  
The Chair is still pursuing the possibility of date for representative to attend one of our meetings to give talk on progress. Attendance anticipated at June meeting. Some issues of current interest were raised and hopefully these can be addressed at the June meeting.
- (i) Jedburgh Spring Market:  
This will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 8am – 3.30pm in the High Street, which will be closed for the event. This follows on from the Christmas Market which has been a great success in the past.

## 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. Cllr Scott indicated complaints had been received from some areas around issuing of reports and attendance of community police officers, which has been noted.

## SBC Councillor's Report:

- (a) SBC Budget:  
Cllr Scott outlined future plans and possible changes/additions to the Budget for next year.
- (b) New School Campus  
Going ahead as planned. No decision on name as yet. Decision still to be made around future use of Grammar School and Parkside sites. Historic Scotland involved in this.

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- (c) Building in The Square  
Discussions still ongoing. Cllr Scott outlined issues around current situation with owners, etc.
- (d) Coffee Morning at Edgerston:  
This is well attended at present and will take place on first Monday every month at 10.30am.
- (e) Road Closures:
- Cllr Scott responded to query from Cllr Renwick around the work at the site known locally as The Sappat to say this is being undertaken to allow work to take place to widen the road in order to allow coach access to the new school.
  - The A68 will be closed for a time at the Dark Wood south of Camptown to allow road repairs to take place.
- (f) Toilet Charges:  
There have been further discussions around this issue which seems not to be working well at present. No clarification on any changes at present.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- (a) The Secretary is receiving emails from various organisations which mostly affect issues outwith our area. Asked if members wish to have these forwarded, which they declined.
- (b) Asked if members are aware of the Scottish Borders Alert system, which is a useful support system for highlighting issues which may be of assistance/concern, such as road closures, weather alerts, crime, and other emergencies. This can be accessed at [alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- (a) Following deduction of £402.41 expenditure for Children's Christmas Party, balance in account is now £860.89. Discussion around future spending on this included setting firm budget and need for separate receipts. Discussion around various issues for next Christmas party to be had nearer the time.
- (b) Still awaiting invoice from Glen Douglas Hall which is needed by end March. The Chair will take forward.
- (c) Discussion took place around future spending of budget.

## **Any Other Matters:**

- (a) Date for AGM:  
Our AGM will encompass the period from December 2017 to March 2019 to enable our report be compatible with SBC year ending in March. The proposed date is either 8<sup>th</sup> May or 15<sup>th</sup> May, dependant upon hall availability. Confirmation of date will be made in due course.

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(b) Localities Bid Fund:

Proposals include:

- Replacement curtains for Glen Douglas Hall.
- Defibrillator for Glen Douglas Hall.
- Stabilisation of Richards Cleugh. Need to ascertain who owns and necessary work. Cllr Renwick to get estimate of costs, etc

10% of costs need to be met by the applicant and up to £15,000 can be applied for if the applicant is constituted, or £5,000 if the applicant is not constituted.

The Chair agreed to follow up on the items for Glen Douglas as applications for round two need to be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Scott indicated there is the possibility of more funding for events in next year's budget. Consideration should be looked into for possible bids from our area.

(c) Adult Learning – WASPI Scottish Borders:

An interactive/information event for anyone aged 50 or over entitled '**Your Good Life**' planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 12-4pm in Newtown Community Wing, Sprouston Road, Newtown St Boswells. For more information contact [waspiscotborders@gmail.com](mailto:waspiscotborders@gmail.com)

(d) Jed Eye:

Cllr Barker asked if we might like to consider an information article on JVCC being published in the Jed Eye. If so, inform Chair before submitting article.

(e) Hoax Calls/Emails:

Public should be aware of hoax phone call from someone purporting to be from BT saying fault with Broadband/Internet. Also emails asking for bank details should be ignored.

## Meeting Close:

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

## Date, Time & Place of next meeting:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in Glen Douglas Community Hall.

[ Chairman's Notes: (1) Possible applications for Localities Bid Funding at Glen Douglas Hall have been progressed and answers are awaited from their committee.

(2) Insurance issues surrounding Litter Picking on the A68 lay-bys has been satisfactorily resolved.

(3) Glen Douglas Hall has been requested to forward outstanding invoices as soon as possible.

(4) Dependant upon speed at which parties respond to LBF requirements etc will determine whether or not applications move forward to meet deadlines]