



Community Council
of the
Royal Burgh of Peebles and District

**Draft Minutes of the 298th Meeting of the Community Council
held on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.00pm.**

**via Zoom and in person at the Burgh Hall Peebles. The meeting was recorded for the purposes of
Minuting and Reporting.**

S Rae explained how the meeting would progress this evening in its new hybrid form. There had been a few initial technical problems and he apologised for the delay in starting. This was our first hybrid meeting and as a result the recording may be retained for a little longer than the usual month. He asked if anyone had concerns about hybrid meetings to let him know.

The sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II was announced as the Committee Meeting was getting ready to start. S Rae said a few words in tribute before a minute's silence was observed.

S Rae also mentioned Donald Swanson who had died recently. D Swanson had supported the community and Community Council greatly over the years.

Present in person: S Rae, A Snoddy, F Richardson, P Maudsley, A Mackenzie, S Watson, H Young, G Mackie, C Forsyth, Cllr Pirone, Cllr Tatler.

Present online: S Hamilton, L Hayworth, J Mitchell, J Crawley, G Ramsay, J Shearer, Cllr Small, Cllr Begg, Cllr Douglas

In attendance: M Davey of the Peeblesshire News

Members of the Public: D Brunton

Apologies for absence: L Turnbull, M Bruce, Cllr Thomson, G. MacDonald

Open Forum: A member of the public, David Brunton, asked the meeting if he could speak to the Committee regarding with the programme of work being undertaken in the cemeteries.

D Brunton had brought a pre-prepared document with him, which he read out at the meeting. This document can be located at Appendix 1 at end of the Minutes.

G Mackie recently observed the testing of some gravestones in St Andrew's Cemetery on behalf of the Community Council. Ten gravestones were tested and the method of testing them was not greatly sophisticated. The stones were pushed by hand and he was amazed at how little was holding them vertical. He could push one over with one finger. They are heavy and therefore potentially dangerous. 4 out of 10 fell into that category. Once it is known how dangerous they are how can they be left? Some stones were small and had been laid down, but one was 5ft tall and heavy. It was held up by an inch of concrete and required little force to push over. It was asked what should be done? Should the descendants be traced? What happens meantime if falls over and hurts or even kills someone? SBC own the property and have a duty of care for those using cemetery and it is difficult, as these stones are dangerous. It must be distressing for relatives coming along finding a headstone disturbed. G Mackie doesn't know about the legislation but thinks that once a gravestone is known to be dangerous that it has to be dealt with.

D Brunton said this is not what was signed up to, and again quoted his paper, see Appendix 1, "...From the 'Burial Ground Memorial...if this is the case.'"

G Mackie said that SBC were responsible for 155 cemeteries and a significant proportion of the gravestones were unsafe. P Maudsley pointed out that this had been looked at before lock down around 3 years ago. He said there are two sides to this: firstly what is going to be done moving ahead and how closely are the councils are going to follow the guidance they had generated between them? Second, what happened in past? P Maudsley did a report at the time and he believes, from memory, that SBC were not following the guidance in first tranche of testing, and what appeared was similar to the decision made in Orkney. The difference being Orkney council held an investigation, held up their hands, and offered compensation whereas here it appears that the position was more entrenched, and a full investigation did not take place. Cllr Small referred to a fatal case in Glasgow some time ago where a child was killed and the council was sued. SBC are covering their backs because it is unsafe. If you know something is unsafe you need to do something about it. P Maudsley pointed out that it was because of this case that the legislation had been written. D Brunton pointed out that the law needs to be followed and so does best practice. In Orkney now, where the cemeteries are tested, the appropriate notices are put up and the areas cordoned off. It would be easy to do that in Peebles and there's nothing to stop it being done. G Mackie, asked what they do after it's been cordoned off? D Brunton said they put a notice up for a fixed period of 4 weeks. If no action is taken then the stone is laid flat or socketed. S Watson said that SBC did not follow protocol; that they should say sorry and pay for it. It is their fault that it happened and they need to apologise. A Snoddy said that it is a concern that if an elderly person, laying flowers, puts a hand on a stone for support to stand up, there was a chance the stone would fall. Cllr Tatler pointed out that SBC has a complaints procedure which Mr Brunton has used. If he is not satisfied with SBC's response then he can contact the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman. Mr Brunton confirmed that he has done this. Cllr Tatler said that as far as the Cllrs are concerned the officers have done what they were instructed to do. A Mackenzie pointed out that the report is a good report. If the gravestones are not strong how did they hold during the bad storms? Not one gravestone fell during the storms. S Rae asked that the discussion be brought to a close because of time restraints.

