



*Community Council*  
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**Minutes of the 303rd Meeting of the Community Council which was held on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 7pm in the Peebles Community Centre, Walkershaugh. The meeting was recorded for the purposes of Minuting and Reporting.**

**Present:** A Mackenzie, A Snoddy, C Forsyth, F Richardson, G MacDonald, G Mackie, A MacKenzie, G Ramsay, H Young, J Shearer, J Wilson, M Bruce, P Maudsley, S Coe, S Hamilton, S Watson, Cllr Douglas, Cllr Pirone, Cllr Tatler

**In attendance:** M Davey of the Peeblesshire News

**Members of the Public:** S Renwick, T Compton, J Dubé, P Spence

**Apologies:** Cllr Small, Cllr Begg, Cllr Thomson

The Chairman said everyone was very sorry to hear of Cllr Small's mother's death and that our thoughts were with him and his family.

The Chairman welcomed all and said he wanted to stress before he started that although we know we have the public's support, because the public often speaks to the members, it would be helpful if the public provided support to the PCC in print too, by writing and emailing us. This has the added advantage of being recorded as proof of the public's interest in an issue.

PCC has often had the nice task of honouring someone from the community and this time it is John McOwan who has received the Légion d'honneur this year. J McOwan is 101. With the six years' service he gave from the very beginning to the very end of the war it is well deserved. He was a desert rat and went ashore on D-Day. We are all grateful for his service. J McOwan has recently written his memoirs called *The Memoirs of a Centenarian of World War II*.

**Open forum:** Nothing

**Approval of the Minutes:** S Watson proposed, and G Mackie seconded.

**Halyrude School:** Cllr Pirone had an update on Halyrude School. There had been a public meeting on Monday and a meeting with the Parent Council was held beforehand. The application (to relocate several areas within the school building) as it stands has been withdrawn. It needs to be looked at again. There is a lot of space but the lay out is not great. This was accepted by all. It was a positive meeting. Leader Valley School should set up their own parents' group. This would allow officers and Cllrs to be involved with both groups separately and then together to make sure the school is fit for the future. SBC apologised for not discussing with the community first. J Dubé from Halyrude Parent Council said the Parent Council were delighted when L Munro apologised. The Parent Council had a lot of questions for SBC and they are satisfied that SBC will learn from this. The

Parent Council are confident they will now be able to work with them for a good outcome for both schools. The Chair agreed this was a positive outcome.

### **PHS Engagement Session on 2 February**

T Compton from PHS Parent Council was in attendance to update the PCC in relation to the new PHS building project. Many people had attended the engagement sessions in Peebles, West Linton and Innerleithen. The improved dialogue was welcome and there seems to be genuine movement to making adjustments to the existing plans and T Compton wanted to recognise that. Those who went to the Peebles session said it was relatively chaotic as around 320 people attended, the turnout was higher than perhaps SBC expected. The plans were on the tables, but it was a struggle to get to the people to speak to them, and some people had not managed to get answers to their questions simply because it was so busy. West Linton and Innerleithen's sessions were smaller and therefore it was easier to have full conversations. There has been good feedback and most people were feeling more positive. At the end of the sessions, there was agreement around the hall space and performance space. The hall will now be a double height space with flexible tiered seating for around 350 with the option to add more in front. There are still some design tweaks needed for that space. There are still questions around the stage space, but these are things that SBC are willing to work on.

On the question of open plan, the number of classrooms with doors has increased from 17 to 23 out of 41 classrooms. There have been discussions regarding the opportunity to add more doors, to add flexible walls and to do things around the atrium to reduce noise. T Compton believes there is still a way to go with discussions on the doors, but the discussions are welcomed and positive. He considered that there are significant negative issues with open plan classrooms. His group recently visited two schools outwith the region, in West Lothian and Perthshire. Both recently built and both modern with lots of open plan breakout areas but both schools had doors on every single classroom. They'd asked the head teachers at both schools for their opinions on open plan and they both said the teachers need the flexibility. T Compton's group are still concerned around the population issues. There is still space to squeeze more people in but his group think that would be detrimental. Retaining the Victorian building for future use should be considered for other activities. There are other issues with the design which will hopefully be discussed, including lockers, social spaces, toilets, staff spaces and the playing pitches. In order to maintain the engagement, the Parent Council are seeking representation on an ongoing basis, possibly through the project board and hope that they can work in partnership with SBC with design changes and be involved in those discussions so that decisions are not arrived at at a late date. T Compton and his group welcomed and thanked the work the SBC Cllrs have put in. In particular, the PCC has had a key role and T Compton thanked the PCC too.

