**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Barrie Forrest B.E.M. (in the Chair) (**B.F**.) Logan Inglis (Secretary) (**L.I**.)Kerry Simmonds **(K.S.)** Julie Gregory **(J.G.)** Jan Stringer **(J.S.)** and Rob Robertson **(R.R.)** with Councillor Fullarton and 3 members of the public.

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

The Chairwelcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
2. **Matters ARISING:** no matters arising that’s not covered under agenda items.
3. **Police REPORT:** As no Police in attendance **L.I.** read out the report submitted earlier in the month. From the **01/08/2019 to 31/08/2019**, **43** police incidents were created in respect of the DU04 Beat area, which covers Auchencrow, Reston, Ayton and Burnmouth. Of these, **3** relate specifically to Reston and Auchencrow and refer to alarm activations and request to check on the welfare of a resident. **L.I**. advised members that a meeting had taken place with the police to discuss the possibility of a ‘**Warden scheme’** in Reston, the outcome was : a good suggestion but was found best to re-invigorate the ‘**Neighbourhood Watch’** scheme as this was the best way forward at present considering Reston and Auchencrow are still registered under the scheme.
4. **John Blair RBS community Banker:** no attendance.
5. **Enhancement group: L.I.** suggestions from the public and community councilors for the reformation of an **Enhancement Group** for Reston and Auchencrow, it was proposed to restart this group and support financially for the sustainability of both communities, it was proposed Mary Hastings be the lead for Reston and Rob Robertson for Auchencrow, members were asked to show support and indicate if they wish to be involved. All members agreed to support with all volunteering.
6. **Correspondence. L.I.** apart from emails already distributed there was two consultations live on SBC’s website which members were advised to complete, ‘Polling stations revue’ and Area Partnerships’. A letter was read aloud from SBC ‘**Dog Education Officer’** inviting further advice to the role and participation and promotion of the role and remit of the officer. Two promotional literatures on playparks. ‘**Hags’** and ‘**Creative play’** these were passed round for perusal.
7. **Regular Reports.**

**8.1 CHAIRMAN. B.F. –** attended the most recent **Area Partnership** meeting where **rural transport** issues were discussed with focus on the bus services. **L.I.** appraised all of the upcoming ‘**community council Working Group’** meeting where the community council scheme is under review, all members were asked to consider the scheme.

**8.2 FINANCE REPORT:** acting Treasure **L.I**. updated all, an account spreadsheet which was handed out to all. After 5 visits now to the bank it was disheartening to note the **incompetence by RBS** in trying to change address details for the statements. At the last visit this morning it was hoped this would be rectified.

**8.3 PLANNING: L.I.** no new applications were pending.

**8.4 A1 JUNCTION: B.F.** Now that the junction to ‘**Swinwood Farm’** was open and work commencing at the tattie store, concern was raised for this junction due to the vehicles travelling south on the A1.

**8.5 RAGES: B.F.** reminded all present of the **AGM** on 18th September in the village hall, where Lawrence Shackman was to be giving a presentation but had given apologies, however representatives from **Network Rail** and **Transport Scotland** would be present.

**8.6 WISH LIST UPDATE: R.R.-** gave an update on the ‘**Wish List Fund’**. Presently the **mowing hours** are fast approaching the limit set by the c.c. the company has been advised to stop work and report back to the c.c. **Enhancement Fund**, now that a group had been set up remaining monies from the fund should be transferred to the group to facilitate the group. Quite a few planters have taken up on the bursary scheme with colourful planters in the village. **X3 New applications** to be discussed after this meeting, 1. **Coldingham Archery** seeking new netting. 2. **Village Hall** wishing to purchase a dishwasher. 3. **Reston community company** wishing to purchase hand tools.

**8.7 PLAYPARK. K.S.** gave an update on the recent meeting with SBC officials, where landownership was discussed as well as absorbing VAT in the project saving circa £20,000 and the hope of undertaking some of the ground work to reduce costs further. Pending confirmation from SBC before progressing funding opportunities.

**8.8 RESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL K.S.** gave an update on the present conditions at the primary school. New parent teacher council chairman had replaced Kerry, who would continue to engage with the c.c. on matters pertaining to the school. The new playground equipment was now completed with children enjoying the use of. **L.I.** – read out a letter received from **MSP Rachel Hamilton**, after raising our ongoing concerns of road safety at the school. The letter had been compiled by **SBC service director assets & infrastructure**; on this it states Reston has a **“20’s Plenty Scheme in place”** This was met with total dismay at the inaccuracy, as this we have been campaigning for, for nearly 20 years, also to note of a traffic survey which the council has based statistical results on, which was carried out during school holidays! **L.I.** to write back to both parties and to clearly state the inaccuracy of the letter and its findings and to ask for further support in alleviating safety concerns.

**8.9 RESTON AED-** **L.I.** advised all of the recent communications received from **HART** the supplier of the AED in the old phone box in Reston, poor communications had resulted in the AED being out of date and due for immediate replacement. They can supply a New replacement part exchange for £800.00 with a 7-year life expectancy- the existing one having been supplied by **HART** for free, it was agreed to purchase the New one that was fully compatible with **Scottish Ambulance Service**, already £1000 had been ring fenced to purchase a replacement. **L.I.** to procure.

1. **COUNCILORS REPORT: J.F**. reiterated the need to view the consultation for the Area Partnership meetings. Cllr Fullarton was asked for a follow up on an enquiry made at the last meeting, dealing with an overgrown hedge in Ladeside, restricting the path- Cllr Fullarton had followed up the request with contact with the resident, time and tools were an issue in undertaking the task, however the resident would do their best to comply with the request.
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** A member of the audience asked for an update on the condition on the old ‘bakehouse’. As Cllr Laing was not present at the meeting it was thought best to await information back from her as felt unwise to restart any new enquiry.
3. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**. A resident present in the audience volunteered her services to cook Christmas dinner in the village hall for the elderly and less able, the suggestion was thought a good idea by all and volunteers and support would be given should this be viable. A poster to canvass the need would be distributed to gauge take up. The lady was thanked for her generosity.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 20:05

**Next meeting of the community council to be held on 21st October**

**7pm Reston village hall**

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