

# Eddleston & District Community Council

Meeting 21 January 2025 at 7.30pm on Zoom

**Present.** Gordon Harwell (Chair), Ronan Toolis, Callum McDonald, Abi Whitefield-Stevens, Mike Adams, George Winter, Karen Kerr, Cllr Viv Thomson

**Apologies** Jo Oliver (Treasurer), Amy Bartlett

## 1. Reports.

- Chairman. Happy 2025 everyone. Welcome to first Zoom meeting with GH as Chair. Still looking for secretary.
- JO unavailable to report due to family commitments. Footpath grant was applied for and spent in time for 13 December deadline. To update at February meeting.
- Police Report. New Community Police Officer, Gary Beaumont attended meeting and gave report. Radar checks on main road were mostly favourable but done before full radar training complete – so no action. No significant crime in Eddleston but a number of thefts in West Linton, including a campervan and a portacabin. Also, person seen on ebike with boltcutters.

## 2. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from 26 November meeting presented and agreed.

## 3. Planning Applications.

- EDCC had no comment to make on Burnhead Woodland proposal. GH replied.
- No new planning applications.

## 4. Ongoing projects.

- **Leithenwater Windfarm.** GH provided response to Leithenwater Wind Energy Hub referencing Innerleithen CC response. CC is in favour provided commitments to Community benefit are maintained. GH attended windfarm meetings with ICC & PCC on 12 Nov and 7 Jan to discuss community response. Belltown Power wants us to sign an MOU. ICC is in favour to secure offered benefits. PCC want to take advice from a lawyer before doing so. Grant funding secured, lawyer instructed and discussion to start soon with our response to Belltown expected Feb 25.
- **Bowbeat Windfarm.** Initial discussions soon to start regarding Bowbeat Wind Farm Lifetime Extension Community Fund. GH
- **Station Road traffic calming.** Update from Cllr Begg. Still waiting for a response from SBC Roads team re options for Station Road. Survey is moving forward – KK. VT advised that a box that can gather speed data may be available and useful for station road. KK to liaise with VT.
- **Footpath grant.** Three benches were bought. Supplied by restorative justice team who also replaced the wood on 5 other benches in the village. Benches placed at Burnhead, on Barony drive and one still to move to end of Beech avenue behind Barony. EDCC logos attached to most benches where not otherwise dedicated.

5. **Any Other Business**

- VT informed that Small scheme grants are available and SBC budget process underway. Also, school holiday consultation. Inputs requested.
- SBC resilience group – volunteers wanted (ideally 2). To discuss options for village response to crisis – eg flood, snow, power loss etc.
- Bellfield Road lighting inadequate. The Glebe lights not working. School footpath lights not working. VT to follow up.
- Pavement at Horseshoe uneven. However, on 22 January work appears to be ongoing. Will review later.
- Pavement gritting concerns. VT will send council policy.  
Grit bins located at school, Station Road by bridge, Bellfield Play park, Junction of Bellfield Road and Bellfield Cres – All full.
- Sandbag location. Second location to be sought.
- SEPA resilience Meeting 28 Nov 24. AW unable to attend as no space.
- Tweeddale Area Partnership. Next Meeting 4 Feb 25. CM to attend if possible.
- AW and RT to upload any information they see as relevant to Facebook to hopefully increase village engagement. GH to post on Website.
- Please encourage completion of recent church survey in order to show village engagement. There are 45 replies. If this is increased to 60, they can access some grant funding.  
<https://surveyMonkey.com/r/EddlestonChurch>

6. **Date of next meeting. Tuesday 25 February 2025 at 7.30pm in Village Hall.** Hall to be booked! - JO?