

Newcastleton & District Community Council
Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Tuesday 9th August 2022, 7 pm village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs Watson McAteer, Jane Cox, Annette Smart, CC members: Barbara Elborn, Keith Brough, Lyndsay Patterson, Jim Lewis, Marcus Day, Rob Irwin, PC Allan Patterson, 2 members of public.

1. Welcome and introduction

Cllr McAteer in attendance as Chair welcomed all to the new Community Council meeting

2. **Apologies** were received from Iain Crosbie and Ian Nichol
3. There were no amends to order of business and no declarations of interests to declare.
4. **Membership of CC** was confirmed as: Barbara Elborn, Keith Brough, Lyndsay Patterson, Jim Lewis, Marcus Day, Rob Irwin, Iain Crosbie and Ian Nichol. Cllr McAteer thanked them for standing and wished them success the coming term.
5. **Appointment of Chair** were sought Iain Crosbie had indicated his willingness to be nominated for office, there were no other nominees. He was proposed Barbara Elborn, seconded Keith Brough.
6. **Appointment of Vice Chair** were sought Lyndsay Patterson indicated her willingness to continue, there were no other nominees. She was proposed Barbara Elborn, seconded Rob Irwin

Cllr Watson stepped down as Chair, Lyndsay Patterson continued in post. He was thanked for his support in managing the election.

7. **Appointment of secretary & treasurer** Barbara Elborn indicated her willingness to stand but required support to continue given the growing level of correspondence, paperwork etc. (see point 8h). Proposed Lyndsay Patterson, seconded Keith Brough
8. **Other items Vice Chair deemed urgent** to enable the CC to move forward:
 - a. **Continuity of 2nd Tuesdays** of monthly meetings was agreed. Cllr Cox indicated this clashed with Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership. It was explained the CC hosted its meetings on the 2nd Tue of the month since time in memorial a recognised day/time for the community. The CC deemed hosting the meeting locally was of more importance than attending the AP, however, CC members and any members of the public wishing to attend the AP could do so as had always been the practise.
 - b. **Acceptance of the code of conduct**, previously circulated were agreed by previous members. Jim Lewis, Iain Crosbie, and Ian Nichol would confirm acceptance at the next meeting.
 - c. **Bank signatories** – 2 new signatories were required; Keith Brough and Lyndsay Patterson proposed and accepted. The Bank registered address would now be changed to Buccleuch House, 4 South Hermitage Street as the main address for correspondence
 - d. **Room set up** - Keith/Jim both volunteered to do room set up for each meeting.

- e. **Local display/feedback** Scott Wilson kindly volunteered to continue to place correspondence around the village sites as necessary and report matters needing attention
 - f. **CCTV mgt** Keith Brough kindly agreed to continue in his role managing the CC's responsibilities for the CCTV, Lyndsay Patterson would deputise on occasion if required.
 - g. **Admin/resources** to support the work of the Community Council space would be provided on the new www.livenewcastleton.com site to host a membership section; all CC members would have access to paperwork reducing need to forward on correspondence constantly. Site would also host templates for minutes, agendas, posters enabling quick/easy display and social media posts linked to documentation. Estimated cost to create/set up and to provide training to members would be £600 (set-up) and £100 (training). Admin resource, a post would be advertised to manage paperwork, attend meetings, write minutes etc. Budget for both tasks would be applied for to the Community Grant Fund. This was deemed necessary as SBC had still not provided facilities to support the work of the CC and the £600 annual grant was insufficient to cover all costs. The CC agreed to seek funding to support the ongoing work which would enable wider engagement with the community and allow greater inclusion in local decision making.
 - h. **Campaign for Borders Rail** were seeking support for their grant application which would be reviewed at the next Area Partnership meeting. They had a shortfall for the full sum needed to conclude the local socio-economic impact study, members gave their unanimous support.
9. **POLICE REPORT, PC Allan Patterson was welcomed to the meeting and reported:**
- a. **JUNE** Theft of an electric fence energizer, person responsible traced and item recovered by owner. Bogus caller, males attended at address offering to lay tar, declined an intelligence entry placed regarding the persons. Sudden death of male at Riccarton, non-suspicious.
 - b. **JULY** Two vehicle accident, car skidded on road and crossed into path of oncoming timber lorry, causing injury to car driver. Fire at Music festival, caravan caught light nonsuspicious, but male subsequently arrested for Police assault and other offences. Complaint regarding group of youths causing nuisance. Theft of a car, Red Audi stolen from just outside village, vehicle subsequently found after ANPR activation in Longtown, traced nearby abandoned. Housebreaking to Golf Club, Alcohol stolen. Music Festival apart from the one incident passed well with few complaints.
 - c. There were a few calls regarding suspect vehicles and bogus callers over summer months, they are collated and placed on the intelligence system.
 - d. On subject of speeding vehicles, in particular Timber lorries, time has been spent monitoring vehicles, any lorries speeding, report sent to the owners making them aware, they are not overall in great excess of speed, private cars and light vans are worst. Enforcement likely now users have been warned. The community are reminded to observe the new speed restrictions.

10. Correspondence outstanding of note

- a. Catriona Paton Chief Superintendent Divisional Commander, corrs received in July: The CC noted that this was the first time that any formal correspondence had been received from the Chief superintendent which was welcomed.
- b. **Request to apply for funding to sort a monument at Ettleton Cemetery** SBC asked if the CC was able to apply for a grant to support remedial work to a statue, CC felt that grants were needed to improve the access and path network and this work needed to be prioritised, any grants awarded should be to support this effort rather than a monument. Request passed to other community groups to review.
- c. **Pines Burns and Teviot Head Windfarm applications** – consultation periods extended to enable wider community engagement. Invitation extended to Muirhall to discuss Teviot Head at the Sept meeting. Any feedback sought by August 31st to add to the current issues regarding traffic/access, run off and land management issues.

Other matters raised by members:

11. **5G phone mast access issues/ Flatt farm 22/00411/FULL** – concerns raised ref access; proposed via bridge crossing Kershopefoot; badly impacted by flood/severely damaged and felt to be vulnerable by residents. No evidence of engineer's report to support this proposal was provided to reassure residents and allay concerns. There were easier and less challenging access opportunities via the green's road, why hadn't these been considered? Cllr Cox would review this matter with SB planning and revert.
12. **Riverside Bund** – grass cutting, and maintenance raised as potential issue; members advised SBC had reviewed heights/issues ref equipment needed to maintain it and proposal was deemed acceptable; bulbs/grass seed will be placed once the task was nearing its end and weather conducive to this being undertaken.
13. **Jubilee Wood** – would now be relocated to expand the Sawmill woodland rather than site it to replace damaged trees at rear of Lidalia. This enabled easier access to flatter land and would widen the views and landscapes looking west. The school would be encouraged to join in the planting, hoped this would be completed Sept/Oct when weather and land conditions allowed. Signage would be placed once site completed. CC confirmed they were in funds from the Jubilee grants to enable the work to be completed.
14. **B6399 traffic lights** – concerns raised about why these were now necessary, seemingly now operating to provide parking capacity for workers at the site when there was scope to park vehicles off road and remove the traffic lights. This was seen as particularly key given the longer-term nature of the development works and that wood waggons were using the road. Passing space on the location was very narrow and likely to cause challenges in the autumn/winter period. Cllr Cox would investigate and revert.
15. **Damage road surface south of village after D' Main Holm Farm** – now seen as dangerous with drivers reporting very unbalanced surface for driving. (Post meeting SBC has actioned some remedial works)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY SEPT 13TH 7PM, ALL WELCOME