The Chair had had a meeting with J Curry on the morning of the PHS engagement sessions and it was a very positive meeting. J Curry said SBC knows their communication is not ideal and could be better. One example was that the BB93 (acoustic) standard was a requirement of the funding from the Scottish Government and if everyone had known that upfront, that would have taken a lot of heat out of a number of arguments. At the engagement session, the Chair had asked how everything was being captured, and he was shown a spreadsheet. J Curry agreed to put it on the website for all to see. That should also have been done in the past which would have avoided a lot of aggravation on all sides. However, it was heartening to see the efforts SBC were making and they

should be congratulated for their hard work. They were listening and are making changes. There remain concerns, but that will always be the case.

H Young: Overall it was a very welcome event by the community, and in many ways constructive and helpful. It was good to have the opportunity to speak to SBC. H Young echoed the views that the Peebles' session was very busy, and some folk left without managing to ask their questions. Innerleithen and West Linton sessions were more constructive because they were quieter. The Chair asked if the issues raised in those sessions had been captured? Cllr Pirone said yes and all comments are being worked on. They should be available at the end of February/early March and will be publicised on the website.

The Chair is able to feedback directly to J Curry too, if anyone has further comments.

S Coe said the event was good and it would have been of greater benefit if it had been done a year ago. He appreciated the investment of the SBC senior staff. He had spent time with the architects and still had two concerns, one being the performance space. There had been a constructive response and he appreciated there had been amendments. The architects had gone out to measure the Burgh Hall but had not appreciated that the stage was too small when there were performances, and that a bigger depth was needed. Changes to the seating was great with the high space, but bigger width and depth was needed. The second thing, listening to both sides of the argument, he was taken by the SBC vision for inspired learning model and applauded the objectives. The worries are the concerns raised by professionals and realising the model has not been tested thoroughly. It seems almost experimental in effect. His concern is that if we trust that this model is going to be good, what happens if it goes wrong? What is the fallback position? While we must trust that it is going to work, he is still conscious of the concerns raised by experts. L Munro said there would be a need for staff and teachers to learn how to use the space.

H Young remains concerned in respect of the Equality Act. Two points: it is welcomed that BB93 is going to be met although it is not clear what provision will be made for children who meet the definition of having special communication needs and there is a whole range of needs in terms of acoustics. Will those be met, and where? The Equality and Impact Assessment is going to be done, but it should have been done before, not after, the design. Cllr Pirone said they have committed to that dialogue. S Renwick will also agree. Cllr Pirone wanted to thank those who attended the sessions. The officers went back and made a lot of changes based on comments. It is still a work in progress.

Cllr Tatler agreed, it was a good event and although it was very busy there were lots of conversations happening around the event.

S Renwick said that they did capture themes and they listened. They didn't need to write things down word for word as they had absorbed the issues. As with the end of the preplanning process, they must put together a summary including the themes and issues showing how the plans have stepped forward and this will be put online. He admitted that the busy engagement session in Peebles was great, but the full depth of information may not have been captured because it was so busy. He totally thinks that they did not conclude the equalities discussions and he will be reaching out to the group to get back together to continue those points.

#### **Presentation by Jeremy Cunningham about School Transport**

The PCC welcomed Jeremy Cunningham who had come to talk about his report on school transport. The report had been circulated.

J Cunningham pointed out that there had been a few changes affecting Peebles, over the last year or so, since he had written his report. Firstly, school pupils are now eligible to travel on the main arterial routes because of free bus travel. Unfortunately, the Borders does not have the infrastructure to support a full bus service so that access to free travel is not really an option to a lot of young people because there are no buses. They are at a disadvantage. Urban dwelling young people have access to a better infrastructure. J Cunningham had spoken to the Innerleithen young people, and some are using school transport, and some are using the X62. For example, if they missed the school bus, they could get the X62. The way the school buses are used is changing. When the fire happened, the idea was to bus pupils to Kingsmeadows car park, but this still meant the buses coming over the bridge. He suggested the young people could be dropped off north of the river and then walk over. There were precedents in other areas where the young people were not driven door to door. They are collected from a reasonable distance from home and dropped off at a reasonable distance from school. Gordon Grant at SBC said that the challenge faced is if he changes the patterns of school transport, his staff are snowed under by complaints from parents. SBC staff would like to make changes. The more support we can give them to institute changes on the back of the new high school being built would be a good step forward. The other change has been the 20 mile an hour limit which is also good. If a child is struck, the chance of significant injury is reduced. Finally, another issue is the change in the Highway Code with the hierarchy of vulnerability. These areas have changed in the last year or so. Changes that may now make a difference for the service buses having to drive up to the school door.

