

Minutes ECDT

Meeting: 13 June 2022, Red Lion, Earlston

Present: Mags Powell, Anne Jepson, Tracy Anderson, Gill Cooper and Jackie Kinmond

Guest: David Parker

Minutes: 16 May 2022 agreed

Primary School Plans – Mags thanked David for attending the meeting to discuss plans, which received planning permission in April, Morrison Construction to start end of June 2022 with basic demolition. Public meeting to be held 20 June at the Primary School 2 – 8 pm for opportunity to see plans and ask any questions.

Changes in plans relate to parking, some outside space and some internal changes. Dedicated community room at front of building with access to kitchen area. David agreed to send both plans to compare.

Issues raised at meeting: *(DP response)*

Is library space bigger? *Not sure need to look at plans*

Residents parking close to school? *Plans have been looked at and changes made where felt necessary.*

East Green Play Park and area? *Current play equipment needs to be scrapped, it will be landscaped. Play park to be situated near tennis court area, design and consultation will take place late 2022/23. It will be accessible to all. East Green hut to be left initially and to be used as hut for workers.*

Will it include adult fitness area as highlighted on Action plan? *Not at the moment, not recommended to put with playpark. Could take on board at playpark consultation.*

Health Centre about to make final decision next week with regards moving to the school, and this will be a tandem build with the school. Two phases of the build some demolition during summer 2022 rest once new school built with a view to open 2024.

What will happen to Health Centre would be good to be used as Community Facility? *Need to contact NHS but no plans to move until 2024. Will contact Alan Bowmont, Head of Estates NSH with regards to possibility meeting with ECDT. Jackie to write again to NHS contact.*

Community Lauder – seed swap on 21 May was successful with good feedback. Further sessions to be held in square – 20 August, 17 September and 8 October.

Focus is waste reduction and environment by growing more and sharing. Would like to be similar to Lauder and Innerleithen not means tested. Currently group on facebook with limited activity as still very new, however, storage is an issue as is for all local groups would be good if in the future the group takes off that items could be stored in the new school. Currently speaking to Coop who may give us a space.

Locations discussed, David agreed to check if SBC own grass area in industrial estate, also Hanover grass area if owned by SBC as could place herb planter, looking at approx. £1100 for bespoke recycled planter, to look at coop funding.

Mags thanked David for attending the meeting it has been very useful.

Meetings – agreed meetings to be held every second Monday each month and to be published on website and facebook page.

Community Plan – is due another update, **Gill** to email Community Council.

Next meeting: 11 July 7.30 Red Lion