**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th November @Reston Village Hall 7:30pm 2023.*

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Mel Gilmore, 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. . Minute’s secretary role to be taken by Katie Simmonds.
4. **Review of Financial Support to Community Councils**. **L.I.** explained the recent review in detail: extra funding for the admin grant, to be reviewed every 3 years. An increase in the green spaces grant from £450 per annum to £600 per year. The annual insurance to the community council will be set, this will be set in tiers and due to the assets, we have we will be at the highest tier of £220 per annum.
5. **Drone Hill wind farm advisory group membership-vacancy. L.I.** there is a vacancy on the Drone Hill panel for a community council member, previously filled by Barrie Forrest. **M.M.** voiced interest but would give it further consideration.
6. **POLICE REPORT:** This had been previously circulated to members prior to the meeting.
7. **Correspondence. L.I.** Houndwood Crematorium open day, 14th December 10-2pm refreshments and tour of the premises.
8. **Regular reports.**
9. **Chair.** Nothing to report back on.
10. **Treasurer’s report, L.I.** Updated members on the accounts. Apologies from J.M. no update on new bank account.
11. **A1 Trunk Road. L.I.** both road signs on the A1 now have Reston Station denoted.

1. **Planning. L.I.** updated members of: Monashee wind farm proposal, public consultation event on the 7th December in Grantshouse village hall 3pm-7pm. Proposal to build a wind farm with 180m tall turbines, these would be the tallest in the area. All members are encouraged to attend and to gain further information. ***2023.* *23/01604/PPP | Erection of dwellinghouse | Land West Of The Willows Auchencrow Scottish Borders.*** Members asked to view the planning application. ***23/01591/FUL | Erection of holiday let accommodation | Warlawbank Steading Reston***. Members appraised this application, previously objected to by the community council due to the detriment to the neighbouring residents.
2. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** Updated the meeting. With two applications to be discussed following this meeting.

1. **Reston Station. L.I.** No response from Scotrail/Network Rail, on previous correspondence. A new timetable to be released in December, TransPennine to become more reliable with potential for more trains.
2. **Millennium Stone area. -H.V.** updated all, to be revisited in spring when the weather improves and the ground dry’s up.
3. **Reston Riverside. L.I.** the company is doing well with new members and volunteers, with regular monthly meetings.
4. **Village Hall.-village hall chair.** updated all, with the progress of the stage removal which is nearly complete. Wine Tasting evening, commencing on the 25th November. Christmas Carol party on the 16th December, with live music and village hall to provide food, proceeds go to the Reston Riverside Project.
5. **Christmas Lights. L.I.** updated meeting, a purchase of new lights has been made. Volunteers required for the 3rd December to assist with erections. **K.S.** made a request for a tree for the Howie’s Yard display, TBC.
6. **Cllr’s report: Cllr Anderson** –updated members on the next Area Partnership meeting to be held in Hutton village hall.

1. **A.O.B**. **L.I.** mentioned the recent community council review documents. All members are asked to give these a look over as these will become adopted nest year and requires councillor input. In particular the community councillors’ complaints procedure**. R.R.** raised concerns over lack of road markings at the top end of Auchencrow, resulting in road traffic incidents. Cllr Anderson to take this further.
2. **Questions from the public:** None

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

**Next meeting- January 15th, 2024, 7:30pm**

**Reston Village Hall**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?