Approval of Minutes: A Snoddy raised a clarification received from Cllr Thompson, where "the five Councillors" should be amended to "five of the Councillors".

Approval of the Minutes of 14 July 2022, as amended, proposed by P Maudsley and seconded by C Forsyth.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Liz Johnson has volunteered to join the Tweeddale Area Partnership sub-group to consider funding applications.

Our FaceBook post re the post office at Glen Rd. Cllr Pirone has forwarded all comments and the Post Office are introducing hubs. Cllr Pirone is not sure if there will be one here. We still need a new proprietor and there is no one yet.

Peebles High School Fair on 14 September. M Bruce and A Snoddy will man the stall from 5.30pm and J Mitchell and F Richardson will come along when they can.

Cllr Begg and M Bruce were to find out about plans for the Victorian building at PHS. Cllr Begg said he had met with the team. There is a plan to retain the Victorian part if there is a wish for the community to keep it. M Bruce and others will be reaching out to community groups to find out if there is interest for use of the space. It comes with no additional funding but the building can be left vacant for use. The funding is being used wholly for the school build. If the building is not required it can be demolished. Cllr Tatler said he thought the building is listed. Cllr Begg will check.

Antisocial steering group: this is going to be covered in the Chairman's report.

Pharmacies and prescriptions: We raised our concerns with both Boots and Lloyds, and our MSPs. The shortcomings of the Scottish Prescription process and the unannounced closures of

pharmacies can only be dealt with at a national level. There is nothing more we can do. P Maudsley confirmed that it appears to be a national problem.

Peebles Swimming pool. Cllr Tatler confirmed that the schedule is set and contractors and all materials are being procured. The work is scheduled to commence in November for 4 weeks but given the difficulty with the supply chain it may well be the new year before it's completed.

The War Memorial re-dedication will be held at 6pm on 13 October. This will be held before the Community Council Meeting in the hope that we can all attend. Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale, Sir Hew Strachan, will be in attendance, as will Lord Astor, grandson of Earl Haig. All Community Councils in Tweeddale will be invited to send representatives and the Peebles Silver Band will perform.

Puffin crossing. As previous discussed, the Community Council has had concerns. The Chairman had said to P Maudsley he had heard reports that someone had been knocked off their bicycle and a couple of small bumps that have not been reported to the police. The Chairman has asked that any incidents, including anti-social behaviour should be reported to Police Scotland. In addition, report it to the Community Council. No names are necessary.

