

**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**  
**TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM**

MINUTE of the MEETING of the TEVIOT AND  
LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM held in the ROOM 405,  
TOWER MILL, HAWICK on  
22 August 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

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Present:- Councillors S. Marshall (Chairman), A. Cranston, Z. Elliot, D. Paterson, R. Smith.  
Community Councillors R. Knight, C. Levell, I. Robson, M. Short.  
Apologies:- Councillor G Turnbull, Inspector C Wood (Lothian and Borders Police)  
In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (A. Finnie), Democratic Services Team Leader (L  
McGeoch), Democratic Services Officers (J. Turnbull).

Members of the Public:- 3 in attendance.

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

**LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES**

2. Mr S Whiting, Locality Manager, Mr S Bermingham, Public Involvement Representative and Dr D Steele, PGC Non- Executive Director from NHS Borders Public Governance Committee attended the Forum to report on local health issue. Their presentation was part of a series of reports to Forums to enable feedback and patient focused public involvement. Mr Whiting reported on the monthly audit and inspections rates at Hawick Community Hospital as follows:
  - (i) Hospital Cleanliness - 95%
  - (ii) Hand hygiene – 100% (July) (monitored every month)
  - (iii) Falls risk – 96% (history, action plan)
  - (iv) Food and nutrition – July 97%
  - (v) Pressure ulcers – July 100% (daily assessment/inspection).The scores were in compliance with protocol.
3. Checklists and care plans were prepared for every patient and multidisciplinary weekly meetings were held with doctors, staff and social workers to discuss individual patient requirement and support packages. The elderly and patients with dementia, who were discharged for care at home, received a periodic review of their care packages. Elaine Torrance, Head of Social Care and Health, would be progressing the integration arrangements for the NHS and Social Work.
4. The Forum asked for an update on Crumhaugh House and were informed that the building was now surplus to NHS requirements and was on the market for sale, preferably for a social purpose. The NHS had advised that the closure would mean that there would be funding to increase physiotherapists and nurses to enable patients to be cared for at home. It was requested that Mr Whiting report back to the Forum on the actual increase in staffing as a result of the savings from the closure of Crumhaugh House. The Chairman thanked the representatives from the NHS Borders

Public Governance Committee for their informative report and was encouraged at the inspection rates from Hawick Community Hospital. The Forum would be pleased to receive further updates at future meetings.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the presentation.**

#### **MINUTE**

5. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 18 June 2013.

With reference to the Community Council Spotlight item, Mrs Short requested that this be amended to read "Hawick Community Council" and not "Hawick and Burnfoot Community Council".

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute, subject to the above amendment, for signature by the Chairman.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR KEEP CLEAR ZIGZAG MARKINGS**

6. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director of Environment and Infrastructure which proposed the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement of existing school keep clear zigzag road markings throughout the area covered by the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum. On 25 November 2010, Scottish Borders Council had unanimously approved a programme to include all school 'zigzag' markings in a Traffic Regulation Order thereby making clear to all road users when parking was restricted outside our Border Schools. There were 12 lengths of road where school keep clear zigzag markings existed in the Teviot and Liddesdale area and those were recommended to be subject to a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting parking on Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. These lengths of road, shown detailed in the plans attached to the report, were adjacent to schools at:- Drumlanrig – St Cuthbert's Primary School, St Margaret's Primary School, (Hawick), Stirches Primary School (2 lengths), Trinity Primary School, Wilton Primary School (5 lengths), Hawick High School and Newcastleton Primary School.

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED:-**

**(a) to approve the Scottish Borders Council (School Keep Clear) (Traffic Regulation Order) 2013 to introduce prohibition of parking on Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on existing school keep clear markings in respect to:**

- (i) The Loan, Buccleuch Terrace, Roxburgh Drive, Arthur Street, Stirches Road, Wellfield Road, Branxholme Road and A7 Buccleuch Road in Hawick; and**
- (ii) Montagu Street in Newcastleton.**

#### **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2012**

7. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director of Environment and Infrastructure which proposed amending the existing speed limit order in Hawick and to introduce a speed limit in Chesters which took into account the findings of a recent region-wide Speed Limit Review. In 2012 a Speed Limit Review had been carried out throughout the region by officers from the Council and the Police. The review had been carried out in accordance with Government guidance and the resulting recommendations sought to reinforce speeds on parts of the network currently covered by the national speed limit or a speed limit higher than that deemed appropriate. A total of 12 lengths of road were agreed to be recommended to be subject to adjusted statutory speed limits. Two of these sites were in the Teviot and Liddesdale area, at Chesters and Crumhaughhill Road in

Hawick. The sections of road in question were currently subject to the National Speed Limit, and were detailed in the plans attached to the report.

