**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th February @Reston Village Hall 7:30pm 2024.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Kerry Simmonds **Chair** **(K.S.)** Logan Inglis, **Secretary** (**L.I**.) Jan Stringer **(J.S.),** Rob Robertson **(R.R.)**, Michaela McIntyre **(M.M.)**, Hugh Veitch **(H.V.)** & Cllr Anderson. K, Simmonds **(K.A.S.)** (Minute Secretary).

No members of the public in attendance

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Johnny McFadzean & Cllr’s Orr & Hamilton.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** No matters arising, not covered in the agenda.
4. **Drone Hill wind farm advisory group membership-vacancy. L.I.-J.S.** Has agreed to become the community council representative.
5. **POLICE REPORT:** report attached. No comments from the members.
6. **Correspondence. L.I.** no correspondence other than emails already distributed mainly relevant to road work notifications.
7. **Regular reports.**
8. **Chair. L.I.-**recent attendance at the Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting (BAP). The lack of information was raised with the police officer present, local knowledge on incidents is not being reported.Update from NHS borders, on their financial situation and predicted debt. Re-Tweed have now moved to new premises, the former Bank of Scotland building, with their old premises available for community use. It was noted the meeting was poorly attended by councilors and the meeting was not quorate for decision making.
9. **Treasurer’s report, L.I.** Updated members on the accounts. Members made aware of the SBC insurance payments being made, each for £205.34 2022-23 and 2023-2024.
10. **A1 Trunk Road.** Nothing to report.
11. **Planning. L.I.** ‘WarlawBank’- application refused, ‘Blue House’- local review panel, unable to make decision, pending a Bat Survey, to be revisited at the end of March. ‘The Willows’ Auchencrow- refused.

1. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** one new application to be reviewed in the following meeting.
2. **Reston Station. L.I.** Network Rail is at present solely responsible for the railway station, no parts have been put up for adoption for SBC or ScotRail.
3. **Millennium Stone area. -**Pending better weather.
4. **Reston Riverside. L.I.** updated the members on AGM to be held on the 21st of March and Easter events in the planning stages.
5. **Village Hall.** **K.S.** updated the meeting on the issue of acoustics. Calendar of events for the year to be made available in March.
6. **Annual litter pick-** **L.I.-** to be held on the 24th March with **J.S.** leading the event. SBC have removed the litter bin from the layby adjacent to Reston on the A1, as part of a trial to ascertain whether the litter would still be left if there is no bin. **J.S.** will carry out weekly checks and report back. Cllr Anderson to ask the council to provide data on the effectiveness of this trial.
7. **Cllr’s report: Cllr Anderson** –**surgery dates** to be increased to bi-monthly and including Reston village coffee mornings at the end of each month. Update on **Eyemouth swimming** **pool** with an extended two-month closure. Carol Cook SBC officer, **Greener Gateway** scheme looking for councillor participants to join the next meeting. **Waste collections** and cancelations, reasoning was explained to be a wagon down and staff shortages, these hopefully will be sorted soon. Modern apprenticeships in SBC . Issues with the demand bus service **Pingo**, these to be reviewed and resolved shortly.
8. **A.O.B**. **L.I. Dog fouling** is on the increase; notices have been purchased and positioned at frequent poo! Stops, Dog Warden to be contacted for some additional signage and advice. **R.R**.- raised the issue of the unsightly building at the entrance to Reston with graffiti all over it, not known who the owner is, but to try and locate. Reports of obstructions, with large stones placed at the roadside along the ‘Braeheads road’, this has narrowed the road verges and are causing issues with passing traffic, Cllr Anderson recommended photographic evidence, to take further.
9. **Questions from the public:** None

The Chair thanked all for their attendance, the meeting was closed at 20:25

**Next meeting- March 18th, 2024, 7:30pm**

**Reston Village Hall**

Signed …………………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………

Another inconclusive meeting?