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| S Barker (Minutes) | SB | W Law | WL | T Taylor (Chair) | | TT | | J Rutter | | JR |
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| Ellen Scott | ES | Laura Adamson | LA |  |  | |  | |  | |
| Robbie Laird | RL | Ben Wightman | BW |  |  | |  | |  | |
| Dawn Barclay | DB |  |  |  |  | |  | |  | |
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| Cllr J Muirhead | JM |  |  | Cllr K Munro | KM | | Cllr C Johnstone | | CJ | |
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| 1. **CHAIRPERSON’S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**   The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed the apologies.   1. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**   Minutes from September meeting reviewed and approved.  APPROVED: Heather Webb  SECONDED: Brian Paterson  **ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS GCC MEETING MINUTES**  N.A.  **ACTION UPDATES**  List updated. Please see Action Summary for those items that have been closed. The following are due for discussion at the next Community Council meeting.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **ACTIONS** | **Reference** | **Action Detail** | **Owner** | **Due Date** | |  | 20180320-04 | Cllr Muirhead to ask for update on River Gore View development from Ian Johnson, Head of Communities and Economy in Midlothian Council.  NOT progressing as wanting to build more houses than agreed. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** |  1. **ISSUES RAISED BY COMMUNITY**   **St. Andrews Way Bins**  Issues raised by Linda McDonald. The communal bin store is not being used properly. It appears some residents are dumping unsuitable rubbish and not using the correct bins. Bins and the surrounding area are completely overflowing. She has contacted Midlothian Council and they do tidy but it then quickly returns to its unsatisfactory state. In addition to this, she has no access from her back garden to the street so if the bins are in back garden then have to be pulled through her house.  Cllr Muirhead is familiar with the issue. He will discuss access through the building stairway and also investigate whether the Council can request that residents behave in the expected manner.  **Traffic calming at Robert Frank’s Way**  Potential issue at Robert Frank’s Way. Traffic calming is too close to entrance to street. Cllr Muirhead to request moving it closer to the school.  **Speeding**  Ongoing issue. General consensus from Cath McGill’s survey is that people approve of additional signage. She is in contact with Ricky Moffat regarding this. Police are currently running the Midlothian Road Safety Initiative. They will take this issue and discuss. Trying to educate the public but also have to penalise in certain cases.  Main Street – speed restriction measures are being implemented with new pavements – narrowing road to slow traffic down.  Lady Brae – still huge problem with parked cars. Double yellow lines agreed but no timeframe.  Newtonloan Toll – light sequence dangerous as no time to get through. No pedestrian crossing. Police to speak to traffic department.  Federation of Community Councils have set up a Roads and Planning group.  Speed bumps – are these required? Melville advised would only have a case if someone had been hurt. Cllr Muirhead advised this is not the best description and money targeted at areas where most likely to be accidents.  Gore Glen Primary – once the new and adjacent road opens there will be traffic and no calming measures or crossings. Cllr Muirhead to address with Safer Routes to School team. Persimmon will also potentially need to address issue of grass verges alongside the road as the people having to park on road outside their houses, thus blocking one side of the road. Buses will also use route. A local resident, Suzanne Dunn, will take further action listing issues and taking to the Safer Routes to School team.  Traffic calming at the bottom of Gowkshill Brae – no traffic lights or crossing. This was supposed to be addressed as part of Stobhill developments but as this is not moving forward, Cllr Muirhead to request this part is brought forward.  **Dog waste bins**  More bins are required throughout Gorebridge. Council waste teams lift the bins at bus stops etc. and a separate team lift others. Ellen to organise the creation of a map and identify where there are bins and where they are needed.  **Birkenside Park**  Grass cutting has been reduced. No one appears to be using the park currently as no bookings. Teams must book, otherwise there is a risk that this facility will close.  **Main Street parking**  Request to extend the parking to an hour rather than 30 or 45 minutes. Cllr Muirhead will investigate if this can be extended  **House and shed break-ins**  Police will come and conduct home security assessment at people’s houses. Happy to come out to highlight where weaknesses are and where improvements can be made for both houses and shed.  