



Minutes.

Thursday, 29th January 7.30pm

Present: Robert Laird (chair), Sara Van Der Vat, Paul Barlow, Andrew Clark Isobel Hunter, Alison Leite, Cllr Drummond Begg, PC Beaumont.

Apologies: Ross McIntyre.

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• Approved: IH Seconded: PB

Matters Arising

- 1. Police Reports:** It was agreed the acting chair of the meeting will be responsible for emailing PCB to inform him of future rescheduled CC meetings. PCB went on to discuss online Bitcoin fraud which has recently happened to a Skirling resident. There was no update on this ongoing case. He did advise that individuals should educate themselves on the dangers and how to spot the warning signs of such scams. This info can be found on SBC website. PCB also left info about digital scams. Speeding guns have been serviced and will be ready to use again imminently. In addition there are two Pop up Bobs in station if we want to try using them again as deterrents however they must be brought in every night. It was agreed this was too much for the volunteers on the CC to manage. He is aware of the recent accident which occurred on Skirling straight on South Lanarkshire side. PCB advised there is a free bike marking event sat 7th in West Linton village centre 1.30-3.30. He also left information about DATATAG projects-A unique layered approach to forensic asset marking that provides lifetime theft insurance. This QR code will be available in village hall.
- 2. CAP/SCDT**
 - 1. Safe Skirling**
 - Speed Spy: RMC RL will pursue. PCB thinks it will provide valuable info the police can use.
 - Cinder path: RL will email concerned parties suggesting a cinder path as an alternative to a tar path outside of the Old Schoolhouse in order to connect the village.
 - 2. Well-connected Skirling**
 - Update on path: PB and J Taylor have been corresponding to arrange a site visit. This has since taken place and it went well. With respect of windfarm funding, DB has suggested including councillors in any email correspondence to apply more weight to any applications.
 - 91 bus times: DB explained plans for 7 buses as opposed to the current 4. One in two of these buses will travel through West Linton which will mean longer travel time but it does mean more buses. **Action: IH will provide feedback to Gordon.**

Next Meeting Dates: March 26th, May28th (AGM), September 24th and November 26th.

3. Skirling Community Life:

Play Park: PB IH. SBC has agreed on the location so SCDT can proceed with funding requests. Next step is obtaining permission from the land owner.

4. Environment and Heritage No update

5. Sustainability and Resilience -

- Tree felling in the Graveyard. SBC has admitted an “oversight” and are taking steps to ensure this does not happen again. The CC has requested that the felled trees are replaced with appropriate substantial specimens and in the same location and that we are informed when any future work is planned including removing the stumps. **Action: IH will continue to correspond with VT.**

3. Village Maintenance

1. Splash bridge repair and potholes on the splash road: The councillors have been requesting funding for this. DB asked us to continue to report potholes on website. Currently, the bridge has been taped off. **Action: DB will pursue.**

2. Light out at rockery: Any lampposts not working can be reported on SBC website. Lampposts have individual numbers on them which can be used to effectively relay to the council exactly which one(s) are broken. **Action: AC will do this.**

4. Funds Update Extra funding for YBF has been received.

5. Treasurer Report:

	Balance
SSE Clyde Windfarm (micro and main grants)	£2,169.66
SSE Clyde Youth Bursary	£1,450.00
Nadara Glenkerie Winfarm (micro grants)	£1,413.92
SBC and Other.	£372.10
Bank Closing Balance.	£5,405.68

6. Correspondence Received

1. **Tree Grant from Borders Tree Grant Scheme:** The CC agreed this would be beneficial to the village and we will send them a note of our interest. IH has the details.

AOB

Village Clean up Sunday April 12th 2026.

A dog attack has resulted in the death of a fawn in a local field. Dog owners are reminded to be vigilant –especially around lambing season.

IH will chair the next meeting.

End 20.45