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BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

A MEETING of the BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWTOWN STREET, DUNS on THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,
31 August 2017

BUSINESS		
1.	Welcome.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
3.	Order of Business	
4.	Declarations of Interest	
5.	Minute (Pages 1 - 4) Minute of the meeting of Berwickshire Area Forum of 15 June 2017. (Copy attached.)	3 mins
6.	Matters Arising	3 mins
7.	Berwickshire Flag Update and discussion.	20 mins
8.	Local Development Plan Main Issues Report (Pages 5 - 10) Presentation by Mr Charles Johnston, SBC Lead Officer Plans and Research. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
9.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Pages 11 - 16) Quarterly update report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
10.	Police Scotland Quarterly update report by Police Scotland.	10 mins
11.	Open Questions Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins

12.	Future Agenda Items Open discussion to consider future agenda items.	10 mins
13.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
14.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	
15.	Schedule of Meetings of the Berwickshire Locality Committee The schedule of meetings of the Berwickshire Locality Committee is as follows:- Thursday 30 November 2017 Thursday 1 March 2018 Thursday 7 June 2018.	

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 J. A. Fullarton (Chairman), J. Greenwell, C. Hamilton, H. Laing, D. Moffat and M. Rowley.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of Meeting of the
BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY COMMITTEE
held in the Council Chamber, Newtown
Street, Duns on Thursday, 15 June 2017 at
6.30 pm

- Present:- Councillors J. A. Fullarton (Chairman), J. Greenwell, H. Laing, D. Moffat and M. Rowley.
Community Councils:- Ayton – John Slater; Cockburnspath and Cove – Pauline Hood; Coldingham – Rhona Goldie; Duns – Andrew Mitchell; Edrom, Allanton & Whitsome – Trixie Collin; Hutton & Paxton – June McGregor; Reston and Auchencrow – Barrie Forrest; Swinton and Ladykirk – Jim Brown. Ms K Cremin, Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service.
- Apologies:- Councillor C. Hamilton.
Coldstream & District Community Council.
- In Attendance:- Station Manager M Acton, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mr D Silcock - Neighbourhood Area Manager Berwickshire, Democratic Services Officer (P Bolson).
- Public:- 3

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the first meeting of the Berwickshire Locality Committee. Those in attendance were then invited to stand for a minute's silence to mark the loss of lives during the fire at Grenfell Tower in London on 14 June 2017.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Chairman invited nominations for the role of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Laing was proposed by Councillor Fullarton and seconded by Councillor Rowley. Councillor Laing was duly appointed as Vice-Chair.

DECISION

AGREED that as there were no other nominations, Councillor H Laing was duly appointed as Vice-Chair.

3. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 2 March 2017.

DECISION

NOTED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Berwickshire Flag**

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 2 March 2017, the Chairman advised that there was no further information to report at this juncture. Further attempts would be made to progress this item and an update would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

DECISION

NOTED.

5. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES**

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure seeking approval from the Berwickshire Locality Committee for a number of proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes. The report advised that the current budget available for Small Schemes in the Berwickshire area was £48,200 and that £40,898 would remain should all the proposed schemes be approved. In response to a request for clarification, Mr Silcock summarised the Neighbourhood Small Scheme and explained how requests from the budget were raised and processed.

DECISION

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

(i)	Install 2 benches at the new disaster memorial, overlooking the Harbour, Eyemouth	£1,400
(ii)	Supply 1 x 3 tiered planter and plants and soil for the village enhancement group, Burnmouth	£620
(iii)	Supply plants, planters and soil for Eyemouth Enhancement Group	£615
(iv)	Supply plants for Coldingham Garden Party	£65
(v)	Repair parking area play park Hutton	£2400
(vi)	Supply 1 x 3 tiered planter and plants for Duns Enhancement Group and topsoil for flower beds	£1015
(vii)	Supply bench and tidy up existing benches and supply 3 picnic benches in Burnmouth	£600
(viii)	Supply 1 barrel for Paxton Village	£50
(ix)	Supply grass strimmer for Westruther Floral gateway committee	£350
(x)	Supply a new bench for the boardwalk, Duns	£32
(xi)	Supply 2 picnic benches and 1 planter and topsoil for the Loaning, Auchencrow	£155
(xii)	Supply planters at Cowdrait	£320
(xiii)	Supply soil and stones for boat installed at the Toll Junction, Eyemouth	£180

(b) **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Service Director for Asset and Infrastructure to allocate funds for small schemes in 2017/18, out with the scheduled Area Locality Committee when work is considered time critical, subject to consultation with all six Berwickshire Members and approval by at least three Berwickshire Members.