The Chair asked J Cunningham why he had written the report? J Cunningham confirmed that while he was working with the PCT it was funded by Sustrans who had been looking at all travel within Peebles. He had done an earlier report in in 2006 looking at the paths network. However, it is an ongoing problem not least because of school buses but the parental vehicles also.

The Chair thanked J Cunningham saying he thought it was an excellent report and could identify with many of the issues.

Cllr Tatler said he thought it was an interesting report and as a local resident does not want to see the buses congested. Twice a day it is gridlock. The project team at the High School also find it an issue and would like to resolve it. However, there are many challenges, including the parents.

J Cunningham said that the teachers, senior staff and pupils would like to see less traffic going up to the school. The report is available through the PCT if anyone wants to see it.

The Secretary said it is very dangerous for those pupils walking on the pavement where the buses turn into the school, it is narrow, and the buses often mount the kerbs. The parents of the children walking to school should consider action.

The Chair said that although it is interesting area, it touches on a greater issue for the PCC and that is whatever is agreed must work best for the overall population. Those who are complaining to SBC about changes are those who are directly affected, however as things stand all people in Peebles are currently affected by all transport issues. Although the PCC is representative of the people, it is difficult to capture all the issues that are concerning the community and on behalf of the whole population.

There are circa 900 sets of parents, could SBC organise through the school a letter to all the parents sounding them out and then they would have a straw poll from the parents at least. Those directly affected will not want to see change, and those who are not will not worry. The complaints to the SBC should not stop a change that would be a benefit to the wider population.

T Compton said that the heaviest users of the school buses are those in outlying area and their views would no doubt be different to those of Peebles' residents. The Chair agreed this was fair point. The PHS Parent Council do surveys, and this is something they would be able to look at assisting; he is happy to work with PCC about school transport.

J Cunningham said that the Secretary's concern about pupil safety is important. With the combination of the construction traffic, he is surprised there has not been a major issue on that corner (Springhill Road into Springwood Road) already as it is very dangerous. He is of the opinion that an incident will happen. When approaching parents about this subject we need to acknowledge the issue of pupil safety, but also their health and their sense of autonomy. Being bussed door to door undermines their independence.

T Compton said that the constructions teams have been told not to use the road at certain times. Some students do walk into Peebles at lunchtime, but this would mean around 900 children walking across town to get to and from the school buses. He agrees that Cllr Tatler is right and that there would be a strong debate with the parents.

The Chair said a debate should be held.

J Wilson said that there will be a school travel plan in place that details who goes where and when, a good example would be the bin men who are often asked to be in and out by 8am. Secondary school travel reports will be very detailed. There will be a document in place.

J Shearer asked how many pupils use the buses? J Cunningham said it is a lot, around 60% or 70% which is approximately 600-800.

S Renwick said that through the planning process and construction phase one a travel plan was submitted. J Wilson is right a detailed school travel plan will have been done and will in due course be revised.

#### **Matters arising:**

**Speeding HGVs on George Street:** Cllr Begg has met with Brown Brothers, and everyone will have seen the report.

**Vehicles idling at Priorsford School:** Cllr Pirone confirmed that the Police will be checking in on the vehicles idling at Priorsford School, she has also asked school to have word with parents.

**Recruitment of younger Community Councillors:** Cllr Pirone and H Young have been looking at the recruitment of younger members to the PCC. Cllr Pirone has asked a modern studies teacher who is going to discuss attending with his pupils after half term. The Cllrs are also meeting with the Youth Parliament and will mention it then. Perhaps a few of them could take part on a rota. The Chair didn't think the Constitution would allow a rotation. There are two spaces on the PCC.

F Richardson had also mentioned it to the Duke of Edinburgh Leader at PHS, in passing, as it would be a good fit for someone who wanted to complete a volunteer slot for their Gold award.

