

HUTTON AND PAXTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (H&PCC)

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Venue: Paxton Village Hall

Date and time: Thursday 8th August at 19:30

Attendees: Sharon King - Chair
Diana Beard - Treasurer
Rebecca Hall
Tony Power
Councillor James Anderson

In Attendance: 7 members of our community

1. **Welcome**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who had taken time to attend.

The Chair reminded those present that all questions and comments should be addressed to the Chair to enable meaningful discussion. Certain speakers may be asked to comment on topics they are knowledgeable about.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Angela MacLean, Robin Allison, Dan Norris, Aileen Orr and Carol Hamilton.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting – 20th June 2024**

The minutes from the meeting held on 20th June 2024 were approved.

The Chair noted that minutes are shared on the village noticeboards and on the website.

4. **Regular Reports**

a. Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is £3,630.65, includes ring fenced funds of £2,720 for environmental projects. A cap of £2,000 had previously been agreed for the memorial garden in Paxton. The fence has been built but only one quote has been received for replacing the grass. It was agreed the work should progress with the gardener who submitted a quote.

b. Planning

No planning applications had been submitted for consideration.

c. Police

Police reports for East Berwickshire up to June 2024 had been received and are published on our website - <https://hpcommunityhub.uk/meetings-agendas-minutes-and-reports/>. If anyone would like a copy, please get in touch.

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b. Resilience

Resilience Lead Keith Pattison thanked Jackie and John Watson (Hutton Village Hall Committee) for organising teaching sessions on resuscitation techniques using the community defibrillators.

Resilience Group members had offered support to a resident who had fallen while getting out of their car. An ambulance was called.

A request from a resident to help with technical issues related to their broadband service was resolved.

5. Progress Updates Since Last Meeting

a. Pop Up Cafe

The monthly Resilience Pop-up café in Paxton continues to be well supported. The date of the next café is Thursday 29th August 2024, 10:30 – 12noon in Paxton Village Hall.

There will be no pop-up cafe in September because the MacMillan Coffee morning is on **Friday September 27th 2024** in Paxton Village Hall. We all wish to support this national event.

b. Paxton War Memorial - Carving

Robin was not present at the meeting however he has since provided an update that Scottish Borders Council have progressed matters and a decision re funding the engraving is imminent.

c. Paxton Additional Notice Board

Robin has asked if Councillor Anderson could provide direction to the regulations in regard to the proximity of noticeboards to roads. He has not been able to find any legislation relating to this.

d. Paxton Playpark Upgrade

A consultation process had taken place in late July to understand which items would be of interest to local children/playpark users. We also received some helpful comments and ideas on the Facebook page which were also submitted to ensure these are considered as part of the playpark upgrade plans. We are currently awaiting an update on next steps and delivery timescales.

Diana is to attend a Border Community Action workshop to investigate sources of matching funds.

6. Questions/Updates from Residents

a. War Memorial

Keith Pattison provided an update on the collation of information about the service men who are commemorated on the Paxton war memorial. Several residents have made useful contributions and Keith will submit an article for the community magazine to seek the views of descendants prior to displaying the information on the community council website. He has asked if someone would like to undertake similar investigative work for those servicemen who are commemorated on Hutton war memorial.

b. Transfer of Ownership of Paxton Church and Sale of Hutton Church

It had been suggested at the June HPCC meeting that, in the interests of transparency, the Paxton Church trustees place a notice on the railings at the front of the church to inform residents about the plans for the Church and its transfer to the Gateway organisation.

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It was acknowledged that not everyone reads the community magazine where one of the Trustees has written an informative article. To date, no information (by way of a public notice) has been made available to residents.

Discussion ensued in regard to the perceived lack of communication with residents about the disposal of both the churches. Rather than any of the Trustees communicating directly with concerned residents, Councillor Anderson suggested that communication could be via the Community Council so that questions and answers would be discussed in open forum.

The Chair agreed to write to the Trustees to share the concerns expressed by residents.

7. Any Other Business

Diana confirmed that the insurance provided by SBC for HPCC activities included those of the Resilience Group which is part of the Community Council. Clare Malster (SBC) had provided a contact within the insurance team for any further enquiries.

The Chair reminded everyone that the summer BBQ was scheduled for Saturday August 10th. The BBQ is a fund-raising event for the community magazine so she hoped there would be a good attendance again this year.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7.30pm
Hutton Village Hall

Dates and Times for Future Meetings in 2024

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| Thursday | 14 th November | 7.30pm | Paxton |
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Dates of future meetings beyond November will be available shortly.