P Maudsley had witnessed a 7-tonne vehicle turning out of Tweed Brae where it turned left taking up the entire road. Photos were taken and given to the Secretary. At times, there have been three buses backed up blocking the crossing. In addition, when emerging Tweed Brae to join the flow of traffic, one has to look right whereas the crossing is immediately to the left. In his opinion, P Maudsley believes there will be an accident at some stage. He also researched statistics for a recent accident elsewhere and it appears to have been omitted from the relevant data. Cllr Tatler agreed to take a look at the data because he agreed that it does not appear to be up to date. The Secretary is keeping a dossier of photos and comments regarding the crossing, so please continue to send her relevant information. A Mackenzie agreed with P Maudsley as he had witnessed a bus stopped on the crossing, where people were dismounting, and cars were backed up to the petrol station. It was a mess. He did not have his camera. P Maudsley said that the Chairman had written to SBC. The plans that were drawn up contained two different sets of dimensions and the type of bus used in the planning had rear axle steering which the buses using that stop do not have. There were still questions to be answered. Cllr Tatler wanted to bring some balance to the discussion, as a number of people he'd met are really looking forward to the crossing being operational. P Maudsley said it needed to be revisited to determine if it was a good location. Cllr Pirone said she and Cllr Tatler will ask again about the buses, but we need to watch it once it is up and running first. P Maudsley said we are now trying to resolve problems that weren't there to begin with! S Watson pointed out that the taxis were moved and now there's no room for the buses. He'd seen some passengers getting on the bus outside the Park Hotel. It's not good enough.

The Parents Issues sub group. H Young had three points: first, the measures on the Glasgow road. She was pleased to report that the installation of the pencils (*bollards*) was complete although the road markings are still to be finished, and she will chase this. Secondly, a parent has been in touch with concerns about a low fence at Priorsford Nursery. This had resulted in an incident at one of the nurseries where a child had escaped, and this was of huge concern. As a result, the parent was informed that SBC agreed to raise the height of the fences, but not told when this would happen. Cllr Pirone will chase this up. Thirdly, Cllr Tatler had been emailed a list from H Young, given to her by parents about access, ie. asking for dropped kerbs for prams and wheelchair on pavements and asked for an update. Cllr Tatler said this had been picked up by the Tweeddale Access Panel and he will remind them. The access panel will contact SBC and although it will take time, it is in the system. H Young asked for confirmation on what will be done and when. Cllr Tatler will ask for a programme and asked if any were urgent? H Young said she will put them into priority order and resend it to Cllr Tatler. Cllr Small said the pencil bollards are a good reminder that a school is nearby.

Police Report

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The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and there was nothing further to add.

Chairmans report

In the Chairman's absence at the meeting, his report was read out by S Rae:

"Since we last met in July, Peebles in Bloom has been successfully completed. My thanks must go to the team who put this altogether and of course our head judge Rona Dodds. Appreciating that many people now live in flats and might only have a very small garden, we felt that some of their efforts required recognition and introduced a new category of very small garden. This was well received.

We held a small presentation ceremony in the Quadrangle to which the trophy winners were invited. We felt that due to the prevalence of Covid in the town that a small open air presentation was the safest option for attendees.

Work continues to develop a community council response to the ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour. Working with others including Malcolm Bruce I have written a letter of invitation to a number of interested parties, including youth workers, the High school, the police, the churches and SBC, to join a steering group which Malcolm has agreed to chair. This group will try to address some of the immediate problems of finding a place for young people to gather and meet. In addition plans to, hopefully, introduce street pastors into Peebles are developing; this will involve the churches and as we get more information, we will keep you informed.

The issue of businesses using common good land in the town for their business purposes was raised last year in one of our meetings. This was followed up by an email in September last year to the Chairman, Cllr. Tatler, who said that this subject would be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the common good trustees. This did not happen. I have again written to Cllr. Tatler asking whether businesses using Tweed Green have asked for permission and whether they pay a rent to the common good fund. I await a response.

On the 11th August I attended the community conversation event held in Innerleithen, along with Peter Maudsley. I spoke to the leader of the council - Euan Jardine and explained to him that in our view SBC needs to listen to what residents are saying and that consultations have to be meaningful. He appeared to understand the issues. I then spoke to Chris Myers who leads the health and social care partnership. We discussed the ongoing problems associated with the Haylodge health centre, the difficulty of obtaining appointments and apparent delays in the provision of prescriptions. This is also aligned to delays and problems with our two local pharmacies, including unannounced closures. He committed to looking into these issues after expressing some surprise at what he was being told. I have not yet had any response from him. I also spoke to Jenni Craig, Service Director for Customer and Communities. I expressed disappointment with SBC commitment to work with communities and to listen to what communities were telling SBC and cited the example of the puffin crossing which was discussed at length. I also raised the issue of the Tweeddale Area Partnership and that it was failing to attract sufficient numbers of attendees to make it meaningful. We discussed other models for making it work more effectively including the notion that the Chairmanship of it should lie with community representatives rather than with councillors. Again she understood the points being made.

