

EDDLESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

208th meeting: Wednesday 28 August 2019 at Eddleston Church

	Topic/Key Discussion/Agreement	Action
1	<p>ATTENDANCE: James Taylor (chair), Kirsty Peebles (vice-chair), Gill Gracie (secretary), Elizabeth Taylor (treasurer), Iain Dempster, Jo Oliver, Callum Macdonald, Colin Dadford, Cllr Anderson and sixteen members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies: Simon Dougherty, Amy Bartlett, Cllr Chapman, Cllr Small</p>	
2	<p>MINUTES – Minutes of the May meeting were approved with the additional of an update regarding the memorial bench for the late Vivienne Wilmot.</p> <p>MATTERS ARISING – There were none.</p>	
3	OPEN DISCUSSION: EDDLESTON 2025	
	Gill Gracie and Kirsty Peebles introduced the Eddleston 2025 group which was being established as a result of discussions around the future of the church and community assets. The hope was to set up a constituted group and identify potential funding pots to support some community planning work with the aim to produce an Eddleston Community Plan. Questions were on funding, costs and likely budgets, the use of consultants and follow-up work. The meeting agreed to support the establishment of a group and initial funding bids. It was suggested that the group looks at other community plans for ideas/format/input (e.g. Peebles Community Trust).	GG/KP to keep CC updated
4	VILLAGE & DISTRICT MATTERS	
	Phone Box – after a brief discussion, the CC agreed a) not to appeal the removal of the telephone equipment and b) to apply to ‘adopt’ and repurpose the kiosk. Initial ideas are for a book lending library or a tourist information point.	KP to reply to SBC/BT
	Play Equipment – the meeting was updated on the CC’s response to the play equipment consultation. We argued for the retention or replacement of the Elibank play equipment and also made points about access to different play environments in the wider area (e.g. not all families find a large, busy play area suitable).	
5	POLICING & SECURITY	
	Neighbourhood Watch – Jo Oliver confirmed that the wording for a survey had now been received and arrangements would be made to distribute information to households and to enable responses.	JO to co-ordinate distribution
	Police Report – the meeting noted the latest Police Report and welcomed the Operation Close Pass that had taken part in the vicinity.	
6	TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS	
	Multi-Use Path – Jeremy Cunningham gave an update on the status of the multi-use path project, confirming that planning permission and all landowner legal agreements were in place. A funding bid was being prepared for the detailed design work. Less positively, he said that the funding climate was now much more challenging and there is a 30%+ gap of match funding to fill which might previously have come from SBC’s cycling budget. As a separate but linked project, he is bidding for funding to undertake a study of road, paths, pavements and routes around the village to identify where improvements might be made. This was considered a very positive additional step.	JC to keep CC informed.
	Speed Display Signage – the meeting was updated on the latest correspondence with SBC regarding the monitoring of speed display signage. Research is being commissioned	

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	to look at speed recordings and the impact of the new signs. George Winter is maintaining dialogue with SBC roads department on the statistics/measurement.	
	Community Speedwatch – Cllr Anderson gave an update on the community speedwatch initiative and the opportunity for Tweeddale CCs to get involved.	KP to circulate details.
	School Bus Changes – the meeting heard about a particular issue affecting secondary pupils at Kingside and school bus pick-ups. Cllr Anderson agreed to follow up and others commented on how previous issues had been resolved.	HA/KP to follow-up
7	ENVIRONMENTAL & AMENITY	
	School Sign on A703 – KP said that she had reported the hole at the base of the pole holding the school sign on the A703.	To monitor
8	PLANNING	
	Barony Lodges – the CC has submitted an objection to the holiday lodges planning application raising concerns about density, access and the water supply. 19/01003/FUL	
	Oil Tank, Station House – no comment or objection. 19/01241/FUL	
	Cloich Wind Farm – James Taylor updated the meeting that ownership of the proposed Cloich windfarm was now with EDF. There is indication that they might want to reduce the number of turbines but increase the height. An approach from consultants had been made to a number of Tweeddale CCs and James is co-ordinating dates. It was noted that a mix of opinions on wind farms exists in the local community and given the funding climate, the CC should also consider benefits of a new development.	JT to liaise with other CCs and advise on dates.
9	REPORTS	
	Tweeddale Area Partnership Forum (27 Aug) – James Taylor reported back on the TAP meeting, including a discussion on bus services.	KP to check date of next meeting.
	Councillor Reports – Cllr Anderson gave an update on early years/nursery matters, the consultation on a food growing strategy, participatory budgeting and devolution of decision-making to communities, social housing and care for older people.	
10	CONSULTATIONS	
	Consultations on the Area Partnership Review, Polling Districts and the Food Growing Scheme were noted.	KP to post on FB
11	AOB	
	Some concern was expressed about the recent cycle event using the Meldons route and whether the notification/signage was sufficient.	KP to contact cycling clubs.
NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday 25 September at 8pm in Eddleston Kirk.		
<i>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@edlestoncc.org.uk</i>		
<i>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.</i>		