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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2015

A MEETING of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM will be held in the TOWN HALL,
HAWICK on TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2015 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

13 January 2015

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence,	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest.	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 4) Minute of the meeting of Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum of 16 December 2014 to be approved. (Copy attached).	2 mins
5.	Hawick CCTV (Pages 5 - 14) Consider report by Service Director Commercial Services. (Copy attached).	15 mins
6.	Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life. Updated spreadsheet on the progress of the Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes works will be circulated at the meeting.	5 mins
7.	Police Scotland (Pages 15 - 18) Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area.	5 mins
8.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. (Pages 19 - 22) Update report by Russell Bell, Station Commander, detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	5 mins
9.	Open Questions. Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins

10.	Community Council Spotlight. Consider matters of interest to Community Councils.	10 mins
11.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
12.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.	
13.	Date of next Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum Meetings - Tuesday, 17 February 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.	

NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors G Turnbull (Chairman), A Cranston, McAteer, S Marshall, D Paterson and R Smith.

Community Council Membership:-

Mr M Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council
Mr C Griffiths, Hobkirk Community Council
Mr M Harrison, Southdean Community Council
Mr W Roberts, Denholm and District Community Council
Mr R Scott, Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council
Mrs M Short, Hawick Community Council
Mr T Stevenson, Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water
Newcastleton & District.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM held in the LESSER HALL, TOWN HALL, HAWICK on 16 December 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

- Present:- Councillors G. Turnbull, (Chairman), W. McAteer, S. Marshall, D. Paterson, R. Smith.
Community Councillors: Mr M. Grieve (Burnfoot), Mr W. Roberts (Denholm), Mr R. Scott (Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage), Mrs M. Short (Hawick), Mr T Stevenson. (Upper Teviot and Borthwick Water).
- Apologies:- Councillors A. Cranston, Mr C. Griffiths (Hobkirk).
- In Attendance:- Inspector C. Wood (Police Scotland), Station Commander R. Bell (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service) Neighbourhood Area Manager (A. Finnie) Democratic Services Officers (J. Turnbull).

Members of the Public:- 50 in attendance.

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.

URGENT BUSINESS

2. Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chairman was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to keep Members informed/make an early decision.

HAWICK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

3. The Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, referred to recent press coverage of the imminent review of community hospitals, one of which was Hawick Community Hospital. Councillor Turnbull advised that he has written to the Chief Executive of NHS Borders, Mr C Campbell, inviting a representative to attend the Forum and giving an opportunity to NHS Borders to explain the process of what was about to take place and the methodology. Three possible dates for the public meeting had been given, but no representative from NHS Borders had been available to attend. The Chairman advised that at the Scottish Borders Council meeting due to be held on Thursday, 18 December, there would be a presentation from Mr John Raine, Chairman of NHS Borders; the meeting would be open to the public. Members referred to the Community Hospital Strategy by the Scottish Government in which Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, stated that community hospitals "are more important than ever in providing health and social care services for local communities". The Forum advised that they would resist the closure and work together to lead and support the campaign to retain Hawick Community Hospital. Mr J Oliver, Chairman of the Friends of the Hawick Community Hospital, had written to the Forum, requesting that the local community support a vigorous campaign to keep the hospital open. Mr Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council, advised that he had started an online petition which already had 2,000 signatures; a paper petition would also be available for signatures. Members of the public then expressed their views: where do patients go if the hospital closes - there is no spare capacity at the BGH (Borders General Hospital); if there is no community hospital what would happen to palliative care; what would happen to the periphery services such as the dental clinic and mental health team; NHS Borders attended a Forum meeting to report on the clinical strategy the main focus of which was care in the community, how did it accord with the possible closure of the local

hospital? Councillor Turnbull thanked all those attending and advised that their views would be relayed to Mr Raine when he attended the Council meeting on Thursday. He would also write again to NHS Borders inviting them to attend a Forum meeting or a public meeting, invitations would also be extended to the MSP and MP.

