**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Barrie Forrest B.E.M. (in the Chair) (**B.F**.) Logan Inglis (Secretary) (**L.I**.) Denise Crerar-Torr (Treasurer) (**D.C.T.**) Julie Gregory **(J.G.)** Rob Robertson **(R.R.)** Jan Stringer **(J.S.)** Steve Cook **(S.C.)** Kerry Simmonds **(K.S.)** Cllr C. Hamilton **(C.H.)** with 6 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Police, Cllr’s Laing and Fullarton.

The Chairwelcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
2. **Matters ARISING: L.I.** regarding planter boxes in Reston and Auchencrow. As previously mentioned at last meeting, decisions were sought for ownership of planters at entrance stones, ‘Auchencrow Gorillaz’ are to maintain the entrance stone on the Duns road, but decision required on Reston’s two stone planters. Discussion ensued on re-revitalising the ‘Enhancement Group’ **K.S.** and **J.S.** to feedback to the committee for the next meeting, **L.I.** to contact the council on proposal for ownership of All stone planters in Reston and Auchencrow.
3. **Police REPORT:** As no Police in attendance **L.I.** read out the report submitted earlier in the month. From the **01/03/2019 to 31/03/2019**, **27** police incidents were created in respect of the DU04 Beat area, which covers **Auchencrow, Reston,** Ayton and Burnmouth. Of these, **6** relate specifically to **Reston and Auchencrow.**

15/03 – Police attended a local address following a complaint of loud music. No noise on Police arrival, however, the occupant was spoken to and made aware of the complaint.

Other incidents created for the Reston/Auchencrow area refer to concerns for others welfare, requests for advice and incidents created for police information purposes. Full report passed to members present.

1. **Correspondence:** Apart from emails already distributed to members. **Community Fund and Area Partnerships Review-** document a public consultation on future governance arrangements of ‘Area Partnerships’ and the disbursement of the ‘Community Fund’. **Scottish Borders Community Council Scheme**. A review of the community council scheme, inviting a representative from Berwickshire to be a part of the reviews group. An invitation to register and fly the ‘Merchant Navy’ flag on ‘Merchant Navy Day’. - information passed onto the flag flyer.
2. **Regular Reports.**

**5.1 CHAIRMAN. B.F. -**had attended no meetings this past month, reminder of the **B.C.S.P**. meeting on the **24th April.**

**5.2 TREASURERS REPORT**: **D.C.T**. Community council general account was **£500.04** before cheques distributed tonight leaving **£417.76**. **L.I.** mentioned annual subscription to **B.C.C.F**. of **£5.00** was due. **R.R.** presented a receipt from our flag flyer for the cost of **£40.00** for a sewing machine to repair the flags, this was seen to be a proactive approach in making the flags more sustainable, repairing rather than replacing the flags- approved by all for reimbursement.

**5.3 CORE PATHS:** *(minutes taken at this point by* ***R.R.*** *due to secretary having pecuniary interest in this subject).*

**B.F.-** stipulated at start that this subject had gone on long enough and a decision had to be made tonight, already was highlighted that the majority of the members were in approval of the community company continuing the grass cutting as per last year**.** It was agreed to back date the contract to **01/04/2019,** there would be a capped budget at **£870.00** inclusive of council grant. There would need to be a signing of acceptance by both parties, community council and community company**. SC.** To pass revised contracts to **B.F.** and contract to be put forward for an annual review.

**5.4 PLANNING: L.I**. Advised all members of the ongoing planning application at ‘Braeheads’ at the moment we are still waiting for the planning officer to submit his report before considering making another submission, once submitted a further meeting with the resident will be arranged.

**5.5 A1 JUNCTION: B.F.** although nothing to report, pressure should be maintained on **Transport Scotland** to upgrade the junction.

**5.6 SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP: J.G.-** no changes.

**5.7 RAGES: B.F.** Reminded all of **AGM** to be held again in Reston and the **Transport Minister** has been invited. Continuation of pushing for the station for an early instigation of work.

**5.8 WISH LIST UPDATE: R.R.** Next meeting to be on the **25th April** in the **Craw Inn at 7:30pm**, two new applications are expected to be heard.

1. **COUNCILORS REPORT: C.H.** Nothing notable to report other than the **Area Partnership Meeting** already mentioned.
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** -**K.S.** brought to the meeting information to upgrade the **playpark** in Reston with an informative design from **‘HAGS’** posters were displayed indicating what the playpark could look like, these were welcomed. Already two meetings haver taken place with play equipment designers and further work is envisaged to take this to fruition.
3. **QUESTIONS FORM THE PUBLIC-** A member of the publiccommented on a Dog in the playpark**,** although no signage was presentto indicate **‘No Dogs Allowed**’it was believed Council policy No dogs are allowed in children’s playparks. **L.I.** to contact SBC for signage to reflect this.

Concerned was raised by a member of the audience over the state of repair to the ‘**Old Bakehouse’**, birds were nesting in the old shop frontage and window sills were loose and in danger of the glass falling out. **B.F.** to speak to the owners.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 20:25

**Next meeting of the community council to be held on 20th May**

**7pm Reston village hall**

Signed …………………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………