

## **ECDT**

### **Board Meeting: 15 January 2020, Red Lion**

Present: Mags, Wilma, Lucy, Jackie

Apologies: Laura

**Development Trust Meeting** – Mags gave update on recent meeting with Andrew Fenton LEADER Enterprise Facilitator of The Bridge about his role and supporting Development Trusts in the Borders - good future ideas, setting up Development Trust workshops – will keep Board updated as things progress.

**Heritage Centre** – following an email to invite representatives from relevant community groups a meeting was held to look at interest in exploring the possibility of a Heritage Centre in Earlston. Meeting was a positive one and everyone was interested in exploring further the possibility of a centre and the purchase of Rhymers Café as a possible site. Discussion around Rhymers Tower and public access, ownership etc.

A further meeting was arranged for 27 January 5 pm at Church Hall to which local councillors were to be invited. It was also agreed that community group members be approached to gauge interest in project as a first step. Message was sent to ECDT members asking for feedback on Heritage Centre – positive responses. Mags also received email from Cllr Parker confirming his interest in project. If project is to proceed full community consultation would be needed and feasibility study but early responses are positive. Mags and Wilma to speak to owners of Rhymers Café before meeting and explain project idea.

Discussed need to involve young people in village – Susan from Beyond Borders had attended initial meeting and was being kept up with developments.

**AGM** – End of year accounts completed. AGM booked for 12 March 7.30 pm at the Red Lion.

**VE Day Celebrations** – ECDT have been asked if they would to support possible VE celebration. Everyone agreed happy to support in any way we can.

**Date of next meeting** – 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Red Lion

Close of meeting.