Suggestion from meeting that it might make sense to produce a documented recommendation so it can be accessed by more people. Cath McGill also suggested a presentation at a Community Council meeting.  **House and car park at Scotmid**  Ellen Scott has been messaged by a resident in one of the houses on New Hunterfield adjacent to Scotmid. Houses are empty and car park unfinished. Long grass and rubbish are causing mice and rats. Few are tenanted by disabled support group but not all. Cllr Muirhead to establish who owns the building and request that action is taken to tidy up and finish car park etc.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **ACTIONS** | **Reference** | **Action Detail** | **Owner** | **Due Date** | |  | 20181016-01 | St. Andrews Way Bins - Cllr Muirhead familiar with the issue. To discuss access through building stair so bins can be stored in gardens with no direct access to the street. He will also investigate whether Council can request that residents behave in the expected manner. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-02 | Potential issue at Robert Frank’s Way. Traffic calming is too close to entrance to street. Cllr Muirhead to request moving closer to the school. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-03 | Newtonloan Toll – light sequence dangerous as no time to get through. No pedestrian crossing. Police to speak to traffic department. | **JP** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-04 | Gore Glen Primary – once new road open there will be traffic and no calming measures or crossings. Cllr Muirhead to address with Safer Routes to School. Ellen Scott will supply information from the school PTA. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-05 | Traffic calming at the bottom of Gowkshill Brae – no traffic lights or crossing. This was supposed to be addressed as part of Stobhill developments but as this is not moving forward, Cllr Muirhead to request this part is brought forward. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-06 | Road marking at junction on A7 just after Mining Museum turning to Newtongrange. These have faded so confusing. Cllr Muirhead has addressed – awaiting action. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-07 | Ellen to organise the creation of a map identifying where there are currently dog waste bins and where they are needed. | **ES** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-08 | Cllr Muirhead to investigate whether stopping times of 30/45 minutes on Main Street can be extended to an hour to allow for people to attend hair appointments etc. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** | |  | 20181016-09 | To establish who owns the building on New Hunterfield adjacent to Scotmid and request that action taken to tidy up and finish car park etc. | **JM** | **20/11/2018** |  1. **POLICE REPORT**   Police Report provided by PC James Pendreich, Community Officer for Gorebridge, Newtongrange and Middleton.    Between 16th September 2018 and 15th October in the beat area MS01 (Gorebridge) there were 50 recorded crimes, of which 19 were solved. This is a detection rate of 38%.  Between 16th September 2018 and 15th October, in the beat area MS02 (Gowkshill) there were 6 recorded crimes, of which 3 were solved. This is a detection rate of 50%.  During this time period, there were 232 calls to Police for both areas.  **Incidents of Note**  **CRIMES OF DISHONESTY**   * Overnight on the 27th September 2018, a number of sheds were broken into in Aspen Drive and River Gore Road and items taken. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect(s). * Overnight on the 28th September 2018, a garage and a shed were broken into in Louis Braille Way and Lady Brae and bikes taken from each property. Enquiries are ongoing. * Overnight on the 4th October 2018, a shed was broken into in South Quarry Boulevard and a bike taken. Enquiries are ongoing. * On the 12th October 2018, officers observed a stolen vehicle within Gore Avenue. The driver was signalled to stop but refused to do so and made off from Police. The driver then exited the vehicle and ran off before eventually being found with the assistance of the Police Dog Unit. The driver was found to have a number of outstanding warrants and was reported to the PF for a number of offences. * Overnight on the 13th October 2018, a shed, garage and summer house were been broken into at Laundry Cottages and a number of items taken. A male has been identified and reported to the PF.   **ROAD TRAFFIC**   * On 9th October 2018, a vehicle was stopped by Police on the A7, near to Shell Newtonloan Toll. Officers carried out checks on the vehicle and found it to have no MOT and the driver had no insurance for the vehicle. The driver has been charged and reported to the PF.   **DRUGS**   * On 14th October 2018, Police were made aware of the possibility of drugs within an address in Braeside Road North. Officers attended and conducted a search and found a cannabis cultivation within. Enquiries are ongoing. * On 19th October 2018, a vehicle was stopped at Gore Glen Park and driver found to be in possession of cannabis. He has been charged and reported to the PF.   **WARRANTS**   * On 22nd September 2018, a drugs and stolen property warrant was executed at an address in Braeside Road North. A quantity of drugs and stolen items identified from a housebreaking were recovered from the property. Two persons have been charged and reported to the PF.   **Police drop-ins**  Police had their first set of community drop in sessions in Gorebridge and these will continue. The first set were during the afternoon and the next set will be in the evening in order to get a diverse group of people meeting. The alternating times will likely continue in future so as many people as possible can be accommodated.  **Midlothian South Road Safety Initiative**  Police are continuing their Midlothian South Road Safety Initiative. This is running from September to the start of December. So far they have carried out a number of speed checks at known hotspots and attended at schools to address parking issues. If anyone has a particular area that they feel requires attention, please inform the police and they can attend to it.  **House Breakings**  There continue to be a number of house breakings within the Midlothian area including break-ins to sheds and vehicles. Police would take this opportunity to remind local residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour whilst also ensuring that their own personal home security is sufficient i.e. locking doors, windows and keeping valuables out of sight. Potential housebreakings could **be avoided by locking doors and windows.**  **DNA kits and shed security devices are available to purchase for £20. This is a joint initiative between Police Scotland and Midlothian Council to help safeguard property. If this is something you are interested in, kits can be purchased at Dalkeith Police Station.**  Police Scotland consults the public every year to establish priorities for policing in their communities. To take part, please complete the online survey.  [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)  Calls to Police Scotland to report non-life-threatening incidents should be through the 101. Life-threatening or ongoing crimes should be reported through 999.  You can also email the police at anytime on [MidlothianSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:MidlothianSouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk)  The full police report is available on the community council website.  <http://communitycouncilgorebridge.weebly.com>   1. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORTS**   **FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS MEETING**  None  **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**  Nothing to report  **SECRETARY’S REPORT**   * Cath McGill shared the sad news that Jimmy Innes has passed away. Cath will send flowers or a wreath. An obituary will be written by the Midlothian Advertiser. * Community Council Training needs – any training needs for Committee members – let Cath know. * Midlothian Council micro, small & large grants applications opened. * The community Council have applied for funding for the following:   + Improved street signage   + General running costs   + Entry fee for Keep Scotland Beautiful Competition   + Calendar for 2020 – the profits from sales could be used to fund Christmas lights from 2019 onwards. * Planning meeting for 2019 – brainstorm one GCC meeting (general business to be consolidated in 30 mins and remainder of meeting given over to brainstorm.)   **TREASURER’S REPORT**  Community Council - £1158.48  Awards £325.34  War Memorial £469  Miners’ memorial £5986.10 (£1000 Arniston Miners’ Club)  NOTE: GCC accounts need to be independently reviewed (not an official audit but signed off) and presented at AGM in November.   1. **PROJECT UPDATES**   **REMEMBERANCE PARADE**  Meet Newbyres Village 10.30am on Sunday 11th November. Trevor Taylor has purchased wreaths.  **2019 PLANNING DAY**  CM suggested we have a planning day for 2019 activities. A suitable date will be shared when organised.  **MINERS’ MEMORIAL**  Cath McGill waiting on progress photos which will be shared online.  **BEACON**  Moving in on Friday 26th October. Only issue at present is that the gas membrane was damaged during the fire. GCDT is being cautious so although this has been fixed, there will be an independent review and sign off of the work. Inside will virtually be finished this week. Outside next week.  Once the building has been handed over, it will take time to ensure the correct legislation in place. Two tenants moving in Mon 5th November. Christmas celebration for the community rather than a grand opening. Will also open building for Remembrance Sunday.  Café will be run by Development Trust – part paid employees and part volunteers. Hoping for decent offering – coffee and freshly prepared food such as soups and toasties. Commercial grade kitchen in place. Cath McGill to pass on contact information for current social enterprise on Main Street.  