I attended the Tweeddale Area partnership meeting on 23-8-22. There was an interesting presentation on a trial of PINGO which is flexible public transport system. If the trial which is being carried out in Berwickshire is successful then it has the potential to help our rural communities. Crick Carleton gave a presentation of his work leading a group who are trying to engage with the wider Tweeddale community in developing place making plans. A number of grants were made to applicants from the neighbourhood support fund.

I have been in close contact with Sir Hew Strachan, Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale to make arrangements for a re-dedication of the war memorial in Peebles. Plans are well advanced and this ceremony will be held in the Quadrangle at 6.00pm on Thursday 13th October. This ceremony will

be led by Sir Hew who will say a few words about the history of the memorial and prayers will be led by Father Tony Lappin and Rev. Aftab Gohar. A wreath will be laid by Lord Astor, grandson of Earl Haig, who was present when the war memorial was dedicated in 1922. This will be a relatively short ceremony, but an important one. It would be nice to see a full turnout of community councillors for it."

P Maudsley pointed out that Jenni Craig was aware of the example brought up, in other words the East Lothian model. The chair is from the community and not from elected councillors and has £200K to work with. It is also worth saying that Euan Jardine said the feedback from us was the same as others.

SBC Cllr Reports

Cllr Pirone: Cllr Pirone had been busy with some issues up at Peebles High School, she has a meeting next week to speak to parents and teachers about the provision of study space. She had been dealing with roads and helping local businesses. She has a meeting with on Friday with some businesses in the care sector. There are not enough people in those jobs. She has been involved with talks about the warm spaces initiative and has been involved with foodbank. There was a further meeting regarding Small Schemes, and all Cllrs have put ideas forward. Cllr Pirone had been involved with talks about the 20mph, and everyone will have seen the police's view regarding that. A consultation has been launched and she asked everyone to take part. Cllr Pirone has been working on the accessibility to that consultation. She also wanted to point out that following the Queen's death, books of condolence would be available across the Borders, including the Chambers Institution in Peebles.

Cllr Tatler: Firstly, there was good news on the work to the path at Haylodge, including the area known as the hump. He had had a couple of meetings and was pleased to report that Destination Tweed have it in their programme. Funding is not an issue and Sustrans are going to help with preconstruction work. What needs to be done next is to get visuals and plans and start consultations. He envisages a drop in and online consultation process and people will be able to write in too. We should get the media involved and encourage the whole town to get behind us to give us a completely accessible path along the Tweed in Peebles. P Maudsley raised his concerns over the removal of trees. Has there been a tree survey done? Cllr Tatler confirmed there has been a tree survey done, as well as an ecological report. There were plans for succession planting to create a treelined avenue from Fotheringham Bridge. P Maudsley asked if we can see the report. Cllr Tatler confirmed he can share the one from Destination Tweed. The timescale being within the next year or so, perhaps in 2023. The next piece of work will be at Whitestone Park regarding the sports facilities. The feasibility study to move Peebles Rovers to Violet Bank is underway. He will keep us updated.

Cllr Tatler asked for an update on the mural and acknowledged the delay on Tweed Bridge Court. A Snoddy said this had been placed on the back burner meantime.

Cllr Tatler mentioned the Victoria Park Green Flag project, as this needs to be reenergised. There was a group set up but it needs a new chair to drive it forward. We are trying to look at getting green flag status but it needs a management plan from the community and volunteers are sought.

