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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM TUESDAY, 19 APRIL, 2016

A MEETING of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM will be held in the LESSER HALL,
TOWN HALL, HAWICK on TUESDAY, 19 APRIL 2016 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

12 April 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
3.	Order of Business	
4.	Declarations of Interest	
5.	Presentation Update and progress of Bellwin Scheme by SBC and SEPA Officers.	30 mins
6.	Minute (Pages 1 - 4) Minute of the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum of 15 March 2016 to be approved. (Copy attached).	2 mins
7.	Street Cleaning Machine Verbal update by Chairman	5 mins
8.	Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life (Pages 5 - 8) Updated spreadsheet on the progress of the Neighbourhood and Quality of Life Schemes. (Copy attached).	5 mins
9.	Police Scotland (Pages 9 - 12) Update report by Police Inspector detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. (Copy attached).	10 mins
10.	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Update report by Russell Bell, Station Commander, detailing ongoing work and initiatives in the Teviot and Liddesdale Area.	10 mins

11.	Open Questions Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins
12.	Community Council Spotlight Consider matters of interest to Community Councils.	10 mins
13.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
14.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
15.	Date of next Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum Meeting Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.	2 mins

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, A. Cranston, W. McAteer, S. Marshall, D. Paterson and R. Smith

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
Mr S Wilson, Newcastleton & District Community Council

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND
LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM held in Room
205, Tower Mill, Hawick on Tuesday, 15th
March, 2016 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors G Turnbull (Chairman), A Cranston, W McAteer, S Marshall, R Smith. Community Councillors: Mr M Grieve (Burnfoot), Ms C Nicol, (Denholm), Mr C Knox (Hawick), Mr R Scott (Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage), Mr C Griffiths (Hobkirk), Mr T Stevenson (Upper Teviotdale & Borthwick Water).

Apologies:- Station Commander Russell Bell (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Mrs M Short (Hawick Community Council), Inspector Carol Wood (Police Scotland).

In Attendance:- Neighbourhood Area Manager (Mr F Dunlop), Democratic Services Officer (J Turnbull).

Members of the Public:- 6 in attendance

1. **MINUTE**
There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 16 February 2016.

DECISION
AGREED to approve the Minute

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE**
- 2.1 With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of 16 February 2016, the Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, advised that Mr Richardson, Asset Manager, had requested the Service Director Commercial Services update the Forum on options to maintain the CCTV system.
- 2.2 With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of 16 February 2016, the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Castle and request that plans for Wilton Lodge Park development be displayed at the Town Hall.
- 2.3 With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of 16 February 2016, the Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, reported that Scottish Borders Council (SBC) had highlighted the need for a risk assessment and amendment to public liability insurance in order that volunteers could operate the street cleaning machine. He was also liaising with 4Earth Solutions to arrange a demonstration of their gum stopping procedure on paving. An update would be presented to the next Forum.
- 2.4 With reference to paragraph 12.4 of the Minute of 16 February, Mr Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council, enquired if the letter had been received from Paul Wheelhouse MSP. Councillor McAteer replied, that unfortunately the letter had not been received which was disappointing.
- 2.5 With reference to paragraph 12.1 of the Minute of 16 February, the Chairman advised that the Leader of the Council, Councillor David Parker, had been unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. However, he was hoping to attend a future meeting, possibly the Forum in June.
- 2.6 With reference to paragraph 15 of the Minute of 16 February, the Chairman advised that representatives from SEPA had been invited to attend the Area Forum on 19 April 2016.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

3. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

- 3.1 With reference to the paragraph 8 of the Minute of 16 February 2016, there had been circulated a spreadsheet by Service Director Neighbourhood Services showing the progress of the Neighbourhood Small Schemes and Quality of Life Schemes. Mr Dunlop was in attendance at the meeting and advised that the upgrade to the existing woodland walk at Newcastleton Primary school and provision of bench at Ettleton Cemetery had been completed. Erection of fences at Havelock Bank and Escape Youth Centre, Hawick had also both been completed. A contribution of £205 from the Hawick and Hermitage Quality of Life budget for the supply and installation of a bench at Craik Forest was approved on 11 March 2016. The remaining balance in the Hawick and Hermitage Quality of Life budget was £5,993.00. Mr Dunlop clarified that the Council had agreed that the remaining budget could be carried forward to the next financial year and this was welcomed by Members.
- 3.2 The Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, intimated that Avril's Trust had written to thank the Forum for the Quality of Life grant of £1,185.00. The grant had enabled roll out of their One Day Emergency First Aid Training course in Hawick. The grant also part funded the installation of two defibrillators in Hawick situated at Burnfoot Hub and Morrisons.

