**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th September @ 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.),** Johnny McFadzean **(J.M.)**, Michaela McIntyre **(M.M.)** & Cllr’s Hamilton & Anderson. With two members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Mel Gilmore, & Cllr’ Orr.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** no matters arising, not covered in the agenda.
4. **POLICE REPORT:** this had been previously circulated to members prior to the meeting. Ongoing discussion with SBC road safety engineer on village buffer zones.
5. **Correspondence. L.I.** discussion on the present consultation on ‘Shared Access Survey’. **H.V.** raised concerns on land ownership and when will the landowners likely be told about use of their land?- **L.I.**- it was likely once an idea of the way forward and the finance was in place, all landowners would be consulted in a permanent way. All was asked to complete the survey if not already done so and to promote.

R.R. arrived for the meeting.

1. **Regular reports.**
2. **Chair.** ‘Health Equality Study’,discussion ensuedon this study and the impact throughout the Borders.

**Litter pick-** thanks were expressed to All the volunteers that helped yesterday in keeping our village tidy and free from litter. Disappointed to note the accumulation of litter on the A1 ‘Heugh Head’ layby.

1. **Treasurer’s report, L.I.** updated members on the accounts. Insurance costs were explained to members, in particular the recent payment of £205.34 for the year 2022-2023, a further bill is expected before the end of the financial year for 2023-2024.
2. **A1 Trunk Road. L.I.** no further correspondence had been received by SBC Road Safety Engineer pertaining to the junction.

1. **Planning. L.I.** ‘Blue House’ application has been refused by SBC planning department and will be taken forward to the ‘Local Review Body’.
2. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** updated the meeting. With two applications to be discussed following this meeting.

1. **Reston Station. L.I.** New‘Signage’ is now in place advising of the railway station. SBC is investigating land ownership/adoption of ‘Forrest Road’, no further communications from Network Rail or Scotrail.
2. **Millennium Stone area. -H.V.** was asked to bring stones down to the area, then to be arranged with members, to visit with Airfield Plaque for best position.
3. **Community Council Social Media Presence. J.M.** only two members are placing posts on the FB page, for it to be widely accepted it requires frequent promoting.
4. **Reston Riverside. -L.I.** updated members of the riverside company having just completed a volunteer’s day in coppicing willow trees, membership and directors have increased with regular meetings planned and events.
5. **Village Hall.- K.S.** updated members with proposed events planned for the upcoming months. Discussion ongoing with Scottish Power on Resilience and local hub. Stage removal work is due to start shortly.
6. **Cllr’s report: Cllr Hamilton.** –appraised all the bus cancellations from ‘Travelsure’ due to ongoing staff shortages a number of bus routes are to be cancelled, 32,34,B1235 and 235,236 and 260. Further information to follow. The PINGO service was discussed with regards to popularity and longevity.

Cllr Hamilton left the meeting.

**Cllr Anderson-** mentioned **wheelchair access routes**, Eyemouth had recently been done with a report going back to SBC, Reston and Auchencrow needs to be assessed, volunteers required with disabilities to assess. **Eyemouth town** had just won the Gold award for Keep Scotland Beautiful. **High School** awards, pleased to see so many children receiving awards. **Live-Borders-**review ongoing, with Eyemouth swimming pool being financially assisted by SBC.

**R.R.**-raised the question on village road signage i.e., ‘**Dragons Teeth’** and when the villages are likely to see this happening- Cllr Anderson to follow this up.

1. **A.O.B**.  **H.V.** raised, **train prices!** Why is there so much disparity between prices, suggested a letter to the UK Transport Minister to ask for simplification and uniformity- RAGES to be contacted first as their upcoming AGM is imminent.

**J.S.-‘Berryhaughs’-**requesting an update on the land. **K.S**. updated the members, fruit trees are to be planted instead of vegetables, these to be low maintenance, useful with bushes all to be purchased very shortly.

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

The Chair thanked all for their attendance, the meeting was closed at 20:45

**Next meeting- October 16th 7:30pm**

**Reston Village Hall**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?