

Eskdalemuir Community Council Minutes of Meeting on 19th Sept 2019

Present: Nick Jennings (Chairman); John Furlonger (Vice-Chairman); Bernard Provost (Treasurer); Jenny Mills; May Reid; Beatrice Furlonger, Archie Dryburgh, Tait

There were no apologies for absence.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved (Jenny Mills, May Reid) with the amendment that Beatrice Furlonger had not been absent.

Defibrillators Update:: Full funding for the defibrillators has been received to enable them to be updated. A maintenance schedule will be established and training in their use provided. The defibrillator in Samye Ling has not been included in the scheme and **Bernard offered to investigate the situation in that regard.**

Wind Farms: The Crossdykes project is under way. Road widening and other logistical issues are being addressed Community payment is likely to be raised from five to seven thousand pounds. Completion is about two years away. When the project is complete it is likely that it will be possible to install Charging points for electric vehicles.

Phone Box in Eskdalemuir. It is felt that the box should be retained because of the poor mobile phone reception in the area. The Chairman has been in communication with BT and the DG council. Retention of the box is dependent only on the say so of the DG council which the Councillors present agreed would be forthcoming

Correspondence: A letter had been received from Elaine Bartlett, a widow living at Sandiford. Scottish water had notified her of a leak in the water main supplying her property Unfortunately it appears that the pipe involved passes under the stream in the vicinity so that a repair would be both difficult and costly, The supply to her house seems to be little affected

An invitation to Community Council representatives to attend the Youth Services awards ceremony had been received. The Vice Chairman said that he was prepared to attend.

Council Membership: The appeal sent out to the community appealing for people to put themselves forward for membership had had little effect. It was felt that the Council was important for the community and there were sufficient prepared to stand to form a quorum, but it was a pity that the community remained apathetic.

Minute Secretary: This matter would have to be deferred for the time being. Until it was resolved, the Vice Chairman would continue to take the minutes.

Planning Notices: There were no planning notices affecting the Community.

Any Other Business: A great deal of concern was felt about the poor provision of Mobile Phone and Broadband Connectivity. Representations had been made to the MP and the MSP but these had not brought about any results despite the Fibre cable that had been laid down in the area. It seems that for the present we shall have to make do with what we have.

The Vice-Chairman raised the issue of links between the Community, the Council and the D/G Council. It was helpful if one at least of the D/G councilors could attend meetings when issues likely to involve the D/G council were discussed. Equally important was that the people locally should take a greater interest in matters that affected them. At present there was a great deal of apathy. Mr Tait suggested that interest could be aroused by surgeries and Ward Events. He would send information on Ward events for our consideration.

The next meeting would be held on Thursday October 17th in accordance with requirements of Community Council Election procedures.