Website and Facebook pages will be updated and information documents made available.  Money generated by the Beacon will not go to Development Trust but will be used to sustain the Beacon itself.  Community Gardens in the front of the Beacon (raised beds). Cath McGill offered excess bulbs from station and crocus bulbs from Rotary Club Eskbank and Dalkeith.  Council has asked for meeting with Trustees. As school holidays Trustees, not available tomorrow. Looking to meet next week instead. This should address issue of move from No. 58.  GCDT would like to engage young people in the community, in the Beacon and then also in the wider community and Trust itself.  **GOREBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST**  After the AGM, people from the community can attend Board Meetings for first half an hour and raise any issues.  Cath McGill’s request for the meeting minutes has been refused. There seemed to be uncertainty from the Trust members attending the Community Council meeting whether the provision of these is mentioned as obligatory in the memorandum or articles for the Development Trust. Seonaid Barker to confirm.  Cllr Muirhead recommended that there is a two-part meeting so minutes that address issues affecting the community (and not HR etc.) are made available.  Dawn agrees that the Trust does need to listen to the community and apply for funding as needed and requested by the community. She also agrees that transparency and accountability is required.  AGM 26th November at the Beacon. If anyone would like to become a member, then can apply. Get to vote, change memorandums and articles. It was suggested that there is currently no real diversity on the Board so they do need new people.  Neighbourhood Plan coming up and need to assess how last 5 years have gone (successes and failures).  Cath McGill has asked how additional heritage buildings like Birkenside Pavilion, Arniston Miners, Vogrie Hall etc. can be included in the development, just as has gone on in Main Street. Cllr Muirhead and Trust advised CARS was not a Trust project. Dawn from the Development Trust confirmed this should be taken on board.  **FUTURES GROUP**  No update.  **GOREBRIDGE COMMUNITY CARES**  Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund - £20,000 grant for “Food for Thought” project which will help improve physical and mental health through workshops for veterans, Armed Forces personnel, their families, partners and the wider community.  Keep Scotland Beautiful Monthly Heroes Award – awarded for the Poodunnit? Dog Poo Detective Campaign.  Community Planting Day - Mon 29th October in Auld Gala Park – 2000 bulbs. P4 from Gorebridge Primary School is helping.  Police Station project - awarded grant by the Scottish Land Fund to carry out valuation, survey and mining reports. Also awarded money to commission consultants to help with feasibility study and business plan. Consultation days will be held:   * 26th October from 10am in Gorebridge Library * 6th November from 10am in Gorebridge Parish Church Hall * 2nd December at the Santa Event.   **GOREBRIDGE AND DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (GADEG)**  No update.  **STATION ADOPTERS**  Winter planting is underway.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **ACTIONS** | **Reference** | **Action Detail** | **Owner** | **Due Date** | |  | 20181016-10 | Community Gardens in the front of the Beacon (raised beds). 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Mixed tenure. * Projected overspend - £5million based on first quarter. £2.5million was unavoidable. £2.5million was due to failure to implement changes – recruitment freeze, reviewing care packages, reducing travel for Council staff etc. Create care villages so concentrated/manageable support structure. * Ellen Scott advised need to plan ahead and consider need of elderly homeowners etc. No suitable housing (one bedroom bungalows for example) being built. The Council is building more small houses in this phase. Focus previously was on 3 and 4 bedroom houses. * Doctor surgery no longer able to cope. Is there more info on this?  1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**   None   1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**   20th November BIREKNSIDE PAVILION 7-9pm |

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|  | 20180320-03 | Application for street to be named after Andrew (Skip) and May Young who made a lifetime commitment to Scouts and Girl Guides. | **CM** | **ONGOING** |
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|  | 20180320-05 | Cllr Muirhead to provide SB with contact details to address issue of single use plastic water | **JM** | **ONGOING** |
|  | 20180220-04 | Gorebridge Calendar 2019 – roles to be determined and filled | **CM** | **2019** |
|  | 20180129-02 | Discuss communications across all groups with community liaison officer | **CM** | **ONGOING** |