

MINUTES OF ESKDALEMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING 7PM SEPTEMBER 16TH 2021

Present: Nick Jennings (Chairman); John Furlonger; (Vice Chairman); Bernard Provost (Treasurer); Beatrice Furlonger. Also: PC Lindsay McGoldrick (Community Police),

Clare Carr-Saunders ; Liz MzQueen

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Archie Dryburgh and Ronnie Tait, two of our D/G Council Representatives and from Kirsten Jenkins

The meeting wished to record its regret at the death of Jenny Mills, one of our Council members who had died since our last meeting in January 2020

POLICE PRESENTATION

PC Lindsay McGoldrick presented the Community Police report. She pointed out that the forthcoming Climate Conference in Glasgow would affect police resources and she wished to draw our attention to that fact. There had been no local crime to report. She also drew our attention to the GPS app that was now available, and would be especially valuable in rural areas in enabling accurate locations to be identified should emergencies arise. In areas as ours it was not always possible to locate in a way that would be possible in more built up areas. The Chairman expressed concern about the need for the publicising of shooting programmes on the ranges in Eskdalemuir. In the interests of public safety local residents should be fully informed about the activities on the ranges.

(A copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting on January 16th 2020 were read and approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Because of the sad death of Jenny Mills the Community Council was at its minimum level to provide a Quorum. Arrangements would need to be made to elect a new member. In addition three local residents had indicated their willingness to be co-opted onto the Council. The Council members were happy to have Clare Carr Saunders Liz McQueen and Kirsten Jenkins as co-opted members and they will now provide a wider representation of the Community.

(Because of the pandemic it has been a year since our last Community Council meeting -Jan 16th 2020. The unique situation of Eskdalemuir means that there is very little in the community in the way of normal town or village amenities. In consequence such business as has been conducted has been almost entirely in connection with ongoing services in which we are involved. Details of these activities have been recorded in attachments which are referred to in the items that follow).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Covid Support Group had been active and effective over the course of the Pandemic.. Their activities had involved shopping and the collection of prescriptions on behalf of those unable to manage themselves as well as the distribution of Christmas Cards, Hub cards and Newsletters. He would like to thank, on behalf of the Community, Jen Devery, Sarah Stuart, May Reid and Susan Lilley whose work as volunteers had been of great value. Further details attached.

TREASURERS REPORT

A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached. The main transactions have been concerned with the defibrillator project for which the Chairman has undertaken the principal responsibility.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Details of progress with the Eskdale defibrillator project is also attached.

COMMUNITY WIND FARM BENEFITS

We should soon be in receipt of our normal allocation from Minska and ANCBC. Crossdykes are reviewing the procedure for the distribution of Community Benefits. We in turn will need to review our approach for making the best use of the funds that will become available.

A.O.B

There continues to be considerable concern about the issue of the rifle ranges set up by Gardner's Guns in the valley. There has been a lack of consultation with organisers and sponsors of these ranges and the matter is in need of urgent resolution. Both the Police and the D/G Council seem to be dragging their heels in the matter while issues of environmental damage and Health and Safety seem to be as far from resolution as ever.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be on Thursday November 18th. This meeting would also be the A.G.M.

MEETING CLOSED