**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th May @Reston Village Hall 7:30pm 2024.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Kerry Simmonds (Chair) **(K. S.)** Logan Inglis (Secretary) **(L.I.)** Rob Robertson **(R.R.)** Katie Simmonds (Minute Secretary) **(K.A.S.),** Johnny McFadzean **(J.M)** Michaela McIntyre **(M.M)** Cllr Andersonand three members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Jan Stringer, Hugh Veitch, Cllr’s Hamilton and Orr.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** No matters arising, not covered in the agenda.
4. **POLICE REPORT:** **LI** No report for April had been received, Cllr Anderson read out his copy.
5. **Correspondence. L.I.** No correspondence other than emails already distributed mainly relevant to road work notifications.
6. **Regular reports.**
7. **Chair. K.S.-**nothing to report.
8. **Treasurer’s report, L.I.** Updated members on the accounts, with payments made to village hall rental, RAGES subscription and hospitality costs for Auchencrow litter pick. **J.M**. waiting on access to bank account to further his role of pending treasurer role. **R.R.** will try again with the bank to make it accessible to **J.M.**
9. **A1 Trunk Road.** First grass cutting of the season took place with line of sight obscured due to missed areas. **L.I.** to pursue with Bear Scotland.
10. **Planning. L.I.** No planning updates.
11. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** meeting to follow with three applications to be discussed.
12. **Reston Station. L.I.** updated members of correspondence with SBC parks- the access roadway to be adopted by SBC once work to tidy up areas that were not carried out by Network Rail are completed, these include replacing dead trees and resurfacing land with topsoil and reseeding. A proposal by the community council was made to maintain the grassed areas at the entrance of the station, inclusive of the area around the ‘Reston Rocket’ (presently maintained by **J.S.** and **L.I.**). awaiting reply from SBC. The new train timetable coming out in June does not foresee any major changes, albeit slight amendments to times.
13. **Millennium Stone area. -**in the absence of **H.V. K.S.** to contact a lady with a forklift and arrange siting of stonework from ‘Shawbraes’.
14. **Reston Riverside. L.I.** the companyis presently working with the Primary School on project work down at the riverside, ‘Willow Den’ construction, bulb planting and stone painting.
15. **Village Hall.** **A.B.** updated all on activities planned- Reston Fun day planned for the 9th June with posters ready to go out. Acoustic panels for the hall to be fitted at the beginning of June.
16. **Annual litter pick-** **L.I.-** gave an update on the **B**erwickshire **A**gainst litter **G**roup (BAG). Plans are in place for each community council to adopt a lay-by closest to their area. Each community council will maintain the lay-by in frequent litter picks. Presently Reston has two lay-by’s that are within the boundary that are maintained by **L.I.** and **J.S.** more members of the community are asked to come forward and assist. Litter picking equipment will be supplied.
17. **Cllr’s report:** Cllr Anderson reported on the replacement service to **PINGO**, which has been replaced by ‘**Teviot Taxi Bus’** no more online booking, just simple telephone number to book-**07709 171506** . social media posts to be made and shared.

**Community council working group** to be set up, looking at administration and training matters pertinent to community councillors.

**Greener Gateway Awards**- community council invited to put their communities forward.

**R.R**.-informed the meeting that only partial road safety paintwork had been carried out in Auchencrow, whilst Reston has had no work – Cllr Anderson to take this further.

**J.M.** raised concerns over speeding vehicles in Auchencrow. **L.I.** will report this to the Police. It was mentioned that any additional speed camera would be welcomed in Auchencrow.

**L.I.** asked the Cllr for feedback into removed sign from Coldingham junction at Coldingham. Cllr Anderson was informed the road sign was not required and unlikely to be replaced as was not needed, this sign was for local traffic only. Request made by the community council to ask again for this sign to be returned, as this is the only sign in Coldingham directing traffic to Reston.

1. **A.O.B**. **R.R** informed the meeting of issue with flying certain flags on the Reston flagpole-this will be fed back to the volunteer flag bearer. It was mentioned that perhaps Auchencrow should scope for a flagpole.

**K.A.S** raised the issue of a bridge on the old disused railway line. This is serviced by core path 6, which goes under the bridge as well as traverses over it. The community council, SBC and the landowner are aware of the state of this bridge. Further investigations to be carried out by **L.I**. **K.A.S**. **R.R.** and feedback to all.

1. **Questions from the public:** None

The Chair thanked all for their attendance, the meeting was closed at 20:35

**L.I**. made his apologies for the next meeting.

**Next meeting- June 17th, 2024, 7:30pm**

**Reston Village Hall**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?