6. **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

6.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue informing the Locality Committee of activity in the area since the beginning of March 2017. Station Manager Matt Acton was in attendance to highlight the main points of the report. In

summary, there had been 3 occurrences of fires in houses/buildings with 2 casualties recorded; 11 other fire incidents with no casualties; 10 Special Service incidents resulting in 4 casualties; and 27 non-deliberate unwanted fire alarm signals involving commercial/industrial premises. Station Manager Acton advised that work continued with local businesses to reduce these incidents on an ongoing basis. The report went on to inform Members of continued activity which had occurred and which was currently taking place in Berwickshire and the measures being taken to address issues identified within the area. The spring Thematic Action Plan had recently closed, with an evaluation of the Plan underway. The summer Action Plan was now underway and would focus on deliberate fires; summer safety; water safety; and wildfire and outdoor safety. The report also provided an update on the recruitment of firefighters and it was noted that posts for Retained Duty Firefighters had been filled in Duns (1), Eyemouth (2) and Coldstream (2) with applications for further vacancies being processed. Discussion followed and Station Manager Acton responded to questions raised by Members.

- 6.2 Also attached as an appendix to the report was the Scottish Borders Local Fire and Rescue Plan Review 2014 – 2017 which aligned to the national Strategic Plan and added local context by reflecting priorities for the Scottish Borders. As part of this review, Station Manager Acton invited comment on the current Local Plan and explained that feedback received would inform the 2017 - 2020 Plan scheduled for publication in 2017. The Chairman thanked Station Manager Acton for his attendance.

DECISION
NOTED the report.

7. **POLICE SCOTLAND**

- 7.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Community Inspector John Scott updating the Locality Committee on Police Scotland performance, activities and issues across wards for the period up to 15 June 2017 and to look at events linking in with the ward priorities in the coming months. The planning for local events across Berwickshire was well underway for the summer events and communities had engaged with the Scottish Borders Council Safety Advisory Group (SAG) process to ensure that events ran safely and as smoothly as possible. The report highlighted the Ward priorities in each of the two Berwickshire Wards and the work that Police Scotland was taking forward to address these issues. In East Berwickshire the priorities were road safety, misuse of drugs, rural thefts, and antisocial behaviour; for Mid-Berwickshire, they included road safety, inconsiderate driver behaviour, and antisocial behaviour. The report referred to a search of a property in the Longformacus area where a number of items were found relating to suspected wildlife crimes. Enquiries were ongoing into this incident. Reference was also made to national counter terrorism week, the ongoing work by Police Scotland and partners to ensure that communities remained alert and vigilant and the ways in which individuals could report suspicious people and behaviour. Inspector Scott reiterated the Stay Safe principle of “Run, Hide, Tell” and advised that full details could be accessed on the Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk
- 7.2 A number of questions were raised by Community Councils. In response to concerns about traffic behaviour at the A1 junction at Reston and in and around Paxton, Inspector Scott explained the way in which traffic cameras were utilised and that in certain circumstances, utilisation of transport vehicle patrol cars could be more appropriate. Inspector Scott would investigate this further. Concern was also expressed in relation to the potential risks caused by long vehicles using the cement works junction to the A1. The Chairman thanked Inspector Scott for his attendance.

DECISION
NOTED the report.

8. **OPEN QUESTIONS**

8.1 **Reston Station**

Discussion took place in relation to Reston Station. A meeting was scheduled to take place between Transport Scotland, Network Rail and the Scottish Transport Minister and it was noted that the CP6 was due to commence in 2019. It was anticipated that a joint letter from the Berwickshire Elected Members and Mr Paul Wheelhouse MSP would be sent to the Scottish Government in support of the next stage of development of a station at Reston.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

No items were raised at the meeting.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

10. **LOCALITY COMMITTEES**

The Chairman advised those present that the Area Fora were now known as Locality Committees. He gave a brief explanation of the role and responsibilities of the Locality Committees and advised that the detail of how they would operate would be developed over the coming months. Further information would be presented in due course and updates provided when available.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

11. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meetings of the Berwickshire Locality Committee were scheduled for:-

7 September 2017;
30 November 2017;
1 March 2018; and
7 June 2018.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm

Berwickshire Locality Committee

Local Dev Plan - Main Issues Report

Public Events / Workshops

Purpose of Presentation

- Confirm Council is commencing work on new Local Development Plan
- Confirm timeline for preparing new LDP (5 year cycle)
- Reference to key component parts of process
- Reference to the timescale for preparing first document – Main Issues Report (MIR).

