

Peebles & District Community Council

Chairman's Report – March 2026

1.0 General

Tourist Signs

The Chair has no information with which to update

Illegal Vapes and Tobacco

Nothing new to report.

2.0 Meetings attended since October Meeting

12.02.26	February PCC meeting
14.02.26	Interviewed on flooding by High School student
16.02.26	Meeting with Planning Convener
17.02.26	Town Team meeting
21.02.26	Polish Ballet @ Burgh Hall
03.03.26	Foundation Scotland
04.03.26	Place making support meeting
	Flood awareness at the Burgh Hall
05.03.26	Pre-meeting meeting
10.03.26	SBC Non-Financial support meeting
12.03.26	PCC meeting

3.0 Working party on non-financial support to community councils and the working party on the Community Councils Network.

No change.

4.0 Place Making – Town Team

Little new to add, Michael Marshall is still acting as a catalyst to maintain a certain momentum. A meeting was held with Roddy Martin who is SBC's Community Engagement Officer to explore ways of assisting the team. A broad range of subject matter was discussed, and Roddy will attend the next meeting, possibly with some suggestions as to how to access some grant monies.

5.0 Live Borders

A report from a member of the public was received that the Drill Hall may be under some form of threat from Live Borders / SBC. It is not clear at the time of writing as to what the nature of the reported threat is and therefore a meeting has been arranged between your Chair our Planning Convener and Clare Swann to explore the issues and consider whether any action is required.

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6.0 Police Report

Another month of relative calm. Still to be reported is the assault in the Northgate this last week. However, press reports identify that two persons were arrested, otherwise there is no detail.

7.0 Windfarms, Associated Infrastructure and Disbursements.

A meeting was held with Foundation Scotland, and we continue to progress with a mechanism for disbursing the Bowbeat monies soon to be available. Advertising is being designed and will shortly be ready for both an appeal for persons to join the grant oversight panel and to advertise availability of grants to the community. Both, to run concurrently so that the first grants may be available in August.

8.0 Road Maintenance and path maintenance

An article has been published in Peebles Life.
Meeting with Caledonian Court management over the path signage arranged

9.0 Great Polish Map of Scotland

Your Chair has been invited to a conference on the plans for management of the map going forward. Our Polish community has taken over management of the map to ensure its preservation for future generations. Anyone who has seen it, should agree that it is a remarkable construction that well deserves to be maintained. It is also a link between the histories of both Scotland and Poland, stretching back at least to the Second World War.

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