DECISION

AGREED

- (a) **To request that Members relay the concerns of the public to the NHS representatives attending the Scottish Borders Council meeting on Thursday 18 December 2014; and**
- (b) **To request that the Chairman write again to the NHS Borders, inviting a representative to attend a public meeting or the next Forum meeting.**

MINUTE

- 4. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 .

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute.

FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

- 5. Mr E Doyle, Project Executive and Miss S Musher, Project Manager, were present to update the Forum on the Hawick Flood Prevention Scheme. Mr Doyle advised that in the last few months they had completed the ground investigation of the route, which would give information on underlying soils. A topographical survey was being undertaken at the moment which included threshold surveys, which were non-intrusive doorstep surveys. The Project Manager was progressing the procurement of a lead design consultant; once the outline design stage had been completed there would be further engagement with stakeholders and the public in 2015. Mr Doyle advised that presently Scottish Government funded 80% of the scheme, and SBC the remaining 20%. The criteria for schemes was being reviewed but it was still hoped to get funding in place and commence on site in 2020. Councillor Marshall, Chairman of the Flood Group, thanked Mr Doyle and Miss Musher for attending the Forum and giving an update on the Flood Prevention Scheme.
- 6. Mr Bell, Station Commander, was then asked for information regarding the high volume pump which was understood to be relocating to Alloa. Members were concerned that Hawick was losing this equipment which was vital in dealing with flooding issues. Mr Bell advised that this was a specialised appliance, one of only four in Scotland, and would still be available for use by the Scottish Borders when required. Mr Bell continued that Hawick was applying for water service level two which would allow staff to be trained to provide rescue services.

DECISION

NOTED.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS

- 7. There had been circulated copies of a report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum and updating the Forum on previously approved Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes. The following Neighbourhood Small Schemes had been requested for consideration by Teviot and Liddesdale Members:- install bench at Melgund Bridge, Hawick; install 2 no. fingerpost signs at Newcastleton; install notice board within Denholm Village and remarking existing parking bays at McLagan Drive, Hawick. The Neighbourhood Area Manager, Mr Finnie, was in attendance and advised that the remaining budget for future Quality of Life Schemes was £5,235 in Hawick and Hermitage Ward and £8,740 in Hawick and Denholm Ward.

8. The Chairman referred to an email from Mr J Henderson, Technical Services, regarding a compliant footway at Silverbuthall, Mr Finnie would arrange to meet with Mr Henderson and the Ward Councillors in the New Year to discuss the proposal.

DECISION

(a) AGREED the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

(i) Install new bench at Melgund Bridge, Hawick	£150.00
(ii) Install 2 no. fingerposts signs at Newcastleton Village	£2,408.00
(iii) Install notice board within Denholm Village	£823.00
(iv) Remark existing parking bays at McLagan Drive, Hawick	£500.00

(b) NOTED the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and

(c) NOTED the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to the report.

FINGERPOST SIGNAGE

9. The Chairman referred to the last meeting of the Forum when it was agreed to obtain prices for replacement of the three fingerpost signs in Hawick from the original supplier. A quotation had been received totalling £5,328 for the three signs (£1,776 each). The budget that was used to install the previous signs had been fully committed through the Sainsbury's development contribution and an alternative source of funding would have to be found to replace the signs. The Forum agreed that they could not support paying for replacement signs, when the existing signs were perfectly serviceable.

DECISION

NOTED.