Finally, Cllr Tatler wanted to mention this winter as we are all aware it is that it's going to hard for a lot of people. He is on the foodbank board and had been out on the streets on Saturday to encourage people to communicate to David Mundell that we need a permanent solution. All the organisations need to get together, including the Community Council. The community resilience group will also be involved as they are key, and the Community Assistance Hubs will be set up again. We all need to make contact and do what we can.

Cllr Begg said it was good to hear about the study space being looked into at Peebles High School

and invited Cllr Pirone to discuss it with him out with the meeting. Cllr Begg mentioned the Merlin trail and the archaeological dig at Tinnis Castle which is part of the development of the trail which will lead into Peebles. It will be interesting to see what the dig turns up. This is around Robin Crichton's book.

Cllrs Thomson, Small and he met with the SBC director of Infrastructure and Environment along with Waste Management. They did a walking tour in Peebles, starting at the swimming pool where they observed that water source heat pumps and solar panels would be good for heating but is not on agenda, perhaps a take away for the next generation heating. They walked past the Reuse Hub and thoroughly commends those working with the PC Trust and for the £100,000 raised. It was a useful discussion around recycling and he believes good things will come out of this. They talked about the toilets in School Brae, and then moved on to talk about the Chambers Institution and the need for redevelopment. Everyone was impressed by the size of the Institute. They walked past the bus stop where they discussed public transport which at the moment is a concern as there are pressures on public transport, but we are all working together for solutions. Covid funds will be withdrawn soon, fuel costs and the challenge with recruitment. We think that working closely together in a non party political way is the best chance of improving the service.

Cllr Begg had attended the Peebles Horticultural Show, and thanked everyone for making him feel welcome. He had also gone to watch the Peebles Rugby team and is enjoying seeing communities out and about post-coronavirus. Food poverty leaflets will be available from The Bridge, Kingsland Primary School and Peebles Community Centre giving detail of resources available. It will be available digitally also.

He has very serious concerns about the proposed National Care Service. What is required is a local integrated health and social care system and the 1.25% uplift in National Insurance used properly for that purpose.

Cllr Small The planning committee has now passed the plans for Galashiels Academy. This is going to bring great benefit to Galashiels and the sports facilities which are going to be second to none. Peebles High School will also have new facilities. Cllr Small had been invited to Jedburgh's new campus which was fantastic, and the children are delighted. Cllr Small wanted to reiterate that he, Cllr Thomson and Cllr Begg are working well together and good work is coming out of their collaboration.

Cllr Douglas: Cllr Douglas has had a difficult week as he has had Covid. He has been attending to lots of constituency work for residents with various personal issues. He had had one complaint about children vaping on school transport, and in Peebles High School. He has taken this up with the Director of Education and the Head Teacher and it is being looked into. The bus company has been informed. The lack of supervision on buses is causing concern with parents. He had also looked into some issues affecting trading standards together with the police and these are ongoing cases. With the Community Placemaking site, this was in its early stages. Peebles had developed plans recently and they are to be tidied and pushed forward. Clovenfords, Walkburn and Innerleithen are also keen to progress their schemes. He wanted to thank Crick (*Carleton*) and the team and all those from the area partnership. There has been lots of community involvement and the response was very positive.

Some local grants have now been awarded and Liz Johnson has joined the Tweeddale Area Partnership assessment team. The next area partnership meeting is on 1 November and Cllr Douglas hopes lots of people will come along.

Otherwise, he wants to echo the comments from his fellow Cllrs. They are all working together, irrespective of political parties. The poverty leaflets Cllr Begg mentioned are available online and he said they can be put on Community Council's FaceBook page too.