*Next part of MIR process –community engagement *

Public events / workshops to discuss and identify any issues interested parties would wish to see included in MIR

Timeline for LDP

- Main Issues Report Spring 2018
- Consultation on MIR Summer 2018
- Preparation of proposed LDP Autumn 2018
- Completion of proposed LDP Autumn 2019
- Consultation on proposed LDP Winter 2019
- Examination on proposed LDP Summer 2020
- Decision by Reporters Winter 2020
- Adopted LDP Spring 2021

Purpose of Main Issues Report

- MIR is a front runner to the LDP which in essence seeks to identify a range of issues which the LDP should address
- Issues may include matters relating to e.g.
 - housing allocations (new sites / removal of longstanding allocations)
 - regenerating town centres
 - employment land provision
 - protection of greenspace
 - promotion of placemaking and design
 - wind farms
 - changes to planning policies
 - format / navigation of LDP
 - consultation process ??
- Public Events / workshops to discuss / identify issues

Public Events / Workshops

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
• Eyemouth	thurs 21 st Sept	Eyemouth Community Centre
• Kelso	tues 26 th Sept	Kelso Town Hall
• Galashiels	wed 27 th Sept	Tesco foyer (afternoon) / Trans Interchange (evening)
• Peebles	thurs 28 th Sept	Burgh Hall
• Hawick	tues 3 rd Oct	Hawick Heritage Hub
• Duns	thurs 5 th Oct	Duns Council Chamber
• Selkirk	tues 10 th Oct	1 Tower St (afternoon), Comm Connections, Back Row (evening)
• Newtown St Boswells	thurs 12 th Oct	Council Chamber (Workshop only 2 – 4 pm)

Publicity / Format for Public Events / Workshops

- Publicity – mail out, press release, web page, twitter
- Drop-in Sessions in afternoons (2 - 5 pm)
 - Informal, discuss any general issues, explain procedures, timelines, opportunities to submit comments, info leaflets, questionnaires available – hard copies / online choice, sheet for individual comments
- Workshops in Evenings (6 – 8pm)
 - Brief presentation on MIR / LDP background, format for workshop
 - Explain at beginning what are / are not planning considerations
 - Break into groups with maps
 - Consider a wide range of matters
 - 3no sessions ? (tbc) e.g. 1 – wide range of local issues 2 - LDP format issues, navigation, consultation, policies 3 - Any other issues
 - Feedback from groups at end of each session



"Keeping People Safe"



Berwickshire Locality Committee 7th September 2017 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report

(Station Manager Matt Acton)

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Berwickshire Locality Committee on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last forum meeting on 15th June 2017.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders, five priorities, and actions outcomes are identified;

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting (Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

Response & Resilience activity in the Berwickshire Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	5	4x accidental including one chimney fire 1x deliberate (caravan)	0
Fire- other	4	2x woodland/refuse 1x vehicle 1x agricultural building	0

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Special Service	12	1 x RTC 5x effect entry 2x animal rescue 2 x assist other agencies 2x medical response	2 (RTC) 2 1
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	30	Commercial/industrial	0

Partnership Working

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Community Action Team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centres on the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy. The team continues to expand its partnership working with key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at High Risk from fire and achieve outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires.

Command Officers within the Scottish Borders continue to attend the Safety Advisory Group meetings to ensure SFRS assist in the production of appropriate operational plans for special events taking place in the Scottish Borders.

Prevention and Protection

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.

Activity which is ongoing now within the Berwickshire Ward area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. These free 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.
- **Living Safely in the Home (LSITH).**

The LSITH initiative is a collaborative approach with community partners and SFRS staff, who fulfil a generic role capable of assessing all aspects of risk within the home including fire, slips, trips and falls and fuel poverty.

There have been a number of referrals made by the SFRS to community partners and an evaluation of this trial is now underway. After this evaluation, it is the aim of the SFRS and other partners within the LSITH group to rollout this work to another locality area (identity still to be confirmed) with the aspiration to have it mainstreamed throughout the Scottish Borders.