POLICE SCOTLAND

10. There had been circulated copies of a report from Police Scotland which updated the Forum on the performance, activities and issues up to 16 December 2014. Inspector Wood was in attendance and reported that there had been a slight decrease in solvency rates and the number of crimes reported to the Police compared to the same time last year, which mirrored the trend in the Borders overall. There were currently 26 individuals at various stages of the anti-social behaviour process. Ten Anti-Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets had been issued. A number of searches had been carried out which resulted in recoveries of alcohol and drugs. There had been two thefts in the Denholm area, one related to the theft of 750 litres of fuel and the other was a theft of a sat nav from within a vehicle. There had been 11 road checks carried out in both ward areas, no tickets had been issued although a number of advisory warnings had been given to motorists regarding their speed. There had been a serious disturbance in the Burnfoot area during November. Three males were arrested and charged with a number of offences including possession of a knife and offensive weapons. They were detained in custody for appearance at court the following day. There would be an increased number of road checks in the Borders throughout December to assist with the winter road safety campaign, the festive initiative and the introduction of the new drink drive limit. Updated ward plans would be appearing in the next couple of weeks on the internet.

DECISION

NOTED.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

11. There had been circulated a report from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Station Manager Russell Bell was in attendance and reported on activity for the month of November. There had been one house fire, four special services – two of which were assisting Scottish Ambulance Service and 11 unwanted fire signals. Mr Bell reported that there had been only one incident in the whole of the Scottish Borders on bonfire night. A new initiative was the Young Drivers S6 Programme with was aimed at educating new/potential drivers. A Powerpoint presentation in the classroom was followed by practical education with a crashed car; this was a hard hitting programme which would be rolled out to other areas. The winter

season thematic period had commenced and would cover: Festive safety, safety at home, fire and alcohol and cooking safety.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

OPEN QUESTIONS

12. A member of the public asked about the lack of gritting in the town. Mr Finnie, reported that the town was salted to the same rates, with the same manpower as in previous years. However, the conditions last week had been challenging when sleet and snow had fallen in the early hours of Monday morning, followed by a rapid drop in temperature which had formed icy conditions.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

13. Mr Stevenson, from Upper Teviot and Bortwick Water Community Council requested an update on the New Mill bus shelter. The Chairman advised that a representative from Amey would be attending the Area Forum in the New Year and the bus shelter would be discussed.
14. Mr Grieve from Burnfoot Community Council advised that they were working on Santa's route for Christmas Eve. Santa this year would be preceded by Huskies.
15. Mr Roberts from Denholm Community Council reported that they would be holding an election next year. It was anticipated that the first meeting of the new community council would be in February.
16. The Chairman welcomed the new Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council to the Forum, Mr Scott, Vice Chairman, reported that the new community council had held their first meeting on 14 November and they had elected Mr T Tennant as Chairman and Ms S Laing as Secretary. The next meeting would be on 12 January 2015 and Infinis had been invited to attend.
17. Mrs Short from Hawick Community Council reported on the success of the Christmas parade and Christmas lights. There had been meetings regarding the proposal for a remembrance garden in Wilton Cemetery and for the provision of catering/toilets at Wilton Lodge during the renovations.

**DECISION
NOTED the reports.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18. Agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.
19. The Chairman ended the meeting by extending Seasons greetings from the Forum to all those present.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.

HAWICK CCTV

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

20 JANUARY 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report outlines the existing Public Space CCTV camera provision in Hawick and proposes options for the installation of additional Public Space CCTV cameras within the central area of the town.**
- 1.2 There are currently seven Public Space CCTV cameras located within the central area of Hawick (See Appendices A, B and C).
- 1.3 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward have expressed a desire for additional Public Space CCTV cameras to be located in the following areas – High Street/Sandbed; The Howegate; Drumlanrig Square; North Bridge Street (See Appendices A, B and C).
- 1.4 Police Scotland has been consulted regarding this proposal and support additional cameras being located as detailed within this report.
- 1.5 Longer term the Council is unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and maintenance of public space CCTV systems, though in conjunction with the Police it would be supportive of communities that are willing to fund such CCTV systems themselves.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum:-**
 - (i) **Considers whether they should approve the use of around £10,940 from the Pay & Display and Quality of Life Budgets to fund the installation and maintenance of additional public space cameras at the following locations:**
 - (a) **Town Centre**
 - (b) **North Bridge Street**
 - (c) **Howegate**
 - (d) **Drumlanrig Square**

