**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th May 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.)** Cllr H. Laing **(H.L.)** with 2 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Kerry Simmonds, Police, Cllr’s Hamilton and Fullarton.

The Chairwelcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved with a minor change to reflect subscription payment to **B.C.C.F**. this should indicate £10.00 not £5.00.
2. **Matters ARISING: L.I**. raised from last month’s meeting, **Dogs in playpark**, have not received any reply from SBC for signage, to contact again. **B.F**. re**- Old Bakehouse**, the owner had been contacted relating to the poor condition of the building, but no work has been forthcoming as yet.
3. **Police REPORT:** As no Police in attendance **L.I.** read out the report submitted earlier in the month. From the **01/04/2019 to 31/04/2019**, **29** police incidents were created in respect of the DU04 Beat area, which covers Auchencrow, Reston, Ayton and Burnmouth. Of these, **4** relate specifically to Reston and Auchencrow.

One incident relates to an injured deer on the road and the others are in relation to an ongoing dispute between neighbours.

Full report passed to members present.

1. **Correspondence:** Apart from emails already distributed to members. **L.I**. had already circulated a long letter from **Bain and** **Swan architects** re-**Braehead’s planning application**, also a thankyou letter from the chair of **RAGES** for the support from the Wish List, this was passed to the Chair of the Wish List committee.
2. **Regular Reports.**

**6.1 CHAIRMAN. L.I. -**gave an update on the most recent **Area Partnership** meeting held at Coldstream, where **K.S.** had also attended, discussed was a **Local Development plan** and the **Locality Bid Fund**. **L.I.** also attended the most recent **B.C.C.F.** agm and normal meeting, where reports were delivered by both Police and Fire Service. (handouts from the meeting were dispersed).

**6.2 TREASURERS REPORT**: **D.C.T**. Community council general account was **£361.40** before cheques distributed tonight. Yet again no paper reports or handouts.

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

The grass cutting  timescale and contract  was again talked  about, the message back from the **RCC**(Reston Community Company )was they were not prepared to sign the agreement in its current form , after a heated discussion it became apparent  that the RCC are looking for a gentlemen’s  agreement between the **R&ACC**  and **RCC** more in line with the nature of the group. To ensure that the mowing commenced promptly, The **RCC** will supply a monthly report of its activity and ensure that the budget of **£870.00** administered by the **“wish List** “was not exceeded.

During discussion **D.C.T**. left the meeting.

*D.C.T. confirmed all monies applied for to SBC had been received and the cc had not been left out of pocket at this stage she became verbal at this and shouted at the chair to shut-up, she then collected her belongings and stormed out of the meeting.*

**6.4 PLANNING: L.I**. Advised all members of the recent meeting of the planning committee at SBC HQ where the **‘Braeheads’** application was discussed, both **L.I.** and local residents attended the meeting to give our objection comments. The planning application was approved by councillors with more stringent conditions imposed.

**6.5 A1 JUNCTION: B.F.** it was noted that the junction to Reston, grass had been cut back to an acceptable condition without reminders this year.

**6.6 SOCIAL EVENTS GROUP: J.G.** gave an update on the final meeting of the group which was recently held. It was agreed to wind-up the group and return all monies and assets to the community council. Accounts show a £716 balance from which £221 was income generated from last year’s Fete. It was the intention that the new village hall committee would undertake the future running of the **Reston** **Fete**, a request was made from the village hall committee to hold onto the assets that were pertaining to Fete days, i.e. banner, tug-of war rope, weighted ducks and sundries as well as the income generated from last years fete £221 as a starter fund. With a request to be able to borrow the Marquees. - **this was approved by all**.

**6.7 RAGES: B.F.** Vice Chairman Barrie Forrest attended the **Cross-Party Group** on Rail at the Scottish Parliament in May where **Transport Minister** Michael Matheson **MSP**, announced that Reston Station would be opened in Control Period 6, 2019-24, asked when in CP6 the Minister replied a reply was waited from **Network Rail** who are designing the Station and Times. It is disappointing to note after contact with SBC that no information from the proposed station is being disseminated.

* 1. **WISH LIST UPDATE: R.R.** updated all on the recent delivery for the school of a **sand pit** and 1 new application for funding to be heard after this meeting.

1. **COUNCILORS REPORT: H.L.** gave an update on the recent **Area Partnership Meeting**, where the draft Local Development Plan was discussed, looking at priorities. Next Area Partnership meeting to be held on the **6th June at Whitsome Ark**. **Localities Bid Fund**, **H.L.** outlined the new rules relating to voting for a project.
2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** -**L.I.** asked the question of the village hall ground and the intention of the committee, as presently ongoing discussion with **playpark** designers to look at refurbishing the playpark with a view to encompass some of the adjacent land, which is SBC owned. **J.G.** explained that the committee were having difficulty at present with land ownership and a lease with SBC that was conflicting.
3. **QUESTIONS FORM THE PUBLIC-** A member of the publiccommented on the amount of traffic cones and signage left abandoned by contractors working on the **A1**, **H.L**. to look into this and report back.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 20:00

**Next meeting of the community council to be held on 17th June**

**7pm Reston village hall**

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