Treasurer's report. G Mackie has circulated his report. The only mention he has is that it does not include the expenditure for the engraving of the Peebles in Bloom trophies. There was no raffle this year to raise money, as the presentation was not in its usual public format. G Mackie said that following the death of D Swanson we have no independent accounts examiner, and we should look at recruiting another. He'd checked to see what qualifications are required but cannot find anything. He expects it will be the same description that is used for charities legislation. The job is simply receipts and payments, as there are no accruals or balance sheets, but needs someone with financial awareness and numeracy skills. We will need to appoint someone soon, before November. If anyone knows of anyone please send their names to G Mackie. They will receive £50 per annum. G Mackie and A Mackenzie attended Donald's funeral as representatives of the Community Council.

Planning Report: P Maudsley mentioned the Local Development Plan 2. The plan has gone to the Scottish Government Reporter. P Maudsley has had a look at it and the same areas of concern are still there. There is still a proposal to build a new town on the showground site, and the plan shows that. The concern is if that is lost to housing where would the agricultural show go.

Turning to Tweedbridge Court, there is concern about the state of the site, including a big pile of stones. He is unsure that Eildon will do anything about it as they are using it for construction. Having said that, a tidy up was done recently. It might be a good idea to chase it on the app: Fix My Street. This is a brilliant app and P Maudsley highly recommends it.

Kingsmeadow House: the planning department have refused the application. The holiday pods at the Park Hotel are approved.

We have supported the new school proposal to put in a 400m running track and not just in the space that is provided on existing pitches.

The alterations to ceiling in the Burgh Hall: there is a meeting of the beneficiaries group on 13th and P Maudsley will attend representing the PCC with A Snoddy.

New applications: we have objected to the erection of the dwellinghouse in the grounds of Croft on Chambers Terrace because there was no detail.

The SBC Community Network has a new chair and vice chair.

Parking working group: they had not had meeting since March so have not achieved much.

He had written a few notes in his report regarding the Common Good and noted that Chambers Institute Trust was meeting on 14 September as was the Common Good.

H Young asked what happened about the items that could not be reported back to us from the Common Good. P Maudsley said there are always areas of secrecy that cannot be reported back. Cllr Tatler said that they are bound by the rules of private session. Cllr Pirone said some items were commercially confidential and must be kept private. It may be some that some items could be discussed. Cllr Tatler said he will look at what he can do. The Chair can question officers whether their discussions should be private or not. In respect of the parking subcommittee, they are waiting for SBC Officer P Gilhooley to return a bit of work. All council work had been suspended through the pandemic holding everything up. On the issue with the Horsburgh Land: the Local Development Plan set out preferred sites and longer-term potential sites. What will be considered first will be the preferred sites and then, because it is a five-year plan, they will consider other sites in due course. It will be a mixed development. It is not in the plan as a preferred site, it is an option.

L Hayworth: The LDP can be downloaded and searched. He did not read if there was going to be written into it the conditionality for Rosetta Road, there is a substantial area on the old caravan park which is still down as housing. Hopefully the new owner has their own plan done for the holiday lodges. Whether there is still a conditionality to construct a bridge, and further up beyond Rosetta Road the other two areas highlighted for housing, which are further up the Crossings, again are we looking to see any conditionality in the LDP about the improved access that was a conditionality on original Rosetta Road application which was approved but not taken forward. Perhaps this is something to investigate. They are preferred sites for housing, but it is not made clear in notes that

there is a significant conditionality to motor access

P Maudsley: when we put our comments in regarding access, another bridge over Cuddy was the main issue. From reading the letter, this has gone to the Scottish Government Reporter. Our comments will go and if they wish for more information, they will contact us. If we need to take it further, we will.

J Crawley: A pupil had approached him from PHS. There is an area known as Crow Wood, it's a path that goes from Bonnington Road to the next street. His concern was the signage on the fence saying, private, access only, etc. P Maudsley confirmed that this had been raised. It is a right of way; whoever owns it is immaterial. Cllr Tatler confirmed the signs are going to be removed as they are unauthorised.

Peebles Community Trust.

Report circulated.