The Quality of Life budget to be used first to fund the new camera installation and topped up using the Pay & Display budget.
 - (ii) **Notes that longer term, the Council is unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and ongoing maintenance of**

public space CCTV systems. However in conjunction with the Police the Council would be supportive of communities that wish to install and maintain such systems at their cost. Proceeding with the proposed new CCTV cameras would ultimately mean that the Hawick community would have to fund the future maintenance of these cameras (and the existing CCTV installations) if they wish to retain them.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Public Space CCTV cameras are located in the following towns across Scottish Borders Council – Duns; Hawick; Galashiels; Kelso; Peebles; Eyemouth; Selkirk; Melrose.
- 3.2 All Public Space CCTV cameras referred to in 3.1 are operated by Police Scotland with all maintenance of the CCTV camera systems being carried out by Scottish Borders Council’s Street Lighting section.
- 3.3 Hawick currently has seven Public Space CCTV cameras located in High Street; Tower Knowe; Sandbed; Baker Street; Commercial Road (A7 at Leisure Centre Roundabout), see location plans in APPENDICES A, B & C. All current cameras are modern Analogue, Pan, Tilt, and Zoom, (PTZ), dome cameras. The current cameras were installed in May/June 2014, as replacement under an insurance claim after a lightning strike.
- 3.4 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward requested officers of the Council’s Asset Management section to consider the installation of additional CCTV cameras at locations within the central area of the town. See location plans in APPENDICES A, B & C.
- 3.5 Police Scotland has been consulted on this proposal and responded as follows:-

“At present, due to the limited coverage provided by the existing public space CCTV system, Police Scotland is often unable to progress reports of crime/incidents. An increase in the number of public space cameras would greatly assist with this. Additional CCTV cameras located in the areas highlighted within this report would be beneficial due to the issues Police Scotland is having to deal with in relation to licensed premises. The installation of cameras in these areas will also act as a deterrent whilst providing reassurance to the residents in these areas.”
- 3.6 The proposed additional cameras would be modern Analogue Static cameras which would be either connected to the existing CCTV camera system recording equipment located at the Town Hall, or connected to new recording equipment located within other Council owned buildings.
- 3.7 There is no Capital funding in 2014/15 for providing additional public space CCTV cameras in Hawick and no Capital funding for public space CCTV in subsequent years within the Council’s Capital Plan.
- 3.8 It is unlikely that the Council would be in a position to pay for future new public space CCTV installations. Furthermore, into the longer term future it is unlikely the Council would be able to fund the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems though in conjunction with the Police, the Council would be supportive of communities that are willing to fund such CCTV systems from their own resources.
- 3.9 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward have identified alternative available funding to provide additional public space cameras through the Pay & Display and Quality of Life budgets.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) The estimated cost for the supply and installation of additional public space cameras is shown in APPENDIX D. Costs have been grouped around location to allow options for all or only some cameras to be installed depending on approval and available funding. If all the cameras were to be installed the total cost would be around £10,940.
- (b) The Pay & Display budget for Hawick has £6,700 for 2014/15 which is uncommitted and the Quality of Life budget has around £5,235 for 2014/15 which is uncommitted. It is recommended that the Quality of Life budget would be used first to fund the new camera installation and topped up using the Pay & Display budget.
- (c) Into the longer term future the Council is unlikely to be in a position to continue with the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems and communities that wish to retain them would need to find their own funding for CCTV installation and maintenance.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) Police Scotland has intimated that due to current limited CCTV coverage it is often unable to progress reports of crime/incidents. Should additional cameras not be installed this situation would continue.
- (b) Whilst the existing public space cameras were only replaced in May/June 2014, other parts of the existing system, i.e. cabling, are part of the original installation in 1997. Whilst there is currently an annual revenue budget allocation available to maintain existing public space CCTV systems across Scottish Borders Council, the level of this budget may not be sufficient to repair/replace any major failure of a CCTV system. Into the longer term future the Council is unlikely to be in a position to continue with the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems and the mitigation is for communities that wish to retain them to find their own funding for CCTV maintenance.