**DECISION
NOTED:-**

- (a) **The updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and**
- (b) **The updates on previously approved Quality of Life Schemes as detailed in Appendix B to the report.**

4. **ENGAGEMENT BY NHS BORDERS**

- 4.1 Ms June Smyth, Director of Workforce and Planning and Mr John McFadden both NHS Borders, were in attendance at the meeting to update on NHS Borders initiatives. Ms Smyth referred to the briefing by Ms Manion, Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Integration, on NHS Borders' review of clinical services, presented to the December meeting of the Forum. She advised that there had been 300 conversations with individuals and groups and they were currently identifying key themes. To encourage engagement they were utilising social media channels, staff intranet and community groups. The key themes from the consultation to date were accessible services, clinical outcomes and consultation. The engagement process would continue until the end of April. There would then be an analysis of the key themes with a report to the Board in June.
- 4.2 In answer to a question regarding community hospitals, Ms Smyth explained that community hospitals would remain; however, their role and function might change. The engagement process was continuing. With regard to Crumhaugh House, works would commence in October. An update would be provided at the June meeting of the Area Forum.

DECISION

AGREED to request an update on Crumhaugh House from NHS Borders at the June meeting of the Forum.

5. **POLICE SCOTLAND**

- 5.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Inspector Carol Wood, Police Scotland. The report highlighted that with regard to the Drug Dealing and Misuse priority, a number

of stop and searches had been carried out in January. Of these, three individuals had been reported for possession of drugs. The Road Safety priority showed that 11 road checks had been carried out in February. Four conditional offers had been issued for speeding, one for use of a mobile phone whilst driving, three for failing to wear a seatbelt and a further one for the anti-social use of a vehicle. With regard to the Anti-Social Behaviour there had been six recorded police warnings administered. The report referred to the parking issues in the town. A meeting had been held with councillors, officers and police to discuss improvements that could be made on the High Street. Further actions would be followed up as a result of this meeting. It was advised that there was an ongoing investigation into the fatal accident on the A698, once completed there would be a review of the junction.

- 5.2 Members requested clarification on the format of the Police Scotland reports and why this differed from reports presented to Community Councils? It was also requested that quarterly, crime statistics be presented at the next Forum meeting.

DECISION

AGREED that Police Scotland be requested to provide quarterly crime statistics to the April Area Forum.

6. **SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

There had been circulated, copies of a report from Mr Russell Bell, Station Manager, Hawick Fire Station, updating the Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue activity for the month of February. The report detailed that there had been three house fires, 18 special service incidents and 12 unwanted fire signals. Members highlighted the four out of hospital, cardiac arrest responses and commended the Fire and Rescue Service for this new initiative.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

7. **OPEN QUESTIONS**

There were no open questions.

8. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT**

- 8.1 Ms C Nicol, Denholm Community Council, thanked Councillors McAteer and Marshall for their support in relation to the Boundary Commission's proposals. A community resilience group had been formed. A first aid course for members of the community had been completed.

- 8.2 Mr Grieve, Burnfoot Community Council, advised that they were still working on the Remembrance Garden project and had engaged an architect. A meeting with Amey regarding the A7 had taken place that day and had been productive.

- 8.3 Mr Knox, Hawick Community Council, advised that they had received a presentation from Mr McGregor on the national park initiative. The Borders Street Pastors project would be launched in the Council Chamber next week. There had been a good response for volunteers to use the street cleaning machine. Hawick's Spring Clean would be held on 17 April and commence at 10 am in the Common Haugh.

- 8.4 Mr Griffiths, Hobkirk Community Council, advised that they were developing a community website. They were carrying out an enquiry into the flooding incident.

**DECISION
NOTED the reports.**

9. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Forum 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.

10. **HAWICK FLOODING**

The Chairman, Councillor Turnbull, requested an update and timeline be presented at the next meeting on outstanding flooding works.

DECISION

AGREED to request a report at the next meeting of the Forum on outstanding flooding works.

11. **ROADS REVIEW**

The Forum requested that the Executive Member for Roads and Infrastructure, Councillor Edgar, attend a meeting of the Forum to present a report on the roads review and advise where the additional revenue received for roads maintenance would be spent.

DECISION

AGREED to request that the Forum receive a presentation by the Councillor Edgar on roads maintenance.

12. **SCOTTISH TIMBER TRANSPORT CONFERENCE**

Councillors Smith and Turnbull attended the Scottish Timber Transport Conference in Perth on 17 March which had been worthwhile. Councillor Smith advised that they had been the only two councillors out of 124 delegates. The conference had been worthwhile, the significance of stakeholder engagement had been emphasised. It was agreed to arrange a presentation on Timber Transport at a future meeting of the Forum.

DECISION

AGREED to request a presentation on timber transport at a future meeting of the Forum.

13. **DATE OF NEXT TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM MEETING**

The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum would be held on Tuesday, 19 April 2016 at 6.30 pm in Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick.

The meeting concluded at 7.10 pm.