S Rae spoke in his role as Chairman of PCT about March Street Mills. The Community Right to Buy was disallowed, but this is no reflection on the Trust. It was a court case between the Scottish Government and the site owners. The site has been marketed commercially and the owner wants to sell the site as it is. The purchaser will need to deal with everything that comes with it. PCT had a constructive meeting with Moorbrook Textiles as PCT's main concern is to protect the allotments. The other elements they were hoping to provide was social housing, a care home and some business element. They still hope to achieve this if they can speak to the new owners of the site. PCT are still trying to identify funding to purchase the site but it's proving very difficult. A Community Right to Buy is no longer an option.

P Maudsley said he understands the threat to the allotments isn't great because when Moorbrook applied for planning permission they were turned down because of the allotments. The allotments will hopefully be protected. S Rae suggested the new owner may try again which leaves a huge amount of uncertainty for the allotment holders. L Hayworth pointed out that in the LDP the allotment area is clearly defined as a protected green space. S Rae confirmed that this had never been clarified and what he would like is for the allotments to be transferred to the allotment holders or the community. He hopes the new owner takes that on and engages with the community.

Reuse Hub: S Rae would like to speak with Cllr Begg about the Re-use Hub. Alex (*Wilson*) is leaving her post at the Community Trust at the end of month, but the hub will maintain what Alex has started. The Reuse hub is a key element of what the Trust is delivering around the issues of recycling and re-using, and they could not have done it without Alex. Cllr Pirone said there was a funding scheme launched recently that covers rural properties which focusses on projects that are considering climate change and net zero post-pandemic. Cllr Tatler confirmed he had passed that information onto Alex already. S Rae said they have many projects and a lot of them are with consideration to climate change and net zero goals.

AOB

A Snoddy reported a resident's complaint about weeds in the playpark at Haylodge to SBC and the weeds were cleared that same day. Campbell Johnstone of SBC is being very helpful and responsive to our requests.

Speeding on South Parks. We have been copied into a letter of concern sent by a resident to the Police, his MP and MSPs. Cllr Pirone has seen the letter passed to P Gilhooley. A reply will be sent. Some measures were put in last year. P Maudsley knows the person who has been concerned for some years. People who are speeding are not the majority, but they are going at 40 / 50 mph. P Gilhooley put out tapes, but the average speeds did not give accurate measures leaving the figures for the number of cars that are speeding unavailable. This is a matter for Police Scotland, but they don't have resources. He is not sure what the answer is. Build outs are now in place. We have done

everything possible, and P Gilhooley has put in measures. Cllr Pirone confirmed that we cannot do speed bumps, but she will ask P Gilhooley about the average speed. Cllr Tatler mentioned a speed gun,

which could be shared, in Tweeddale. Cllr Pirone said this was a good solution however the Police won't enforce it if data demonstrates speeds are not high. P Maudsley said we would need to be careful about who was trained. Cllr Tatler spent the afternoon with P Gilhooley and K McGrath with a speed gun and there were very few people going faster than 20mph.

L Turnbull (*not present at the meeting*) had asked if taxis have an obligation to provide disabled facilities? Also, the standard of cleanliness of the taxis is falling short. Cllr Marshall responded that all complaints should be referred to the council's licensing officer. As for disabled taxis, there is nothing specific as it depends on the nature of vehicle as they are not all equipped for disabled passengers. S Rae: said this was limiting access for disabled passengers. Cllr Marshall will check it out.

Flooding and Sewage problems in Rosetta Road. Morag Patterson copied PCC into her recent email to Cllr Begg. He replied: "SBC carried out a resurfacing scheme early in 2021 and as part of the works, they upgraded all surface water gullies to try and improve their efficiency. However, the main issue here is the capacity of the combined sewer which is maintained by Scottish Water. Scottish Water have advised that residents should report all flood incidents. This will enable Scottish Water to build up a case load for an improvement scheme to be considered to upgrade the existing combined system." Cllr Begg: This falls between road and plumbing. He is in touch with Scottish Water and will take it up with constituents.