5.3 Equalities

There will be no adverse impact on any of the equality strands as a result of the proposed changes.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant economic, social or environmental issues associated with this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

It is anticipated that there are no significant implications from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

As this report is not a new or updated policy or strategy document it does not require to be rural proofed.

5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have previously been consulted and their comments their comments have been incorporated into this report.

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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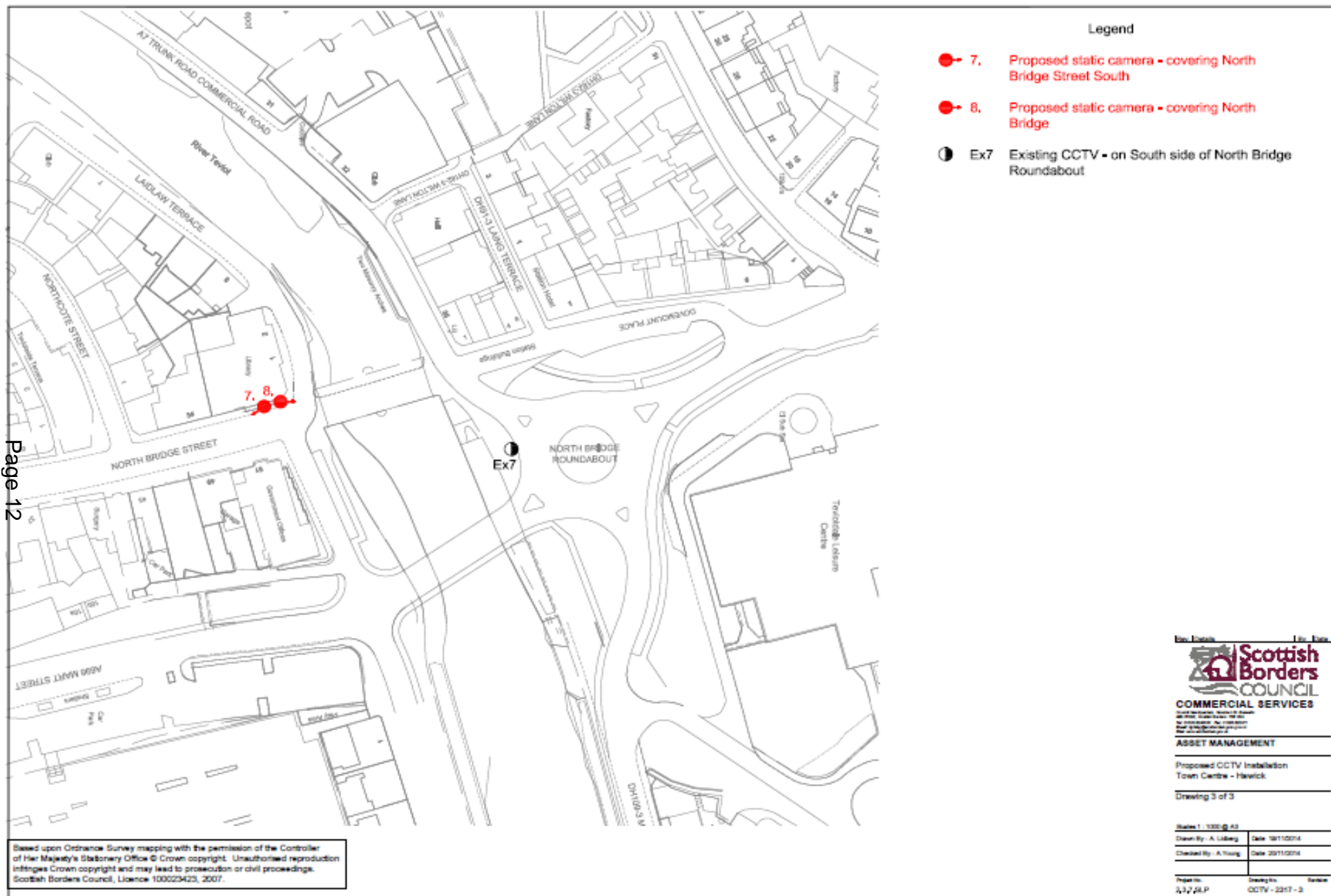
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Previous Minute Reference: None