**Replacement of sign at Mercat Cross.** : Cllr Tatler will deal with this.

**Cycling World Championships:** Cllr Tatler said the Cllrs have briefings coming up in the next couple of weeks. The Chair said we will need a contact within SBC. Cllr Pirone confirmed J Curry is leading it and it would be a good idea for someone to come and present here. The Chair said there will be lots of local impact.

**Old tourist sign:** A Mackenzie said completion was very close.

**Police report:** M Bruce's report had been circulated and he was disappointment that again there had been no representative from Police Scotland. This week he appreciated there had been a major incident that was taking up their time. Cllr Pirone will raise it again.

**Youth Behaviour:** Serena Moody, the Youth Engagement Officer for Police Scotland, has organised a drop-in session at PHS for half an hour simply to have some informal interaction between Police Scotland and the young people. S Moody has also arranged a teams evening at Costa Coffee for the young people. One for S1 to S3 and then one for S4 to S6. These will be for a couple of hours and Costa will pay. It is a super initiative that is not a corporate effort for Costa but one arranged by the manager, Cammy, who should be commended for his efforts.

**ASB.** The steering group met recently, and they are looking at the way ahead, trying to resolve issues. A dozen or so young people attended. They were asked what they would like, and they said, somewhere to hang out, specifically at the skate park. SBC should have built a shelter facility and they could still make good. There are plans for lighting and M Bruce is grateful to Cllr Pirone who is going to see if some form of shelter can be provided by SBC. The young people even gave the group a design. May use criminal justice team to construct the shelter. M Bruce is hopeful there will be some sort of facility near the skate park. A composting toilet would be good too and that is being researched. Would be good for mums and toddlers as well as teenagers.

The group is also speaking to the Eastgate theatre to find a way to fund a teens film night. The street pastor initiative has not gone away. J Dubé said Peebles Churches Together are going to Galashiels to shadow them ahead of setting the initiative up. Everyone is keen to establish the initiative.

Cllr Tatler said that he is supportive of the young people having a place in Victoria Park, but he urges everyone to take the local community with them. There is a group working towards Green Flag status for the park. Cllr Pirone said all groups will be involved but it is important if the young people have spoken that everyone should work together not to let them down. M Bruce agreed.

C Forsyth pointed out that some of the young people raised money to build the skate park and we must not forget that.

The Chair thanked M Bruce for heading up this initiative, with Cllr Pirone. Looking back no one was dealing with this problem but between M Bruce, Cllr Pirone and Ian Gibson, they've created something brilliant.

**Cllrs Reports.** The written reports from Tweeddale West had been circulated.

**Tweeddale West:** No concerns.

**Tweeddale East:**

**Cllr Pirone** said that most of her report had already been covered. She has been busy with PHS and Halyrude. All Cllrs had been busy with the budget working group to close the deficit gap. She would like to see the entire community involved with the youth initiatives.

**Cllr Tatler** wanted to speak about the Peebles Common Good. The next meeting is on 28 February and will be an in-person meeting at Rosetta Road. At the end of meeting will be a Q&A session where any questions can be asked about Peebles Common Good. They are considering producing an annual report. The sports project at Whitestone Park and Violet Bank has completed the feasibility study and there will be a meeting shortly. He encourages everyone to get involved and to come along to see what is being proposed. There have been concerns raised because the RVS in Peebles is discontinuing their services. Cllr Tatler has been reassured there are negotiations in place to offer support so that the lunch club can continue. Tweedbridge Court mural panels: A Mackenzie has agreed to go and have a look to see what condition they're in. We already have permission to put them on Boots' wall and they want to know when that will happen. If those panels have started to deteriorate, we have permission to take them off and store them if necessary. Cllr Tatler has spoken to Tweeddale Youth Action about doing another project for the hoarding and they are open to that. Cllr Tatler is continuing to meet with the people from the Baptist Church to try and find a resolution regarding their unfinished construction. The Secretary asked if any of the services had been put in? Cllr Tatler said no, but the materials for the walls and the roof are stored there. The Secretary suggested that it could be used for the youth building, toilets, and a cafeteria perhaps.

The Chair has asked G Ramsay to replace him on the Common Good group. Cllr Tatler confirmed that still needed to be ratified.

