



## Newcastleton & District Community Council

### Minutes of digital meeting Tuesday September 14th

**PRESENT:** Lyndsay Patterson, Greg Cuthbert, Iain Crosbie, Scott Wilson, Barbara Elborn, Iain Crosbie, Ian Nichol, Ashley Thomson, Cllr Watson and 5 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Marcus Day, Margaret Elliot, Keith Brough, Cllr Turnbull

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** - Aug 2021 were proposed by LP, seconded by SW

**MATTERS ARISING:** Housekeeping - venue CC decided on venues for meetings on a monthly basis; risk assessments will be undertaken at venue. Members of public informed of protocols for attending.

1. CC Request for help to support admin, CC will pay for if necessary.
2. CCTV update - planning still awaited, will commence install as soon as its approved. Cost of equipment rising.
3. Houghton Park and other pavements - Cllrs to continue to pressure SBC to undertake this works
4. 20 MPH update -no news
5. Signage on riverside: toilets, extra bins etc - draft riverside signage circulated for feedback. NBF will make final decision. SBC still not replaced bins lost in flood.
6. Giant Hogweed outcomes ref removal/responsibility - Tweed Forum focusing on Japanese Knotweed treating Giant Hogweed if funding allows in 2022.
7. Waste services update - info previously circulated and posted on social media, issue will be road closures albeit the notice states they have been informed. Bottle bank collections still not increased.
8. Flooding
  1. Drilling program -hitting large rocks causing challenges to some sites, SBC reports going as plan. Intending community meeting pre-Christmas when outcomes known.
  2. Flood group update - seeking clarity on their role with SBC
  3. Riverbank erosion feedback - Trust received report, will review, and circulate. Requires capital expenditure of circa £30-40k to implement basic proposal. Grant funding is not available for riverbank erosion as this is not seen as sustainable. Any works will need to be actioned by volunteers to reduce erosion.
  4. Fire service water training update - Fire Service was now trained and had qualified as Swift Water and First Flood Responders. CC congratulated the team on their efforts and continued support for the community.
9. Area Partnership update
  1. Place planning: paper circulated ref proposed program with feedback. All agreed huge ask of communities without resources being provided. Trust would continue on development plans, any place planning (marrying local authority service provision to community need) would be included as and when SBC proposed to commence the work.
  2. Extending the Borders Railway - 'join the conversation' campaign: this was now live and published on social media platforms. All asked to follow, like and share.
10. Public Forum/Community Issues
  1. Muirhall Windfarm open day/community feedback, none reported. T&L CC's planned meeting on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, GC will attend.
11. Planning
  1. North Toll Bar cottage to be converted to 2 flats. No objections
  2. Retrospective approval granted for bund at Blackburn Lodge
12. Correspondence
  1. **Grant funding:**  
**Together for Our Planet** opens 1 Sep 2021 - 18 Nov for eligible groups funding of between £1,000 and £10,000 [www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/together-for-our-planet)

**Supporting local communities** - <https://www.gov.scot/news/supporting-local-communities-1/> transforming neighbourhoods, SG Scotland Loves Local Fund; thinklocal first, supporting business/enterprise in their community. Match funding £5,000- £25,000. Applications 9th Aug - 1st Oct 2021

**SBC Community Grant Fund** - Pot A opens for applications from Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, details TBC, available when finalised. Pot B still to be concluded

**Youth Local Rural Action fund** - up to £75

2. **Police Report** - [August 2021](#) circulated and on web site

13. AOB

1. Welcome news that clutter would continue in short term
2. Reports of dirty tap water. Increased lime in system impacting new heating systems. Water pipe leaking end of Doncaster Street
3. Flood planning - sandbag drop locations to be raised and confirmed with SBC and Resilience and Fire Teams
4. HSBC Bike Event - thank community for support, great feedback, potential for future events
5. Castleton cemetery - shed collapsed, planed removal within a fortnight and ground landscaped
6. Campers at Whithaugh pool - concerns ref defecating and behaviours. Hoping reduce when CCTV is live, signage ref toilets placed again. Jumping from Whithaugh Bridge reported - extremely dangerous and worrying if confirmed.

14. Date of next meeting **Tuesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Venue TBC**