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APPENDIX D

ESTIMATED COST OF THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACE CCTV CAMERAS

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Town Centre cameras linked to existing Digital Recorder in Town Hall			
Static camera at Sandbed looking up Howegate	1	£1,850.00	£1,850.00
Static camera on High Street at RBS looking south	1	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Static camera on High Street at RBS looking north	1	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Total			£4,550.00
North Bridge Street cameras linked to new Digital Recorder in Library			
Installation of new digital recorder	1	£650.00	£650.00
Static camera looking to North Bridge Street	1	£750.00	£750.00
Static camera looking to North Bridge	1	£750.00	£750.00
Total			£2,150.00
Howegate cameras linked to new Digital Recorder to a suitable Council owned premises			
Installation of new digital recorder	1	£650.00	£650.00
Static camera looking down Howegate	1	£750.00	£750.00
Static camera looking into Drumlanrig Square	1	£750.00	£750.00
Total			£2,150.00
Drumlanrig Square camera linked by Wireless Transmitter to a suitable Council owned premises			
Static camera at top of Drumlanrig Square looking down towards Howegate	1	£750.00	£750.00
DVT-WT1.5 Wireless Transmitter	2	£670.00	£1,340.00
(Note - wireless camera would require a clear line of site between camera and transmitter)			
Total			£2,090.00
Grand Total			£10,940.00



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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – January 2014 Police Report

Inspector Carol Wood

Detailed below is an update on performance, activities and issues across the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum ward areas for the period up to 31 December 2014.

Performance in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Crimes Groups 1 to 5 (Ref: Measuring Our Performance)						
Area	This year to date			Last year to date		
	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol
Teviot & Liddesdale Ward (December)	489	252	51.53%	488	310	63.52%
Scottish Borders (YTD)	2376	1236	52.02%	2470	1430	57.89%

Reported crime is on a par with what it was at this point last year. Whilst it is disappointing to see the drop in solvency rate, there has been a drop in the reports of serious and minor assaults and sexual crimes, coupled with an increase in the number of people being detected for the supply and production of drugs throughout the Forum area so far this year. As I have said previously, these figures fluctuate daily and should only be used as a guide

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Anti Social Behaviour – Groups of Youths and Dog Fouling

- There are currently 29 individuals at various stages of the anti social behaviour process. We continually work with partners in Housing and various departments at Scottish Borders Council to deal with these people.
- During December there were nine Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets issued.

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Tackling Substance Misuse – Underage Drinking

- A number of searches were carried out in December, which resulted in a number of recoveries of alcohol and one of drugs.

Rural Theft

- Late on 09/12/14, a cattle lorry was found abandoned on the Bonchester to Hawick road. The ignition was found damaged and a quad bike was found on the back. It was established that the vehicle and quad had been stolen from a secure yard near Kirkton. A positive line of enquiry is progressing.
- Between 9th and 10th December, a secure farm shed was broken into in the Newcastleton area. Thieves have then stolen three quad bikes to the value of £12000. It would appear these have been loaded onto a vehicle before being taken away. Enquiries are continuing into this theft.
- Pro-active visits to itinerant scrap metal dealers continue as well as liaison with a number of partners to ensure premises are being run appropriately. We maintain liaison with neighbouring forces, sharing information to assist in tackling rural crimes, particularly in relation to travelling criminals.
- Police, NFU and Crimestoppers have put a new information leaflet together. This will be delivered to every farm in the Scottish Borders over the next few months. This covers a range of issues relating to rural theft and should assist in preventing crime affecting these communities. Police Scotland will also be utilised the Scottish Borders Council SB Alert scheme to pass information and appeals from now on. Anyone in the Borders can sign up to this at www.sbalert.co.uk and we would encourage everyone to do so.