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Fire crews have been trained to assess the environment of the home for signs of Fuel Poverty, looking at that persons home environment for example are they living in the one room, house is cold, size of property is it single occupancy etc. A referral process is in place for those identified as being at risk from fuel poverty where they are signposted to Heat Energy Scotland, where further support and guidance on fuel poverty is provided.

- **Farm Fire Safety**

We are currently looking at new ways to engage with the farming community to provide advice and guidance regarding farm fire safety and security. Work has taken place in partnership with Police Scotland, the NFU, NFU Mutual and the Scottish Association of Young Farmers, where we have identified a number of positive engagement opportunities.

These include farm walk and talks, attending agricultural shows, markets and auctions, and engagement with young members of the farming community.

- 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.
- SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm was implemented to link into adult and child protection. The introduction of this policy has created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensures those people and families that fire crews identify as at risk are brought to the attention of Social Services. This has resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers.
- We are developing a strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings.
- Road Safety Scottish Borders Community Action Team (CAT) have been delivering road safety awareness to secondary schools throughout the Scottish Borders with the support of the local Whole time personnel from Galashiels and Hawick.
- Fire crews are taking part in a multi-agency Young Drivers Initiative at Charterhall, Greenlaw. This event gives the opportunity for 14-17 year olds from across the Scottish Borders to experience the controls of a car in 'try-drive' sessions and to experience vehicle handling through braking exercises in order to educate the next generation of road users.
- 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.

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- Unwanted Fire 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.

- **Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest trial.**

A national trial and a first for Scotland involving Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) to increase survival rate of patients who suffer out of hospital cardiac arrest went live on 29th October 2015.

The trial will run at seven fire stations across Scotland, with three of these being in the Scottish Borders: Hawick, Lauder and Coldstream.

Firefighters at these stations have received enhanced training in life-support, through a joint partnership approach with the Scottish Ambulance Service as part of a range of measures that it has in place across the country to target the condition and create a nation of life savers.

If a fire service resource with a crew who are trained to provide high quality CPR and have a defibrillator is nearer to a potential cardiac arrest than a local Community First Responder team, then Ambulance Control will dispatch them at the same time as the ambulance crew, so that they can provide these life-saving interventions while the ambulance is on its way.

The trials are part of SFRS's commitment to supporting the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy, which aims to dramatically increase patients' survival chances and save as many as 1,000 lives by 2020.

- In a pioneering partnership between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and British Heart Foundation (BHF), all 356 of SFRS's fire stations are equipped with BHF donated 'Call Push Rescue' training kit and each station will now act as a base for local people to learn vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest.

It takes just 30 minutes to learn CPR using the Call Push Rescue kit and community groups are able to contact their local fire station to arrange a time to go to a station, watch the training DVD, and practice with the kit.

Prior to March 2015, the survival rate from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the Scottish Borders was just four per cent, below the Scottish average of 7 to 10 per cent. Two years on, and through this partnership approach, the figure for the Borders has risen to 29 per cent.

Thematic Action Plan

Crews are currently engaged with the Summer Thematic Action Plan which focusses on the following areas of fire safety;

- Deliberate fires
- Summer Safety
- Water Safety
- Wildfire and outdoor safety

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We work closely with all our partners in the Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Team, as well as local partnerships, to promote preventative work.

The LALO is in post within Scottish Borders Council HQ in order to improve partnership working, with a particular focus on the elderly and more vulnerable members of society. The primary aims of this partnership activity are to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons throughout the community, and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

Retained Duty System (RDS)

RDS recruitment is progressing well across the Berwickshire area. New firefighters have now started at Eyemouth, Coldstream and Duns.

Coldstream is now fully crewed, however, there are still vacancies at Duns and Eyemouth and anyone interested in joining are welcome to meet the local crews during their weekly training nights, which take place as follows:

Duns Fire Station: Monday, 1900-2100hrs

Eyemouth Fire Station: Monday, 1830-2030hrs

Further details on vacancies are available on the My Job Scotland website:

www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/emergency-services

Local Fire and Rescue Plan

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014- 2017 sets out the priorities for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

We have a statutory responsibility to publish a Local Fire and Rescue Plan. The plan aligns to the SFRS Strategic Plan and adds local context by reflecting priorities for the Scottish Borders. We are in the process of reviewing our 2014-17 Local Fire and Rescue Plan; this review will inform the planning process for the 2017-20 plan, which will be produced late 2017.

We welcome your feedback on the plan as you reflect the needs of the community, as well as highlighting priorities for the SFRS.

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