

JED VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 13th June 2018 held in Edgerston Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Apologies:

Nichol Renwick; Michael Barker and PC Gary Chisholm

Approval of Minutes (from previous meeting):

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

Proposed: Jenny Brown. Seconded: Anna Bradley

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

(a) Communications Idea:

Anna met with the head teacher of Jedburgh Grammar School and discussed a possible partnership project with pupils. This could possibly fit in with a news team for local events, etc, which the pupils have already set up. As the school is about to break up for the summer, Anna will make contact again in September to take forward.

(b) JVCC Website:

The old website has now been taken down.

Thanks go to Jain Jameson of Techstar who prepared, set up and will maintain the new site. The two administrators are Jain and our Chair.

Jain will insert or delete agendas and minutes when presented by the Secretary. All other items on our website or to any other form of media, ie newspapers etc, must be authorized by the Chair prior to publication.

The Chair noted that the website can be accessed by its full title 'Jed Valley Community Council Official site'

or by the link <http://www.community-council.org.uk/jvcc>

There are several sites around the world that use the initials JVCC hence the reason for the above note.

During the course of May there were 74 different sessions (hits) and in June to date there have been 33 sessions on our web site.

(c) Litter Picking Project:

In essence this was a good exercise and produced some surprising results. Our thanks to all those who took part in the exercise to keep our valley tidy. Michael was thanked for organizing the event and producing a full and entertaining report, which can be viewed on the website. Michael still has vests and litter pickers if needed again in the future.

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- (d) Glendouglas Defibrillator:
Glendouglas Hall Committee would like demonstration on chosen machine before a final decision is made to purchase. Cost is approx. £800. Training would have to be organized. Red Cross charge £10 per session. Fire Brigade can give expert advice and don't charge. Will await final decision on chosen machine before seeking help with funding.
- (e) Information Plaque at Carter Bar:
The Chair asked for clarification around an information plaque at Carter Bar which is in need of refurbishment. This is a commemorative plaque on the beacon which has deteriorated due to weather conditions. An estimate of cost is being sought by Cllr Brown before we look into funding options.

Police Report:

CPO Gary Chisholm was unable to attend the meeting and his report was forwarded to members for their information.

SBC Councillor's Report:

Items of interest to Jed Valley residents:

- (a) New School Campus:
John Swinnie opened new school campus in Jedburgh which will hopefully be completed in 2020.
- (b) CARS:
There are four buildings in Jedburgh being supported by the CARS scheme.
- (c) Localities Bid Fund:
Following the first round of bids, the Localities Bid Fund organizers are looking into some changes to make the bidding process fairer to communities. One example is that a cap may be placed on the grant value. Cllr Scott circulated details of Grants and Funding Position in Cheviot area for 2018-19 which total £186,170 spread over 6 local schemes. SBC Grant Funding Accessed by Communities 2016-18 was in the region of £436,439 in the Cheviot area.
- (d) The Rugby Club at Riverside Park and the swimming pool are being upgraded.

Secretary's Report:

Previously to the meeting the following emails were forwarded by Sheila for perusal by members:

- Open Government Action Plan and Workshops
- Developing Digital Skills
- Democracy Matters Conversation

There were no observations from those present.

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Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented Annual Account for 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, which was approved. (The accounts included receipts and expenditure applicable to the past JVCC). Balance in account at present is £648.59. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our account is not now being transferred to the TSB and will remain with the RBS. Funding for Christmas parties, etc, need to be considered.

Any Other Matters:

- (a) Vacancies within JVCC:
There are currently 2 vacancies and members were asked to forward names of any likely candidates to the Chair.
- (b) A68 Road Repairs:
There was general disappointment around the continued bad state of the road between the A6357 and Ferniehirst Castle. Discussion have taken place with Amey but road closures would need to be put in place which require 3 months' notice. Cllr Brown will get back in touch with Amey around this. The Chair and Cllr Brown had contacted Transport Scotland/ Amey and Openreach to have abandoned road signs and barriers removed. Cllr Brown was thanked for his efforts in this respect.*
- (c) Planning Applications:
The Chair reported there has been only one application since last meeting. There has, however, been a 54 page document published by SBC in relation to applications and will be reported on at the next meeting.
- (d) Wind Farm Updates:
Forrest Pines application upon which we gave opinion on has gone to appeal. Decision expected soon. Seems there has been a genuine reduction in wind farms due to reduction in Government subsidies. Seems once site approval has been granted it is difficult to turn down an application for an increment in turbines.
- (e) Cheviot Area Partnership Report:
The Chair and Cllr Bradley attended meeting and reported back. Useful and interesting meeting. Was useful to meet people from other Community Councils. A report will be issued by SBC when the results of the various groups have been collated. Next meeting in September and Cllrs were invited to attend on JVCC's behalf.
As each meeting covered a different subject, Cllr Bradley asked how the subjects were decided - Officials for the Cheviot Area Partnership were responsible. Meeting results can be forwarded on request.
- (f) General Data Protection Regulation:
SBC held information meeting for Community Councils and released information from the ICO (Information Commissioners Office). Although the regulations are primarily aimed at businesses, charities and community councils are caught in the net. The regulations seem to be quite daunting and

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we must all be careful not to breach them. It was suggested the CCs registering with the ICO at an annual cost of £35 but, on looking into the matter and answering an online questionnaire, we only need to register voluntarily.

Amongst various discussion topics, the CC was informed that a 'Privacy Policy' had been developed for our website. Individual Cllrs have also been issued with a copy, as will any members of the public who contact us.

As some of our Cllrs have been using their private email addresses, it was decided to request advice from Democratic Services as how best to dispense with these and perhaps use a global address that could be used by future Cllrs.

(g) SBCCN Annual General Meeting:

The Chair and Cllr Bradley attended but thought it was not such a useful meeting. It was discovered that there were some 4000 different sources of funding available in Scotland and individual CCs needed to decide the relevant funding source for any one project.

(h) Area Partnership Review Meeting:

The Chair will attend and report back at next meeting.

(i) Extension of Borders Railway Meeting:

The Secretary and Treasurer will attend and report back at next meeting.

(j) Distillery:

The Chair reported that a message from Finlay Calder indicated that Messrs Lothian Estates had logged their old pine forest as a first phase in the commencement of works. There is no time scale available at present. The Chair will be meeting up with the Distiller, Mr Johann Bradstatter, when he arrives on site in July.

(k) Bridge at Richard's Cleugh:

Cllr Brown will be following through on obtaining estimates for work on this.

Meeting Close:

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date, Time & Place of next meeting:

Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30pm in Glendouglas Community Hall.

*Chairman's note reference A68 road closures

Some Signs and Barriers have now been removed leaving those that are to be reused in place for the time being.

Subsequent to our meeting, it has been announced that resurfacing works on the A68 at Ferniehurst will commence on the 27th June and at Camptown on the 29th June.

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