

EDDLESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

209th meeting: Wednesday 25 September 2019 at Eddleston Church

	Topic/Key Discussion/Agreement	Action
1	ATTENDANCE: James Taylor (chair), Kirsty Peebles (vicechair), Gill Gracie (secretary), Elizabeth Taylor (treasurer), Iain Dempster, Jo Oliver, Amy Bartlett, Callum Macdonald, Simon Dougherty, Colin Dadford, , Cllr Small and 4 members of the public. Apologies: Simon Dougherty, Cllr Anderson	
2	MINUTES – Minutes of the August meeting were approved.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bench in memory of Vivienne Wilmut has been purchased by remaining funds from Eddleston Rural. It is in Jo’s garage – just needs slabs. Colin has met with SBC and its position in the orchard has been agreed. There more general discussion about landscaping of public areas. Cllr Small advised that Neil Pringle at SBC would be willing to review plant choices / areas to be grassed over. Action: Kirsty to make contact. Telephone box has been purchased. Cllr Small highlighted the importance of ensuring that power still connected to the box re defibrillator. Action: Kirsty to email Last 2 years funding £1260 now in EDCC account. Current balance £1,444 	<p>KP</p> <p>KP</p>
4	ACCOUNTS – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounts need to be submitted to SBC with confirmation that all members of Community Council sign up to Code of Conduct. Kirsty to email. There are some outstanding payments for use of the Village Hall. Action: Kirsty will clarify the amounts and pass this information on to the Treasurer. There was a short discussion about how the remaining funds should be used. Options included: replacement of defibrillator pads; contribution to bench; contribution to MAPA; resources for the newly purchased telephone box. Action: It was agreed that, ahead of the next meeting, the Treasurer would prepare a summary budget for EDCC running costs and that there would be an open discussion about how best to use the remaining funding with people being asked to come to the meeting with their suggestions. 	<p>KP</p> <p>KP</p> <p>ET</p>
6	OPEN FLOOR QUESTIONS / VILLAGE MATTERS	
1.	A member of the public asked for more information about the path that leaves the A703 to the South of the Village where he believes a gate has recently been installed. The resident asked whether the path was a public Right of Way, and if so, whether a gate was permitted. Cllr Small suggested researching whether it is listed as a Right of Way.	
2.	James highlighted that the Great Scottish Trail is not well signposted in Borders and suggested that more could be done in this respect Action: Cllr Small committed to finding out who would be responsible for this and James agreed to send relevant info to Cllr Small	<p>JT</p> <p>Cllr Small</p>
6	POLICING & SECURITY	
	From the police report - The specific theft reported was quad bike at West Loch and there was one instance of erratic driving.	
	Neighbourhood watch - Kirsty confirmed that the survey@ address is set up and agreed to forward to Jo in the meantime to gather views	
	Community speed watch – Action: Kirsty will advertise training opportunity via website with a few FAQ to assess whether people are interested and clarify that they will need to be vetted before attending training (vetting form can also be shared online). The hope is that people will come forward to be trained. Whilst supporting the deterrent that such a scheme provides, Ian flagged potential concerns regarding confrontational conversations / threats from drivers if such a system is up and running. It was agreed	KP

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	that it would be important to ensure that issues of personal safety are dealt with on the training.	
	Speed cameras – George is concerned that the speed monitoring strips seem to have been laid on the road in a different configuration to the original and consistency is important for data measurement. There is a concern that speeds are being measured too far inside the 30 mph zone. It seems there is no protocol that allows Philippa at SBC to guide where strips are placed. Action: George to follow up re continuity of data gathering.	GW
7	TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS	
	Multi-use path - Kirsty noted that SBC has substantially reduced the active travel/cycling budget and asked whether there is any hope of that being restored. Action: Cllr Small to find out and report back There was no update re funding for the engineering/design stage. It was noted that funding for improvements to road safety / traffic management might be available from Sustrans. from Sustrans. Action: Kirsty to request an update for the next meeting.	Cllr Small KP
8	ENVIRONMENTAL & AMENITY ISSUES	
	Burgh Hall Peebles 6pm, 26 September– there will be a presentation on ‘Love your older house’	
9	PLANNING	
	Barony Lodges – Barony lodges: Paul Grigor (Roads) submitted comments re pedestrian access and has withdrawn the condition of a pedestrian footpath, citing the ‘shared spaces’ concept. There was concern that visitors to the village would not have the same awareness of ‘shared space’ and also that the multi-use path will have a bearing on footfall / cyclist numbers. Action: It was agreed that Kirsty and James should ask SBC what has changed in the guidance since the planning consent was given. At the time, SBC disregarded CC comments since they considered these had been addressed via the 4x planning conditions. One the face of it, all of EDCC’s original points should now be re-examined.	KP/JT
	Station Lye – the planning application had not been circulated as part of the agenda as it had been incorrectly coded on the SBC website. The meeting briefly discussed the application. A request was raised regarding parking and the turning area. Action: there was general agreement to review the application online	
	Cloich Wind Farm - EDF agent in touch – not clear on numbers, heights and positioning. Water issue not yet resolved. Condition: all affected properties on the mains and pay water rates – so far refused. Funds via communities’ renewables scheme for community to take it on. Action: James to maintain contact and advise on next steps.	JT
	10 REPORTS	
	James represented a number of local Community Councils at a meeting at Newton St Boswells attended by reps of CCs and elected representatives to discuss how CCs can be more effective. There was a focus on engagement – how to get people involved beyond the usual suspects. And how communities can have a stronger voice. There was a suggestion that where there are communities with similar problems they join together.	
	Cllr Small highlighted that budget review due at SBC – they need to find cost savings again this year. A number of attendees expressed concern re cutting of budgets without clear rationale and the mixed messages between community empowerment and the need to bid for funding for many community development activities.	
11	CORRESPONDENCE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An invite to tourism event in Peebles focused on business improvement was extended to all 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations from SBC – Kirsty flagged that a consultation on school in-service days has a deadline of 20th October. • There is also a consultation about accessibility of polling stations – residents were urged to take a minute to say it's important to have a polling station close by. 	
12	AOB There was a brief update on local Early Years centre and the proposed Eddleston 2025 project.	
13	NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 23 October 2019 in Eddleston Church.	

These are draft minutes until agreed at the next CC meeting. If you have any comments to make on these or any other issues, please get in touch via secretary@eddelestoncc.org.uk

If you would like to speak to us about an issue in person and can't make the meeting dates, CC members try to attend the weekly Bite & Blether on at least two Wednesdays every month.