Community Councillor Gill MacDonald (not present at this meeting) has expressed concern about the parlous state of the boundary wall to the rear and north side of Rose Park. We understand that she has now contacted the 3 Tweeddale West Councillors in order to get SBC's involvement in finding a solution. She is also encouraging Rose Park residents to report their concerns to the Councillors and Christine Grahame, MSP. P Maudsley, it would be good one for Fix My Street. A Snoddy said she would pass that information on.

PCC Election 2022. The following Community Councillors have completed their 3 year full membership and if they would like to continue are required to complete a Nomination Form: O Olesheva, S Rae, P Maudsley and C Forsyth. The following co-optees must similarly complete and submit a Nomination Form if they wish to stay on: S Hamilton, G MacDonald and F Richardson. The forms should be returned to Anne, or placed in the box at the Post Office, by 30th September. Anne will hand deliver Chris's form and send out the other forms by email. If there are more applicants than vacancies, then the election will be held on Tuesday 25th October. S Rae asked if anyone wished to stand down? S Rae said, at the moment, there are more applicants than places so there is likely to be an election as this will be open to all residents.

Cllrs Begg and Pirone will assist and we have an SBC returning officer, Declan Hall.

Round the table.

C Forsyth: Baptist Church, is still an eyesore, what is happening there, and is the skateboard park still going ahead? Cllr Tatler: J Dalrymple (*of Peebles Baptist Church*) was at the last PCC meeting, and he gave an update which is in the minutes. It is an issue, and we can't wait for ever. The skateboard park has planning permission and is undergoing a procurement exercise and construction is going ahead. It's behind, because of supply chain issues.

G Ramsay: What is happening with Jedderfield? Cllr Tatler confirmed the lease is in now in place. The information had been made public and the lease had gone to Kailzie (*Equestrian Centre*).

H Young: Welcomes the speed gun idea, it seems good proposal. She agrees that measuring average speeds is pointless. Lots of people have raised the issue of dog fouling with her. There is a reporting

procedure which can be used and that SBC want to fix the problem but it's bad, it's everywhere including on footbridges and a constant source of complaint.

A Mackenzie: wants to acknowledge that Cllr Tatler was on BBC and did a good job of representing Tweeddale . For those who want to watch it, it is called, *Who Owns Scotland*.

L Hayworth wanted to highlight to the Councillors some issues around warm spaces. The community spaces, eg. Church halls, whilst we have seen worst of the increases (*in energy bills*) being stopped, they are still 100% higher than last winter. Social spaces should be given consideration to places such as the Drill Hall, as they may not be able to afford to stay open. When funding is looked at, social spaces should also be considered by the Councillors. Cllr Tatler confirmed it is a priority and there is a multiagency group looking at it. Cllr Pirone said that there was a government announcement today that charities will get help too.

J Mitchell would like it noted that the rope in the small pirate ship on Kingsmeadows Road children's park is missing. There are concerns that a child might fall down a hole. Cllr Pirone said she will check progress.

J Shearer said Cllr Begg had been informed there was a problem with pavement access for a disabled resident. The person had said there was dip but the issue was a car had parked at dip, so there was no access to pavement. Could they arrange for double yellow lines? L Hayworth: pointed out that some have white lines with markers which are a good reminder not to park. J Shearer also noted that there are deer warning signs recently erected on Edinburgh Road which she'd requested 2 years ago after some deer were found dead and is delighted to see the signs.

E Small: There is a lot of work being done on the road lines and markings in Tweeddale at the moment.

S Rae thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be at 7pm on 13 October. The meeting will be another hybrid meeting and in the meantime, he would welcome any feedback on the hybrid format, please feedback by email.

Cllr Tatler has a projector which might be the answer, so everyone can see who is talking.

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