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES

APPENDIX A

Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status ¹	Price	Available Budget	Comments
Total Budget available for Neighbourhood Small Schemes						£34,702	
Hawick & Hermitage						£17,351	
Riverside Walk, Hawick	Re-plumb existing railing fence			Completed	£1,180	£16,171	
O'Connell Street, Hawick	Purchase of shrubs			Completed	£500	£15,671	
Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton	Drainage works			Completed	£285	£15,386	
The Mote, Hawick	Grass cutting			Completed	£400	£14,986	
Waverley Walk, Hawick	Upgrade footpath			Completed	£725	£14,261	
Lothian Street, Hawick	Refurbish railings			Completed	£1,539	£12,722	
Green Terrace, Hawick	Install goal posts			Completed	£1,090	£11,632	
The Mote, Hawick	Grass cutting			Completed	£200	£11,432	
Ettleton Cemetery, Newcastleton	Provision of bench			Completed	£200	£11,232	
High Street, Hawick	Regrouting setts			Completed	£4,050	£7,182	
Lothian Street car park, Hawick	Remark existing bays			Completed	£750	£6,432	
Town Centre, Hawick	Additional parking signs			Ordered	£1,400	£5,032	
Hawick & Denholm						£17,351	
East Stewart Place, Hawick	Install street name plate			Completed	£350	£17,001	
McLaren Court, Hawick	Line marking of parking bays			Completed	£550	£16,451	
Fairhurst Drive, Hawick	Line marking of parking bays			Completed	£500	£15,951	
Silverbuthall, Hawick	Install handrail to steps			Completed	£410	£15,541	
The Green, Denholm Village	Provision of picnic table			Completed	£107	£15,434	
Common Haugh Car Park, Hawick	Refurbish visitor information boards			Completed	£1,718	£13,716	
Havelock Bank, Hawick	Erect fence			Completed	£1,140	£12,576	
Common Haugh Car Park, Hawick	Installation of CCTV equipment			Ordered	£7,900	£4,676	
Remaining Balance for Neighbourhood Small Schemes						£9,708	

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"Keeping People Safe"

Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 19 April 2016 Police Report

Inspector Carol Wood

This report focuses on the work that is being undertaken in addressing the ward priorities. The report will also detail what activities are being planned both locally and nationally.

The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Drug Dealing and Misuse

Stop and search data will be provided at the local scrutiny board.

- On 18th March 2016 a number of houses in Hawick were searched as part of an ongoing operation into the supply and possession of drugs in the Borders. Five houses were searched in Hawick, which recovered a quantity of various drugs. Five people were charged with drugs offences relating to these recoveries. Cannabis cultivations were also discovered at two of the addresses searched. This activity underlines the commitment of Police Scotland to target drugs and those who distribute them in the community in the Borders. One of the reasons we are successful in tackling drugs issues is through the assistance and intelligence provided by our communities. We would encourage this to continue through using Crimestoppers which is a free phone number and is completely confidential (0800 555 111).
- Following a routine stop/search a 20 year old male was found in possession of a controlled substance. He has been reported to the Fiscal for this offence.

Road Safety

- There were six road checks carried out by officers in March 2016.
- One conditional offer was issued for speeding and a warning was administered for the anti social use of a vehicle.
- Throughout March, four different drivers were charged with driving without insurance and a number of other related driving offences. All of these vehicles were seized and the individuals reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- Following the reporting of an accident near to Homebase on 13th March, a 25 year old female was found to have been driving under the influence of alcohol. She was arrested and charged with drink driving as well as documentation offences.

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Violent Crime

- On 3rd March 2016, an incident occurred within a property in Millport, Hawick where a male was severely assaulted and robbed. As a result of enquiries a 29 year old male was charged with these offences and appeared from custody on 7th March 2016.
- Following police attendance at a disturbance in Elm Court on 23rd March, a 61 year old male was arrested for possessing an offensive weapon (ornamental sword) and for committing a breach of the peace. No-one was injured in the incident. The male was kept in custody and appeared at court the following day.
- During the early hours of 6th March, an altercation occurred on the High Street between two women. As a result one of these women was seriously assaulted, sustaining a broken arm. A 25 year old female was charged with this offence and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Anti Social Behaviour

- We continue to monitor closely all anti-social behaviour incidents and a number of individuals are at various stages of the process. We work in partnership with Scottish Borders Council and Registered Social Landlords in dealing with those people who cause a nuisance for their neighbours and in the wider community.
- During March one fixed penalty ticket was issued and four recorded police warnings were administered.

Other Incidents/Information

Following an incident that was reported to Police on 28th February where two males had been struck with an air gun, two 14 year old youths have been charged with reckless discharge of a firearm for this incident. A report on the circumstances has been sent to the Childrens Reporter. Thankfully the victims sustained only minor injuries in this incident. The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 comes into effect on 1st July 2016 at which time the public will begin to apply for licences. Enforcement for this act will commence on 1st January 2017. This legislation will tighten up on processes and be similar to current firearms legislation. These new procedures should assist in reckless incidents reducing and introducing stricter controls for the possession of air weapons and dealing with offences that occur.

The new public survey entitled 'Your View Counts' was launched on 7 April. Information on this can be found on the Police Scotland website. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. I would encourage all members of the public to participate in this, as it will help inform policing priorities throughout the country for the year ahead. The web address is www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

Your current Multi Member Ward plans can be found on the Police Scotland website and can be accessed via 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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