G Mackie asked if the Common Good was paying for work at Jedderfield Farm? Cllr Tatler confirmed it was, that is part of the lease agreement. G Mackie is concerned about the mud and traffic on the road through the golf course. Cllr Tatler will have a look at that. S Watson said it would be helpful to know what the process was when selecting a tenant and asked if that process is in the public domain, as he knows of two people who put in an application and were rejected. Cllr Tatler said they can publicise the process and he will take it up with SBC's legal officer, however some items will remain confidential. Cllr Tatler suggested S Watson attend the meeting on 28 February and pose the question at the Q&A session to the chief legal officer who will be there.

**Cllr Douglas.** Most items have been covered. The budget process is coming to end and will be sorted within the next two weeks. They have been able to close a lot of the budget gap. Overall, the budget should be positive for community. The cross-party work has brought that about. On the theme of consultation, the Council Scrutiny Committee want the PCC to put forward issues they want looked into, regarding council policies or operations. It can be any aspect. The CSC will meet up over the next four years and the more information they have, the better.

**Treasurer's report:** This had been circulated and there were no questions.

**Chairman's Report:** This had been circulated.

**General:** There had been some concerns raised around various social media platforms, and rude and aggressive behaviours; the Chair wanted it noted that although it is important to produce a forceful case, it is never acceptable to attack an individual or an organisation.

**Voluntary organisations:** All voluntary organisations have difficulty getting enough volunteers. The PCC has a large and varied workload and it is a concern as to how we are going to manage it. When

we have the roadshow to open the Burgh Hall, would it be a good idea to have a Volunteers Fair? Cllr Tatler will put it to the beneficiaries. The Chair said that each group would be responsible for their own stand, etc.

**Holistic transport review.** The Chair has sent out a mind map that he is working on and once finished he will sit down and talk to J Curry. This will go to the consultants who will be working on it.

**Public toilets:** We always have problems, including always having locks repaired. How much does it cost to repair the locks? Maybe we should stop charging to use the toilets and simply lock them overnight. Cllr Tatler pointed out that replacing the locks is not the only cost; they need to be cleaned and upkept. The Chair commented that cleaning was always required and thus always an expense. J Wilson asked if the proposed compost toilet would be vulnerable to vandalism as well. M Bruce said there would not much to vandalise as there is no water or power.

**Planning report:** This had been circulated. The biggest issue was the Scottish Government Reporter asking questions around the new NPF4 which will be ratified soon. Presently we are operating under NPF3. The Reporter had two questions: how much weight and importance we put on NPF4 in relation to LDP2 as submitted by the SBC. The Chair considered that since LDP2 is for another 10 years, then that says a lot of weight if it is not considered, LDP 2 will be operating under the out-of-date framework for the next 10 years. The second question is that we respond saying what we think is wrong with LDP2 and we now need to justify what those items are and bring them up to NPF4. With a defence of our previously tabled suggestions using the new NPF4 framework.

**Chambers Institution Trust:** The report had been circulated. No questions. S Coe confirmed he had just received the lighting reports from contractors, but he had not had a chance to look at them. They had been looking at lighting to reflect the existing character, however the lighting is likely to be more modern. They will be looking at colour samples soon and are still looking at the design for the mezzanine. There will be an outline sketch to see if it works, and if it works it will be the long-term plan. J Shearer asked about the heating? S Coe confirmed the same type of heating will be retained but with recirculation fans in the ceiling. To replace the heating system would be very expensive. Cllr Tatler confirmed that while the scaffolding was up, they would be taking the opportunity to make some investigations. Cllr Tatler also reported that just before Christmas during the cold snap, the pipes burst in the Buchan Museum. There has been some damage, but it is not significant. He also asked them to give their views for the proposals to the Burgh Hall.

The Chairman reminded the CIT that they should speak to the person who led the refurbishment of the Melrose Trimontium Museum. He considered this important as it may well save the CI beneficiaries from “reinventing the wheel” with issues such as grants and raising funds.

**PCT:** The report had been circulated. M Bruce said that the AGM was in two weeks in the Trust building. The Chair asked if they still needed more volunteers? M Bruce confirmed they did, but it is complex to run. They need people with board level skills, such as legal, accountancy and building management. Now it is run by well-meaning amateurs, and it is a massive project. They are waiting to get the final designs signed off and will be looking for £1.5 million to £2 million to be raised. There are pro bono advisers helping. They may find some high net individuals who will contribute to the funding.

