**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th February 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.)** and Cllr Jim Fullarton (**J.F.)** Police- Drew Young **(D.Y.)** with 7 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: None received.

The Chairwelcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
2. **Matters arising:** **L.I.** gave an update, the Village Hall request for no longer to be an agenda item. An email was sent to the contractor carrying out the school construction work, with an apologetic response and removal of the obstructing fence.
3. **Police REPORT:** C.B.O.S. **D.Y.** read out the report attached, concerns were again raised by members of the public over speeding vehicles in close proximity to the school, and members of the public are advised to contact the Police with particulars of any events. Members were advised to be vigilant for suspicious vehicles moving in and around the villages, as nearby villages have been targeted for theft.

1. **Correspondence:** Apart from emails already distributed to members. Floral Gateway invitation to consultation meeting, ‘Clean-Up Scotland’ Newsletter, ‘Waste Services’ proposed changes to opening times, invitation to SBC budget proposals on the 21st February and letter received this morning from John Lamont MP for community council engagement meeting to be held at St Boswells village hall on 8th March. - Notices were practable will be displayed in village shop pending notice board replacement.
2. **Regular Reports.**

**6.1** **Chairman**. **B.F** –updated all on meetings attended. Area Partnership meeting- where both the Police and Fire Service gave updates on services. L.I. mentioned the poor attendance to this meeting from Berwickshire community councils but blame was apportioned to the notice of less than 5 days with no postal notification. Also mentioned was the replacement of Pauline Bolson (democratic services) who retired last year and no notification or contact from SBC to explain her replacement.

Members were invited to the next meeting of BCSP (safety panel) emails had already been distributed, for this Wednesday at Duns.

**6.2 Finance**: **D.C.T**.-update on the Community Council General account.

* 1. **Core paths.-S.C** was asked upon progress of ‘contract/scope of work’ for the ‘**Core path’** maintenance and grass cutting. **S.C.** advised this was ongoing and will have something drawn up for the next meeting.

**L.I.** iterated his concern that the community council has not paid monies due for work undertaken and should not delayany further in decision of payment, a majority agreement was made by members with the Treasurer raising concern of account status, £165.00 was paid out as final overdue amount.

* 1. **Planning: L.I.** – no new applications.
  2. **A1**: **B.F**- no further updates at present.
  3. **Constitution: -L.I.** read out two items in the community council constitution that is to be considered for amendment at the AGM*. The Insertion below was approved as such time that can be incorporated into the constitution, thus giving 60 days’ notice of this meeting.*
* *13.3 In the event of the disestablishment or dissolution of the Council for any reason, such property and funds as are vested in it or under its control of said at the date of disestablishment or dissolution****, shall be transferred to and vested in SBC. They shall be administered and applied by SBC in such manner as that body may determine to be for the benefit of all or part of this Community Council area.*** *13.5 The Council shall keep an accurate record of any assets held, and where they are kept, indicating its wishes for the disbursement of these assets in the event of the Community Council being disestablished or dissolved. A copy of the register, and any subsequent changes, will be submitted to SBC's Service Director for Strategy & Policy of Scottish Borders Council within twenty one days of it being agreed by the Council. All monies received by a Community Council, whether by way of grant, gift or loan, shall be applied to maintain its administrative structure and/or to further the objects of such Council.*
* ***Proposed Insertion:*** The Community Council add to their asset inventory that their wishes in the event of there being no Community Council are; that the assets and any monies not belonging to SBC be looked after by a local constituted group within the Reston and Auchencrow Community Council area and with similar vested interests as the Community Council. The group is to look after the assets until a new Community Council is established.
  1. **Social Events**: **J.G.-**updated all on the recent meeting with the village hall committee, where a proposal was made to amalgamate the Social Events group with the village hall committee, this would mean taking over the running of Reston Fete, to be decided upon this week when the committee next meet. Presently a date of 16th June has been provisionally set as previous date was not suitable for the entertainment company but due to this free additional rides have been promised, it was hoped to get assistance from volunteers.
  2. **Rages: B.F**. –Thanked the members of the public that turned out for the Border T.V. recording day, showing support for the re-opening of Reston station. January 24th Meeting with the Transport Minister Michael Matheson MSP Present were Rages Chairman and Vice Chairman, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Iain Gray MSP, and Reps from Transport Scotland, with the remit for Reston Station now with Network Rail who are currently working on detailed designs and a delivery timescale. At this stage the minister was unable to give a date but he was made aware that people of Berwickshire want the Station re-opened early in CP6.
  3. **Wish List: R.R.** –updated members present of benches received in Auchencrow from SBC pending further benches, x6 new applications to be heard at the Wish List meeting to follow.

1. **Councilor’s report:** J.F.-gave an update on-iPads to be distributed to school children.

1. **A.O.B. D.C.T.** Alzheimer’sevent, poster to be displayed with venue and date.
2. **Questions form the public-** member of the audience asked Cllr Fullarton the reasoning for the collection of traffic cones gathering near to the Lemington junction of the A1- suggested proposed future works.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 19:55

**Next meeting of the community council to be held on 18th March**

**7pm Reston village hall**

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