



**Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 10th November 2022 at 18:30**

**Boardroom, Edinburgh College Midlothian Campus**

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**Community Council attendees:** Brian Wailes( Chair), Brian Farrell, Christina Harley, Jane Wailes, Mo Price, Joy Godfrey( Associate).

**Elected Representatives:** Councillor Stuart McKenzie

**Residents:** Bill Hunter. Gordon Chisholm.

Apologies Robin Barclay (Secretary), David McNeill (Treasurer), Bryan Pottinger (elected representative), Rebecca Lewis, Sally York (Associate).

**Welcome and Apologies** Brian Wailes ( chair) welcomed all and accepted apologies as above.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting of the 8th September were approved by Jane Wailes and seconded by Christina Harley.

The minutes from the meeting of the 13 October were approved by Mo Price and seconded. by Christina Harley.

There were no amendments.

### **Matters Arising**

None

### **Finance**

Councillor Stuart MacKenzie has obtained from the Environment Fund money towards our second defibrillator which is to be sited within the Newbattle Abbey Crescent area. Two sites within the area will be carefully considered.

### **Planning.**

There are no new planning applications requiring comment within the ENCC ward. There was continuing discussion on the lack of provision of pavement at the Dandara site.

There was concern as telephone calls and letters to the Council, in various areas, were not being answered, often needing further contact, often resulting in a long wait for a reply.

There has been a problem with bins not being emptied, even after phone calls to notify the council department of this happening.

The MDF4 will be published on Tuesday 15th November.

### **Road Traffic**

New bus timetables for Borders Buses service X95 will be published at the end of November. A lack of drivers has had an effect on the number of buses operating, but hopefully this has been resolved.

The survey discussed by Councillor Pottinger at last month's meeting is now live on the Council website. There are also paper copies available. The survey is for the whole of Midlothian and residents are encouraged to complete the survey. Many aspects of Road traffic are of great concern to many residents.

The survey is to be completed by the 29th NOVEMBER.

### **Active Travel.**

The active Travel paper "Core Paths in Midlothian and Countryside" is due to be published very soon. The paths within Newbattle Abbey crescent area are still in a poor condition. The paths need to be repaired using the correct materials.

### **Environment**

There is still sewage seepage into the river, mainly from three fields. The sewer is beginning to collapse and for repairs to take place the A7 would need to be closed.

The summary of the ERIG meeting (attended by Joy Godfrey on behalf of ENCC) was shared. Joy explained that it had been a very positive meeting. There were 7-8 options that had been put forward to tackle the Murray Burn, such as remote monitoring and a 50m path reinstated.

The concerns about sewage, septic tanks and field drains seems to be driven by volunteers and not the official bodies that should oversee these problems.

The River Fly project has 41 volunteers taking part in practical work and monitoring the condition of the river. Rebecca was praised for all the effort she has taken to move the project successfully forward.

The manhole cover on the Newbattle Road will be inspected and reinstated on Wednesday 16th November.

Network Rail have been contacted to clean up the wall.

### **AOCB**

There will be a training session for Community Councillors in March.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 8th December prior to the December meeting of ENCC at our usual venue of the Board Room of Edinburgh College, at 6:30 pm. Midlothian Council Community Liaison Officer Paul Johnson will attend to officiate.. Meetings are open for all residents to attend.

The forms for nominations to join the CC are required to be submitted 7 days before the AGM meeting. The forms can be accessed electronically from ENCC website or requested by email from the Secretary. Four current community councillors having served for three years are now up for re-election. These are David McNeill, Brian Wailes, Christina Harley, Jane Wailes.

There will be an update of the ENCC constitution at the AGM.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>. If we will meet in January the following meeting will be Thursday January 12, otherwise it will be Thursday February 9 – to be decided at the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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