J Wilson mentioned The Crook Inn in Tweedsmuir had obtained funding. M Bruce confirmed The Crook Inn lies within the area of the Glenkerie windfarm which provides money for the community. Peebles lies outside that zone.



**Parking Group:** Cllr Tatler confirmed there is a meeting on 21 February, where decisions should be made.

#### **AOB**

H Young wanted to revisit PHS briefly. As a representative of PCC she wanted to clarify that the feedback on the SBC event was positive. However, she wanted to emphasise it was wrong to say concerns do not still exist, particularly around the area of open plan, etc, and those views have been captured. In terms of going forward, has SBC decided how it will communicate with the public? Not every single change but enough so that people can see what is happening and consider that they are being communicated with. Cllr Douglas confirmed that the information will be on the website. When the site is handed over to the builders, the builders will come up with regular news items. Cllr Pirone said, as a council, they are still looking at some of those points.

S Renwick said they have not exhausted the pre-construction conversations, but those conversations did need to be concluded soon. S Renwick is happy to come along regularly to PCC meetings to talk to us. There is a group, including pupils from all three local High Schools going to visit Jedburgh. S Coe asked what the alterations to the plans are? S Renwick said that alterations had been discussed at the weekend between the Director of Education and the architects which has resulted in some additional partitioning and some additional compartmentalisation of certain areas of slightly smaller clusters. A couple of the atrium spaces have additional separation. They will continue to look in detail at the performance space.

**10 May** Cllr Tatler said Mike Pearson is looking for help with the Gypsy Glen Hill run on 10 May. Cllr Tatler will be marshalling. The Chair said he was sure the PCC would be able to assist.

**Co-option of members.** G Mackie said that although we are an elected body, we had not had an election recently as there had never been an excess of volunteers. We can have up to 18 councillors (not including the SBC councillors) and we can co-opt people on a short-term basis to make up to 18 which would then take us to the next election where those co-optees would have to stand formally. We are presently 16 which means we can co-op a further two. Another method of co-opting is to bring in people with specialist skills and knowledge. We do not have formal votes often, but the constitution is all about voting and those co-opted cannot vote. A good example of this would be Peebles in Bloom where you could co-opt someone as a community councillor who would take responsibility for that particular need. There are also rules around those co-opted, as they do not have voting rights until they've served six months or attended three meetings, whichever is first.

**Tweeddale Citizen of the Year.** The closing date is on Friday 24 February.

**Coronation Celebration:** There may be some funding available from SBC and we are looking for ideas to celebrate the coronation on 6 May. The Chair said the Secretary had come up with a good idea to invite people who are home alone to watch the coronation together. It was agreed the suggestion would be given serious consideration.

**Annual litter pick.** This will be in April, before the tourist season. The Chair asked if everyone was prepared to help. Yes. G Ramsay agreed to run it again.

**SBC Walking Festivals 2024, 2025 and 2026** They are looking for groups to host the event and PCC has done it in the past. It is a lot of work and would need a specialist walker to know what it entails. Cllr Tatler said there are new walking groups in the town who might do it. G Mackie said this was a good example of using the special co-opting status. G Macdonald suggested the Tweeddale

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Ramblers or the Peebles U3A walking groups. G Ramsay said that Douglas Wright should be asked first as he had done it before and may want to do it again. G Mackie will contact him.

A Mackenzie has been asked by residents about the building work behind Victoria Park, near the skate park and church, as it has been going on for ever. Could we find out a final construction date? He'd also been asked about lighting, particularly on the path that currently leads nowhere, past the play park. Infirm people go down it and it's a dead end. Will it be included in future plans? Cllr Tatler said one of the things they want to try and do is continue the path. With the new housing; the issue has been with the contractor. There is now a new contractor, and Cllr Tatler will forward the updating email he received to A Mackenzie, but he has been told completion should be this year.

A Mackenzie wanted it noted that a property in Ballantyne Place is being used for multiple-occupancy despite a previous ruling that it was not allowed. There are many different people coming and going from the premises. The Chairman noted that he had assisted in this on a prior occasion and agreed to pick it up if the residents should contact him directly with a request.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their time.

The meeting ended at 8.52pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 7pm in the lounge, Peebles Community Centre, Walkershaugh.