**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018*

**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 Carol Hamilton **(C.H.)** with 6 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:** none, not covered by agenda items.
3. **Police REPORT:** No Police in attendance, the secretary **L.I.** read out the police report applicable to Reston Auchencrow, attached. An update on the position with the school and the use of covert camera and extra police tours, no incidents were reported. The school was kept appraised of the situation. Speed signs: **L.I.** raised the idea of purchasing signs warning drivers of their speed, as brought to the attention via Ayton community council’s minutes. Agreed by all to purchase signs from Fantasy Print.
4. **Correspondence:** Apart from emails already distributed to members. SBC **T.R.O.** ‘weight restriction’ reference Ladeside parking. Scottish Water ‘**Protect your Pipes’** newsletter/posters. Post Office- **‘Scam** **Mail**’ posters. ‘The Borders Forest Trust’ ‘**Native Woodland Creation’** posters relating to the creation, advice and planting of trees in the Borders. ‘**Main Issue Report’** (M.I.R.) an invitation to the workshops and ‘drop in’ sessions in the Borders. All above to be displayed in a notice board (when we get a replacement one) **L.I.** to attend the M.I.R. ‘drop in’ and ‘Workshops’.
5. **Regular Reports.**

**6.1** **Chairman**. **B.F** –The chair reported on his attendance at the ‘Democracy Matters’ consultation facilitated by BAVS, - this highlighted again the need for better transport links in the Borders. Thanks was expressed to **R.R** and **L.I**. on their work on the **new notice and display board** near to the ‘Turleys’. Agreed by all a great asset. ‘**Pensioners Fayre’** the chair attended the recent fayre organised by John Lamont MP in Kelso, found to be both good and interesting. **‘Remembrance Day** ‘the chair attended both the service in Reston church and at the memorial at Houndwood- discussion was raised to Reston’s memorial which serves both Reston and Auchencrow which is located in Reston church, consideration to make this a more accessible memorial. **B.C.S.P.** meet on the 28th November in BHA offices, community councillors are invited to attend to raise any safety matters.

**6.2 Finance**: **D.C.T**.-gave an update on the accounts attached.

**6.3 Planning: L.I.** updated members’ present: Planning Application **No 17/01555/FUL** Erection of fivehouses on Land N.W of Primary School, Braehead’s, Reston. –a flood risk management plan has been submitted by the developer with correspondence from the Flood Risk Officer SBC,- once this has been viewed by the community council planning committee, it is a consideration to have a meeting with the local residents group. Application **18/01458/LBC** ‘Installation of chimney flue Reston House- No concerns were expressed by the community council.

**6.4 A1**: **B.F**- disappointed again expressed towards SBC and East Lothian Council on no new meetings planned by the ‘**A1 Action Group’**.

**6.5 Village Hall: -D.C.T.** updated members present of: **Christmas Fayre**, Saturday 24th November, **Survey complete** on village hall, quotes for **Guttering work** and proposed **‘Open Meeting’** invite to all residents to be held on the 2nd February.

* 1. **Social Events**: **J.G.-**Nothing to report.
  2. **Rages: B.F**. – **L.I.** read out and passed to members, letter written on behalf of the community council to the Transport Minister Mr Mathewson, expressing the community council’s disappointment over the delay in setting a date for the Reston station. It is hoped a planned site visit with ‘**Network Rail’** will shortly come to fruition.
  3. **Wish List: R.R.** –Two New applications had been received, these to be discussed in the normal meetingto follow.

1. **Councilor’s report: C.H.**-gave an update on the previously reported pot holes in Auchencrow, which had now been filled.

**A.O.B.**  **D.C.T**. introduced the chair of Reston Community company ltd Max Eaves, the chair of the company read out an email exchange with himself and **D.C.T.** on matters pertaining to the submission of the companies invoice to the community council, for the sum of £870, the chair explained the works carried out and the increase in expense from previous years. As the company has taken on more duties i.e. grass cutting of the Millennium stone area, the football pitch and the Reston entrance stone.

**D.C.T.** explained to members present that the community council receives reimbursement from SBC for the maintenance of ‘Core Paths’ up to the value of £450, this invoice was some £420 over the amount that can be claimed back, however the community council had agreed previously to pay for the additional cutting of the football pitch and Millennium stone works, leaving £165 outstanding. Although members present were happy with the work undertaken, the treasurer raised, that there is no formal agreement between the two parties and one should be drawn up, this to be agreed upon in the New Year, **D.C.T.** to write agreement and liaise with **C.H**. to ask SBC if the Grant received is population based. Invoice was settled subject to pending £165 once agreement/confirmation in place.

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 21st January**

**7pm Reston village hall**

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