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED:-**

**(a) To approve the amendment to the Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council) (Restricted Road) Order 1985 to allow**

- (i) the introduction of a 30 mph limit in Chesters; and**
- (ii) the extension of the existing 30 mph limit on Crumhaughhill Road in Hawick.**

#### **SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES AND CAPITAL & REVENUE WORKS**

8. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director of Environment and Infrastructure which sought approval for the proposed new SB Local small schemes from the Area Forum and updated the Forum on Roads Capital & Revenue works and previously approved SB Local Small Schemes. Schemes at Jubilee Park, Wellogate Cemetery and Eildon Road were requested for consideration:-

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED**

- (i) The joint scheme to upgrade the entrance to Jubilee Park, Newcastleton to a maximum of £2,000.00;**
- (ii) Install new bench at Wellogate Cemetery, Hawick at £150.00; and**
- (iii) White lining of parking bays in Eildon Road, Hawick at £400.00**

#### **POLICE REPORT**

9. Inspector Wood had forwarded a report on the performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 31 July 2013. The report highlighted that there had been a 9% reduction in reported crime compared to the same period last year and 9.4% increase in solvency over the same timescale. Police Scotland had published the local Multi Member Ward plans for both Hawick & Denholm and Hawick & Hermitage Districts and these were available to download from the Police Scotland website. These plans were set as a result of public consultation and would be reviewed annually ensuring the Police were tackling those issues that mattered most to the local communities in the Hawick Wards and that they were held accountable to their communities. The Ward Plan priorities were as follows:-

- Tackling serious and organised crime (there would be planned days of action to target itinerant scrap metal dealers);
- Making roads safer (11 drivers had been charged for driving without insurance between 1 April and 31 July 2013. One drunk driver had been arrested during the same time period);
- Tackling substance misuse – underage drinking (Two seizures of alcohol from underage drinkers during July 2013, 30 between 1 April and 31 July 2013);
- Reducing Anti Social Behaviour – Groups of Youths and Anti Social Driving. (There had been one issue with an Anti Social Behaviour Warning for inappropriate driving. Recorded youth calls showed a reduction on the previous year).

#### **OPEN QUESTIONS**

##### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

10. Mrs Short from Hawick Community Council reported that there was concern at the withdrawal of the Traffic Warden service in Hawick and that the Community Council hoped that this valuable service would be retained. Councillor Paterson would pass to Mrs Short, Police Scotland's email

address to enable the Community Council to forward their concerns. Concern had been raised at the amount of wind turbine traffic. There would be a meeting on 29 August to deal with some of these issues. Mrs Short would contact Mr A Scott (Road User Senior Technician) to ensure that Hawick Community Council's views were represented at the meeting. The Community Council were seeking nominations for a new community councillor to start in October.

11. Mr Knight from Burnfoot Community Council reported that they had held their annual carnival in July and the event had been a success. The AGM would be held on 27 August.
12. Mr Robson from Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water reported that one new member had joined the Community Council. There had been a total disruption of 14 weeks with the closure of Martin's Bridge, there had also been an extension to the disruption owing to a problem with Scottish Water. The shutdown for resurfacing of three days was felt to be excessive. There would be 1400 metres of new road for the windfarm project to enable material to be transported to the site; this would result in continual disruption for some time.

**DECISION**

**AGREED**

**That the Clerk write to Police Scotland, on behalf of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum, requesting the retention of the Traffic Warden service in Hawick.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13. **NOTED that the next meeting would be held on 17 September 2013 at 6.30 p.m.**

*The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm.*