Making Our Roads Safer – Speeding and Inconsiderate Driving

- There were a significant amount of road checks carried out in both ward areas during the reporting period due to the festive and winter driving campaigns. One ticket was issued for the use of a mobile phone and one driver given a warning for the anti social use of a motor vehicle. There were no drivers in the Teviot and Liddesdale area detected for driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs during December.
- On 28/12/14 a moped rider failed to stop for police in the Burnfoot area. This resulted in two persons being charged with a number of road traffic offences and two mopeds being seized.

Other Incidents of Note during December 2014

A large fire occurred within the stables and outbuilding at Spital Tower, Denholm. This resulted in extensive damage and the total loss of property, to the value of several hundred thousand pounds. Enquiries have established this fire was not suspicious.

On 03/12/14 a male currently on an anti social behaviour order was spoken to by officers on the High Street. The officers searched the male and he was found in possession of a large kitchen knife. He was arrested, charged and kept in custody to appear at court.

During the early hours of 04/12/14, officers attended an alarm activation to the premises of Superdrug, High Street, Hawick and discovered the shop had been forcibly entered and various items stolen. On the same night there was also an attempt to enter Yeomans Outdoor Leisure. Enquiries so far have led to the search of two residential properties under warrant and enquiries are progressing.

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Operation Archerfish was a pro-active operation carried by Police within the Borders area during December. Several warrants were executed within Hawick during that time and individuals reported to the procurator fiscal. As part of the operation, officers stopped a vehicle close to the Carter Bar, which was believed to be heading to Hawick. A search of the vehicle recovered drugs with a street value of £9000. A male appeared at court from police custody in relation to this.

There has been a delay in uploading the updated ward plans however these should appear on the Police Scotland website in the next few weeks (links below).

Policing Plans

Your Multi Member Ward plans can be accessed via the Police Scotland website through the following links:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-denholm/>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-hermitage/>

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**Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum January 2015
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

(Station Manager Russell Bell)

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of December 2014.

Response & Resilience activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area.

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	5	1x major fire (8 fire engines in attendance) 3 x chimney fires, 1 x kitchen fire.	0
Fire- Open	2	1 x caravan (deliberate ignition), 1 x bin (deliberate ignition)	0
Special Service	2	1 x road traffic collision, 1 x person fallen (assist Scottish Ambulance Service)	2 casualties
Unwanted Fire Signals	10	Various	N/A

Prevention and Protection activity.

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

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Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

- Young Drivers S6 Programme- is an initiative aimed at educating new/ potential drivers. PowerPoint presentation in the classroom is followed by practical education with a crashed car in conjunction with local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service crews.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Crucial Crew is the practical follow up to the P6 educational input. All P7 pupils in the area attend a multi-agency event at Tweedbank where they are placed in real life scenarios and guided on the appropriate safe actions.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number- operationally, this can result in a reduction in the number of fire engines which will attend a 'repeat offender'.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

Thematic Planning

The Prevention & Protection departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service initiate thematic plans throughout the year aimed at making our communities safer.

The winter season thematic period is now active and focuses on the following:

- Festive Safety
- Safety at Home
- Fire and Alcohol
- Cooking Safety

For the winter thematic period, P&P management will be required to report our level of success against the following indicators:

- a) Reduce the overall number of accidental fires in the home
- b) Reduce the overall number of accidental fire casualties and fatalities
- c) Minimise the number of accidental fires and fire casualties in the home involving persons over 60 years of age
- d) Target HFSV at high risk households (those most at risk and/ or most in need)
- e) Facilitate multi-agency partnership working to ensure the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable persons
- f) Provide relevant winter public safety information and advice
- g) Highlight the increased risk from fire and accidents over the festive period due to alcohol consumption

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