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Eskdalemuir Community Council (ECC) Meeting

Thursday 17th July 2025 – 7pm, Eskdalemuir Hub

Present: Stu Green (Chair), Barry Young (Treasurer), Liz McQueen (Secretary), Ian Warden, Al Green, Julie McLeod, Pat Wiles

Denis R Male (Councillor)

Apologies: Lara Porter (UEDG) Bernard Provost, Archie Dryburgh (Councillor), PC Glendinning/Calderwood,

Minutes of last meeting supplied by Liz - approved by Barry, seconded by Pat.

Please note: Stu received notification that PC Liam Calderwood is our new Community Police Officer for Eskdalemuir area, taking over from PC Glendinning. Unable to attend this evening, but will attend a future meeting to introduce himself in due course.

Matters Arising:

Resignation of Chair:

- Stu announced that due to a number of family matters he will be unable to continue as CC Chair or CC member after our next meeting on 18th September 2025.
- Treasurer Barry will also be resigning in due course due to relocation away from the parish.
- In order to remain quorate, all remaining members will need to assist in co-opting 3 x new members.
- Denis will invite Stuart Hamilton, Ward Officer for Annandale East & Eskdale – to attend at 6pm on 18th September, prior to the main CC meeting at 7pm to discuss roles & responsibilities.

Police Report

- Report emailed directly to Stu.
- No reported incidents since last report

Multiuser Trail

- Update from Barry - has been in touch with George Moffat of DumGal council, Community Payback scheme
- Due to come out in September to cut back trail between village and Samye Ling
- Estimated costs of £500 per year to pay for transport/fuel for equipment for 3 or 4 cuts per year to keep it maintained – to come out of Minska fund.
- Will know better after September cut
- Media opportunity – to take photo of works and share on CC website /Facebook

Timber Route

- Stu has spoken to James England, Timber Transport Officer - Hauliers have been spoken to
- James England will Happily work with Roads if pavement required
- Perception of less haulage through the village
- Denis attending a Enviroment & Infrastructure meeting to discuss all local issues – will raise Eskdalemuir issues there

Resilience Planning /Local Place Plan

- Julie brought up question about land owned by the community. For example next to ESMP hall that what historically used for village events – e.g bonfire night
- Include with in LPP – piece of community land for events/parking
- Architect Amy Jenkins Smith – is currently staying in the village – Lara has spoken with her and we are close to getting draft LPP out
- Draft will be out for consultation and feedback
- **Action:** Barry & Julie to reach out to AJS

Planning Notices

- One notice for a residential Lodge – Castle O'er

Website Update

- Al proposes notice board function –publicise Crossdyke Fund awards
- **Action:** Barry to pull together list of recipients who have received funds
 - *Al could pull together logos (CCBF & ECC) to create media pack for recipients*

Crossdykes Community Benefit Company Update

Ruby Irving – PAID - laptop and Microsoft 365 & McAfee – for Forestry course at Barony College

Scribblers group – need acceptance form to pay

EEA for film events – unanimously agreed that CC funding for 1 x film night, including film licence, room hire and make a free event for residents

Jude Graham - £839 - Global Sisterhood Circle Initiation US course – **Query**

Action: Require a bit more detailed information from Jude about the course delivery and outcomes and about fees as over budget (Barry/Stu/Liz)

- 2 x Education & Training bursary applications received from local young people to consider:
 - £500 towards driving lessons for Logan Green
 - £40 per driving lesson plus test fees with local instructor in Lockerbie
 - **Unanimously agreed**
- Oliver Wharton S3 at Lockerbie Academy –
 - Visual stress & assessment for dyslexia
 - requires laptop to support his studies

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- £349 for laptop– Barry to go back to him and suggest software package to add to bundle
- **Unanimously agreed**

AOCB:

- **Action:** Stu has been paying invoices for Office 365 – cc email addresses – need to hand over to
- **Action:** Stu to create CC whatsapp group
- **Action:** Barry to liaise with Pat to schedule treasurer role training & handover
- **Action:** Liz any updates from Kirsten J since her email to relevant parties about last bus to Nether Cassock
- **Action:** Denis : Electric Bikes can be used for trial 1 x hub to pilot
- Roadworks at Bilholm – Denis has been assured that road will be open for Common Riding traffic

Date of next meeting: 18th September 2025 - 7pm