



**Galashiels Community Council**  
**Burgh Chambers**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**  
**6.30pm**  
**Minutes**

**Present**

Judith Cleghorn, Tracey Alder, Rick Kenney, Bill Jeffrey, Liz Jardine. Claire Howden, John Hazle Drew Tulley Marion Romeril Eileen Frame

**In Attendance**

Cllr Jardine

Cllr Aitchison,

Cllr Scott

Callum Hodgson – Border Telegraph,

Kirsty -Southern Reporter

3 Members of the Public.

Cllr Parker will attend towards end of meeting.

**Meeting commenced 6,30pm**

Chair Judith Cleghorn opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

Tony Brown, Helen Calder Celeste Di Vito Kevin Ryalls, Police Scotland Tom Ingoldsby Bill White Cllr Anderson

**2. Minutes Approval**

An accurate Minute of the Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April was approved by Marion Romeril and Seconded by Eileen Frame

**3. Matters Arising**

Meet up still to be arranged with Cllr Anderson, a member from SBC, Marion Romeril and Pat Johnston to look at dropped curbs. Marion and Pat both have concerns about these, Marion being a Wheelchair user and Pat's husband using a mobility scooter

**4. Police Update and Questions**

Apologies

**5. Speakers**

Cllr Parker will join us later

**6. Galashiels Academy**

Apologies

**7. Sub Groups Update**

**Development Plan**

Judith said we have more than enough going on to fill the development plan

**Planning and Licensing Applications**

Rick went through planning reports that had been sent for approval

QA Borders Pharmacy –With the building of a bigger pharmacy on the ground adjacent to the present building will the parking facilities still be the same – Judith Cleghorn said that there will be no change to parking and that she is pleased that the pharmacy is getting so much encouragement and so many people seem to be using the pharmacy.

**Gala Waterways**

Town Spring Clean on 7<sup>th</sup> April went well and a lot of rubbish was collected. There is a lot of fly tipping up at Ladhope and wondered if a letter from CC to householders to make them aware, it was questioned that it may not be the householders making the mess.

**8. Chairs Update**

Christmas lights – firstly Judith announced that David Houston would kindly come to help out.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June there will be a street collection with various volunteers dressed up as Santa's. Look at doing 2 hourly slots.

Also looking at a concert at the Focus Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> September a Bingo night all monies raised will be for the Christmas lights

18<sup>th</sup> May special Afternoon tea in support of the Royal Wedding on 19<sup>th</sup> May

Gala Academy – Defibrillator has arrived.

Asset Transfer -17<sup>th</sup> May there is a meeting with Live Borders and SBC

**9. Treasurers Update**

Accounts are with the Accountant and will be available for the June meetings.

Closing figures Balance £11243.16 which includes ring fenced amounts of £9890.00 for the Trails and £218.33 Dalgettys. Available funds £1134.83

**10. Secretary's Update**

Walking Festival was last weekend and went very well. Numbers were definitely up on last year and we had the weather on our side. Walkers from Denmark had joined us this year and there were no complaints. One issue that needs addressing when we have our Greeting Meeting is the help and volunteering, because at the end of the day this year the whole thing was left down to 4-5 people. This makes it very hard work for the few involved.

**11. SBC Councillors Comments and Questions**

**Cllr Aitchison left meeting at 7.45pm**

**Cllr Jardine-** All was available in his report

Comment made from Cllr Jardine about Questions asked at the last meeting. Allocation of more bins – more may be put out over the summer.

Play park development and would there be enough room for the caravans when the shows are here – Cllr Jardine was told there will be plenty room. Wood Street steps are a real mess – Cllr Jardine will look in to getting these cleared.

Old garage on the way to Clovenfords- a business has been started there – All sorts of things on sale there. The Garage was reported and now it has been tidied up a bit.

### **Cllr Scott**

There were quite a few complaints about the bids and how they were handled.

If you are planning on looking for votes then you really need to go out and sell yourself.

It may be June/July before the next lot of bids,

Ballot Boxes were not a great success.

When voting you must completely and not filled in use all of the 5 bids.

Lowood Bridge should be open by 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Scott's Street will be completely refurbished

Comment made: Fire station – Hedges have finally be cut and lowered and it's a great transformation considering we were told that nothing could be done.

### **Public Park Play park**

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> May the play park will be officially handed over to SBC, most of the equipment is in place.

26<sup>th</sup> May – Party in the Park 11-3.

Fund raising day for Cash for Kids and Rowan Boland

Free fruit for kids from Tesco

Pipe and Town Bands

Farmers Market

QA by Tracey on behalf of an absent member Tony Brown – Will toilets be being brought back? Cllr Parker said they will be looking for a solution to this.

### **12. AOB –**

QA How does the Community Council engage with public? Tracey said that there is a copy of the minutes sent to the Library and the Minutes used to be in the local press, Judith asked Callum from Telegraph if he could find out if they were able to be put back in the press again.

**Meeting closed 8.10pm**

**Date of Next Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup> AGM - 6pm Burgh Chambers**

**Followed by**

**Community Council Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm Burgh Chambers**