

Heriot Community Council

Minutes of meeting, 7pm on 4th February 2026

Present: John Williams (Chair), Helen White, Helen Brinkworth (minutes), six members of the public

Apologies: Gavin Whittaker, Sue Sharp, Frank Connelly.

1. Minutes of 26th November accepted. One change: Stow & Fountain Hall CC will not discuss Longmuir until a later meeting.
2. Police Report: One Stow incident, none in Heriot. Mike Summerville advised that he reported to police that quad bikes were seen on Carcant land and that they were suspected stolen.
3. Road Improvements:
 - a. SBC will not repair the sloping side of the B709 and will not create passing places
 - b. Innerleithen road has potholes which are resulting in damage to vehicles
4. Planning applications; Wind farms, Pylons and Substation:
 - a. JW Attended the Borders convention in Jedburgh
 - b. Discussion on joining the community statement produced by Highlands and Northeast Community Councils.
 - c. GW, FC, JW, HB and HW agree to sign to the statement, SS abstains.
 - d. JW will continue to respond to this issue and is providing advice in a personal capacity.
 - e. No current news regarding planning applications relevant to Heriot
 - f. SP Energy consulting at Macfie Hall on 24th February on the installation of an electricity line from Torfichen which will go along the A7 through Heriot and then east at Crockston.
 - g. Possibility of a consultation of high-capacity line between Livingston and Threepwood in 2027
5. Heriot School: No Updates
6. Training Grants
 - a. One application received: More publicity to be organised
7. Shoestanes Wood and playground
 - a. Survey completed, HCC are waiting for the landscaper's plan to be produced.
 - b. DLX trust fund money has been received to pay for the survey.

8. Community Funds

- a. Swimming Lessons have been requested for the school children. GW spoke to HM about the parent council organising this. HCC are in favour of supporting this.
- b. 2nd Newsletter was awarded funding.

9. Election of New HCC members

- a. SBC Councillor Neil Mackinnon will lead the arrangements of the election
- b. Dates will be provided online through Facebook and emailing. Forms will be on the notice boards at Heriot School and Heriot Station plus through the SBC website.
- c. JW, FC and GW are standing down.

10. AOB

- a. Newsletter received positive feedback
- b. Underpass has been cleaned but since then more mud has washed in and a step tread has fallen off.
- c. Timber lorries on B709 in Heriot should not be driving in a convoy; they should leave gaps for traffic. Can be reported to the company if this is a problem.
- d. Timber lorries on the B709 Granites road causing issues by being too fast and driving over the Granites through Heriot instead of going around the main roads and via Innerleithen to reach the south end of the Granites road.

Finish at 19:50

Next meeting of HCC is on Wednesday 18th March.