**RESTON AND AUCHENCROW COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

*Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th May @ 7:30pm 2025.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Kerry Simmonds, **Chair (K.S.)** Jan Stringer **(J.S.),** Rob Robertson **(R R),** Hugh Veitch **(H.V.)** Anne Barrett **(A.B)** Cllr Hamilton**,** Cllr Anderson.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**: Cllr ’Orr, Micheala Macintyre, Logan Inglis, Johnny McFadzean
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.** These were approved.
3. **Matters ARISING:** no matters arising, not covered in the agenda.
4. **POLICE REPORT:** No comments or actions from this**.**
5. **Correspondence.** None
6. **Regular reports.**
7. **Chair.**  No New reports.
8. **Treasurer’s report,** Accounts shared via email. No change to last month. Awaiting annual payment from SBC
9. **Planning.** Discussion of proposed windfarm at Monashee, Drakemyre. Closing date for comments 19th May. Suggestion made in April for public consultation not applicable as does not meet criteria for this due to scale of proposed wind farm.

A group of local community councils are arranging a venue and date for a public consultation of their own so a joint comment can be submitted. **Action:** by Cllr Anderson

to assist in the coordination of this.

1. **Reston Playing field:** Dog Owners**.** A member of the public informed the community council of repeated incidents involving another member of the public allowing their dog to run on the playing field, off the lead and without control. The dog has been aggressive towards two children and the owner has been spoken to by the parent of one child with no effect. It was suggested by the member of the public that signs are purchased and placed at the entrance to the field to warn owners that dogs should be kept on a lead while on the playing field and to remind them to pick up after their dogs.

**Action:** Kerry to look into signs and prices.

1. **Wish List update.** **R.R.** to follow. X4 applications to present.
2. **Reston Riverside; R.C.C.LTD Chair** (**J.S.)** gave an update on the newly painted benches by the local scout group and that work is ongoing to maintain the Riverside area throughout the year.
3. **Reston Village Hall**: **(A.B.)** gave an update Funding for tables and chairs successful and awaiting payment before furniture can be purchased. Confirmation that Family Funday will be on Sunday 15th of June, following community Café on 13th of June.
4. **Litter Group BAG**: **(J.S).** updated the group. The layby at ‘HeughHead’ will have a new bin reinstated after latest reports show no improvement to the volumes of litter being dumped there despite regular litter picking. The layby has recently been cleared of litter by SBC and looks much better.
5. **Cllr’s Report: Cllr Hamilton:** Reminder to the public about up-and-coming **Live Borders** consultation with proposed closures of **Live Borders** run buildings**.** It was suggested that local community councils share widely the consultation links and encourage as many people as possible to complete this. **Action**: **Cllr Hamilton**: Dates of roadshows and where to access paper copies of the proposed closures or changes to services to be shared with community councils**. (K.S.)** Suggested that posters with QR codes taking people directly to the survey would be helpful and to consider placing these on the buildings that may be affected by closures.

**Cllr Anderson** full report sent out prior to the meeting. **Action**: Cllr Anderson to update and send out paperwork relating to AGM this week. AGM poster to be advertised on social media and shared widely with the public. **Action** **(J.S.):** To distribute posters in Reston and Auchencrow to advertise AGM.

**8. Any Other Business (A.O.B.)** A Member of the public attended tonight to update the group on their efforts to set up a banking hub in Eyemouth to improve access to cash. Following a comprehensive report on the actions taken so far by the member of the public the request is that Reston and Auchencrow community council agree to support this proposal, which was unanimously agreed by those in attendance. Further correspondence to follow when there are any updates. The Ayton community council secretary will forward these to the group when available. Links for the up coming ITV Border news report on the subject to be shared on social media when available.

1. **Questions from the public:**

The Chair thanked all for their attendance, the meeting was closed at 20:15

**Next meeting- 16th of June AGM @ 7:30pm**

**Followed by the ‘Normal’ meeting of the newly elected community council.**

**Reston Village Hall**

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

Another inconclusive meeting?