

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL PEEBLES PARKING WORKING GROUP

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES  
PARKING WORKING GROUP held in via  
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 25 October  
2023 at 5.45 pm

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- Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), J. Pirone, E. Small and V. Thomson
- Apologies:- J. Smith (Peebles Civic Society)
- In Attendance:- P. Gilhooly (Team Leader), G. Haldane (Assistant Engineer), J. Little (Parking Supervisor, G. Grant, S. Watson (Peebles Community Council), ), D. McGrath and K. Guiney (Peebles Retailers Association), L. Cuerden (Democratic Services Officer).

## 1. NOTE AND ACTION TRACKER

There had been circulated copies of the Note of the Meeting held on 9 August 2023 and the Action Tracker. With reference to paragraph 4.2 of the Minute of 9 August, the Chair clarified that the Peebles Parking Fund continued to disburse funds to local causes from revenue previously generated from parking charges.

### DECISION

**AGREED the amendment to the Note and NOTED the Action Tracker.**

## 2. RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

- 2.1 With reference to paragraph 4.3 of the Minute of 9 August, Philippa Gilhooly presented the results of the Citizen Space online and paper survey on parking charges in East Station and Kingsmeadows car park. The report was to be appended to this Minute. The survey had received 1786 responses of which 1015 were from an EH45 postcode (57%). On the question of when drivers should be charged for parking in East Station car park, 77% were in favour of the current regime of one day (Saturday). On the question of the introduction of parking charges at Kingsmeadows car park, 77% of respondents were not in favour. The opinion of the Peebles Civic Society representative was noted. Consequently it was agreed that no changes be made to the current off-street parking regime at East Station car park and no charges were to be introduced at Kingsmeadows. There followed a brief discussion on the proposed parking charge pilot at Innerleithen whereby drivers were to be invited to contribute to the local community via a QR code in lieu of standardised parking charges.

### DECISION

**AGREED the following recommendations:-**

- (a) **no change to the current off-street parking regime in East Station car park;**  
**and**
- (b) **no introduction of parking charges at Kingsmeadows car park.**

## 3. FINAL REPORT TO TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Chair confirmed that an amended final report with the above recommendations was to be presented to the Tweeddale Area Partnership on 31 October 2023. The Chair

thanked all those involved in the work of the Peebles Parking Working Group, the business of which was now concluded.

***The meeting concluded at 6.00 pm***