**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th June 2022.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Barrie Forrest B.E.M. (in the Chair) (**B.F**.) Logan Inglis (Secretary) (**L.I**.) Jan Stringer **(J.S.)** Rob Robertson **(R.R.) (Co-Opted)** Michaela McIntyre & Mel Gilmore, with Cllr Anderson and 4 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**:  Julie Gregory, Kerry Simmonds & Cllr Hamilton.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** **L.I**. None that is not covered by the agenda.
4. **C.A.B.: Jill McCoy** representing the Citizens Advice Bureau, gave a short talk on the remit of the bureau. Presently the C.A.B. are snowed under with work mainly due to the present climate, Jill emphasised the need for both Advisors and Board members. Advisors are primarily needed to work 6-8 hours per week with full training given. Further promotional material will be sent out to make more people aware of the services undertaken by the C.A.B.
5. **Police REPORT:** Report was received and made available to all present, no police presence. The secretary displayed a picture taken from the road to ‘Shawbraes’, the picture showed the road speed signs, one of which facing in the wrong direction. A local resident has taken it upon himself to rotate the signs for his own use. Both the police and the council roads department have been made aware of this illegal action.
6. **Correspondence. L.I.** only item to note was posters received tonight from NHS Scotland. The posters to be displayed in the notice boards, SHARE- The Scottish Health Research and Biobank.
7. **Regular reports.**
8. **Chairman. B.F.** expressed his grateful feelings for the community council and the communities, for the naming of the New access road to the station ‘Forrest Road’.
9. **Treasurer’s report, L.I.** The present financial statement was displayed for all members. Last years accounts to be examined and sent into SBC shortly.

**Jubilee grant** was all spent with a little overspend which will be covered by the ‘Wish List’ account. Once all receipts are received the grant evaluation form can be completed.

1. **A1 Trunk Road. B.F.** brought Cllr Anderson up to speed with the historic facts and actions of the community council. Cllr Anderson was asked to apply any pressure, if possible, to SBC. Cllr Anderson to follow up the lack of Railway station signage on the A1.
2. **Railway Station.** **B.F.** a memorable day was had by all, school children when the first train stopped at Reston station.

**David Parker SBC** ex- convenor had mentioned the siting and building of a cairn to mark the re-opening of the station, doubt has been raised now that David Parker is no longer in position.

The provisional itinerary for the official opening of the station was read out, with a date of 28th July being the most likely date. A local piper to be used.

**Pingo**- the new bus service has proven to be very popular and hailed successful, however mystification as to why the bus service does not go into Berwick, comments have been made for it to be able to go from station to station.

1. **Wish List update.** **R.R**; with one new application to be discussed in the meeting to follow this one.
2. **Playpark. L.I. in K.S. absence.** updated all Bam Nuttall has proved to be unresponsive to communications in relation to the fence required before the park can be opened.
3. **Planning. L.I.** planning application re- Blue House, has went to appeal and will be heard on the 18th of July, the community council to respond reiterating its support for this totally stand-alone project.
4. **Platinum Jubilee celebrations: L.I.** gave thanks to all that was both involved and took part with making the weekend a success in commemorating the Jubilee. Further events are planned for the rest of the year with posters advertising these.
5. **Litter Pick:** the 3rd of July at 11am was proposed for the Litter pick, **L.I.** to contact SBC for additional litter pickers. Village hall committee to cater for refreshments.
6. **A.O.B. R.R.** mentioned the dilapidated notice board at Auchencrow, Cllr Anderson was asked if there was anything he could do- to be looked into.
7. **Cllr’s Report:** James Anderson mentioned the Area Partnership, he is the new chair of the Partnership. Small Schemes Fund availability of funds and an update on the New Greener Gateway Award, replacing the Floral Gateway Award.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 20:55

**Next meeting to be held in the village hall on the 18th of July**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?