**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th November in Reston Village Hall 7:30pm 2024.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Kerry Simmonds (Chair) **(K. S.)** Logan Inglis (Secretary/Treasurer) **(L.I.)** Rob Robertson **(R.R.)** Katie Simmonds (Minute Secretary) **(K.A.S.),** Hugh Veitch **(H.V.)** Jan Stringer **(J.S.)** Michaela McIntyre **(M.M.)** Johnny McFadzean **(J.M.)** with community officer PC Jacobs and 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllr’s Anderson, Hamilton and Orr. Anne Barrett (village hall rep).
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** The September meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** **L.I.** items are covered in the agenda.
4. **POLICE REPORT:** Community officer PC Jacobs was welcomed to the meeting. Where she gave an update on matters. It was noted nothing of concern in Reston. Focus now was on Scams and ‘Cold Callers’. **L.I.** mentioned the existing cold caller signs at the entrances to Reston and Auchencrow were outdated and displayed ‘East Lothian Police’ P.C. Jacobs to follow up with 5 new signs. Members present expressed their concern on speeding vehicles in both communities. Extra patrols will be considered when time allows. Also, the use of ‘Pop up Bob’ will be reintroduced.
5. **Correspondence. L.I.** email received- Discussions over a banking hub in Eyemouth with access to community bankers from major banking companies, for guidance with their banking issues face to face, as well as a post office for financial transactions. The community council is in full support of the project. Brochure received from Broxap on street furniture-this was passed around.
6. **Borders Greenway Presentation**. **L.I.** introduced Tim Jackson from Gavington, Fogo and Polwarth community council and member of the Borders Greenway steering group. A presentation was delivered of the project to make a path accessible for all. The project is funded by SOSE South of Scotland Social Enterprise. Three options were produced for the area in and around Reston station, option 1 has already been disregarded after discussion with the landowner, Option 2 was the most favourable and is already in use at present. The path will be up to 3m wide and paved with drainage. Atkins Realis is employed to do survey work on the routes and talk to the landowners about using their land, as well as looking at the viability of the land and what is the best route. They are performing monthly community engagement meetings to collaborate with all parties effected by the path creation. More will be discussed at the Border Area Partnership meeting in Coldstream on the 5th of December. **L.I** to give feedback to the steering group on the response from the meeting. Noted, the absence of SBC officers who are partners in this venture.
7. **Regular reports.**
   1. **Chair. K.S.-** Gave thanks for the recent community engagement.
   2. **Treasurer’s report. L.I.** gave an update on the recent accounts and transactions and accounts. A printout was shared with members. Members present approved the minute secretary payment of £100.
   3. **Planning. L.I.** No new planning applications.
   4. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** No wish list meeting due to no new applications. An update on recent payments was made.
   5. **Millennium stone-memorial. –** pending stonemason report.
   6. **Reston Riverside. J.S.** gave an update. A lean-to shed has been created to store machinery.
   7. **Village Hall**. **K.S**. gave an update. A new treasurer has been appointed. The secretary and chair position are still required to be filled. There is still ongoing funding being raised for new tables and chairs. The upcoming wine tasting on the 30th of November, tickets are on sale in the village shop. There are talks about creating a monthly ‘pop -up-pub’ in the hall. The next community café is the 29th of November for Borders Search and Rescue, and a special one on the 13th of December for Mission Christmas.
   8. **Litter Group. BAG- J.S.** provided an update on recent litter picks and on the current state of the HeugHead layby, disappointingly to note was this layby has been closed to traffic due to road works but is strewn with litter that could only have come from the roadworks team.
   9. **Noticeboard. K.S.** gave an update, still waiting on assistance for installing the board.
   10. **Christmas Lights-L.I.-**New festoon lights have been purchased as well as rcd’s. The festoon lights require their lamps fitted 140. Helpers are required on the weekend of December the 7th and 8th tofit the lamps and erect the remaining lights. A post to go on Facebook asking for help on the 8th.
8. **Cllr’s report:** No councilor’s available to provide a report.
9. **A.O.B**. Barrie Forrest B.E.M. was in attendance,an update on transport links from the train station, as there is currently no taxi service running from Reston to St Abbs or Coldingham. ‘Teviot Taxis’ the replacement bus service for Pingo does not go to the outlining villages and is disappointing. To be fed back to SBC transport.

Scotrail has provided information for the community to ‘Adopt a Station’. Through a formalised process the community could look after the station.

1. **Questions from the public:** **L.I** made members aware of the AGM in April 2025, where he will not be able to continue his roles as treasurer or secretary so the roles will be seeking replacement.

**J.M.** provided an update on the recent successes Reston Primary School has in gaining funding for a new smart board and science workshop for the school.

**Next meeting- January 20th, 2025, 7:30pm**

**Reston Village Hall**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?