

# **Eddleston & District Community Council**

## **Meeting 26 November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present.** Gordon Harwell (Chair), Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Ronan Toolis, Callum McDonald,  
George Winter, Karen Kerr, Cllr Drummond Begg

**Apologies** Abi Whitefield-Stevens, Mike Adams

### **1. Reports.**

- Welcome to first full meeting with GH as Chair. GH is new to village and CC, and would appreciate help and advice in all areas!
- JO reports no change to financial position. Unfortunately, the bank account is now subject to monthly and transaction charges which seem unavoidable.
  - Jo to arrange transfer of signatory from Kirsty to GH.
- Police Report for October 24 is now on village website. Police are keen to receive intelligence information via the Police Scotland, contact us form. New Community Police Officer, Gary Beaumont, keen to attend a CC meeting.
- **Date of next meeting 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm on Zoom, to be arranged!**

### **2. Approval of Minutes.**

Very brief minutes from 5 November meeting presented and agreed.

### **3. Election of new CC member.**

- Karen Kerr volunteered to rejoin EDCC and take over planning issues. Proposed by JO, Seconded by RT.
- Present make up of CC. Gordon Harwell (Chair), Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Ronan Toolis, Callum McDonald, Abi Whitefield-Stevens, Mike Adams, Amy Bartlett.
- Secretary position currently gapped.
  - GH will do agendas and minutes until someone can be found.
- Volunteers sought to Join CC as we are 1 member short.

### **4. Planning Applications.**

- Nil for November.
- However, Farm woodland proposal received from Burnhead Farm to which there were no comments.
  - KK will now manage planning issues going forward.
  - JO will arrange for planning email address. (And possible admin/sec address?)
  - GH will follow up woodland proposal.

### **5. Ongoing projects.**

#### **Leithenwater Windfarm.**

- The date for objections has passed but Belltown Power seek a response from EDCC. Innerleithen CC have previously produced a detailed response that is in favour of the project.
  - GH will produce a brief response, referencing this, in favour of the proposal.

#### **Station Road traffic calming.**

- Meeting took place on 12 November 24 with Cllr Begg.
- No conclusion reached except that some action is required for safety.
- EDCC will provide information when required but will not be involved in mediation or decision making.

### **Footpath grant.**

- £600 available but needs to be spent by 13 December 24.
- GH asked Barony Hotel manager (Steven Colquhoun) for permission to site 2 benches on Barony Circular walk. 1 bench half way up drive on left. 1 bench at end of beech walk to replace broken bench. Manager had no objection.
  - JO to order 2 benches.
- Suggested that remaining money be used to repair/repaint 5 existing benches in village.
  - JO to get pricing for work and materials to repaint existing benches from restorative justice and order if suitable.
- Suggested that EDCC logo be attached to benches if possible.
  - GH to arrange.

### **Orchard maintenance.**

- Work to walls now complete.
  - Jo to arrange bench now to be moved to site and fixed to base.
- Request to arrange for pruning.
  - Jo to contact tree surgeon in West Linton for availability/pricing.
- Request for more fruit trees. Will revisit in spring.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- “Warm Space” ceased meetings in the Village Hall after only 3 meetings this season. There is discussion ongoing to replace it in the church. EDCC are keen to see this valuable amenity continue in some form.
- Streetlight outside Horseshoe has been fixed.
- Resilience Shed plan and equipment deferred till next year.
- Tuesdays unanimously agreed to be best meeting date. Next meeting 21 January 24 on zoom.
  - **All-** Following meetings provisionally planned for 25 February, 25 March, 25 April.
  - SEPA resilience Meeting 28 Nov 24. AW on wait list to attend if possible.
  - Tweeddale Area Partnership. Next Meeting 4 Feb 25. CM to attend if possible.
  - GH and RT to investigate Website update and maintenance.
  - AW and RT to investigate Facebook maintenance.
  - JO to liaise with Jo Merrick on path clearance team.
  - GH to investigate possibility of starting Neighbourhood watch scheme in Eddleston.
  - GH to send Church survey to CC mailing list.