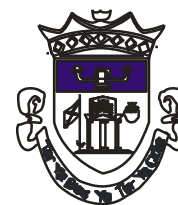

Hawick Community Council



MINUTES OF MEETING OF HAWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

held via Zoom on Monday 10th May 2021 immediately following AGM.

Present:	Cameron Knox (Chairperson)	Marion Short (Vice-Chairperson)
	Jim Adams (Treasurer)	Margaret Hogg (Secretary)
	John Campbell	Wilson George
	Keith Irving	Duncan Taylor
	Alan Wear	Euan Welsh
	French Wight	John Wilkinson
	Attending:	Councillor McAteer
	Derick Tait, Future Hawick	Chloe Dobson, Out & About Project
	William Fletcher, Burnfoot CC	Harry Scott, HHS
	Helen Clyne, HHS	Abigail Potts, HHS

There were 3 members of the public also in attendance, as well as Jason Marshall and Graham Ford on behalf of the Hawick Paper and David Henderson, TD9 Radio.

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks** – The Chair welcomed everyone to the monthly May meeting of HCC and thanked everyone for their attendance via Zoom. He stated it was great that current Covid restrictions were now being relaxed and to see some movement and normality returning. Our High Street shops were re-opening and he urged that for a vibrant and busy High Street again, increased footfall was needed, and he encouraged people to shop local. Businesses, large and small relied on the townsfolk to “use them or lose them”.

Hawick was a town steeped in rugby history, and he congratulated Stuart Hogg and Rory Sutherland and their families on their selection the previous week to the British & Irish Lions touring squad this Summer.

Although no Common Riding would be held this year, congratulations were also extended to HCC Member and Ex-Cornet of 25 years, Alan Wear and his Lass Julie and their Acting Father & Mother.

In concluding, he advised that the meeting would be being recorded by HCC as well as the Hawick Paper and TD9 Radio for reporting purposes.

- 2. Declarations of Interest** – The Chair advised that if any members had a conflict of interest in any matters being raised, they should make it known at the start of the discussion.
- 3. Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marshall and Turnbull and HCC member, Braden George.

4. **Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of 12th April 2021** – The Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting – Proposed by Jim Adams and Seconded by Wilson George.

5. **Matters arising** –

Item 5: Electronic Speed Signs – the Chair advised that, as had been reported by him to the last meeting, poles were in place however the speed units still remained to be installed. 30mph buffer zones were due to be created at Liddesdale Road and Weensland Road soon. These buffer zones were being put in place across the Scottish Borders, to help traffic flow.

Item 10(a): Hawick Sporting Greats Board (renamed Hawick Honorary Provost Achievement Awards Board) – it was noted that this matter was on the Agenda for approval at the next Provost's Council Meeting to be held on 12th May. An update on the outcome of discussions would be provided at the next HCC meeting.

Item 11(c)(ii): Wilton Lodge Park - Control of Dogs – it was noted that Councillor McAteer had provided contact information on the Dog Officer, responsible for dealing with any complaints on dogs. This information had been passed to HCC members.

Item 11(b) – Groups within Hawick – Communications – Margaret Hogg reported that a meeting had been held with Graeme Webb, HCC's website administrator. An Events/What's On type page would be able to be incorporated into the HCC website along with a Contact Form to enable the various groups to advise on their events for inclusion. Links could be created to individual groups website or facebook pages, if necessary, for further information.

Contact would be required with all the various clubs and organisations within the town for their buy in, to enable this to be a success. Information on all known clubs and organisations should be provided to the Secretary, to enable a mail-out to them, to encourage participation in bringing all the town's events into a single-source page of information for ease of reference. It was hoped that this would also be an avenue to provide volunteers assistance across events, where this was required.

Costs for the creation of the new website page along with the contact form, and for initial upload of events would be no more than £100, with ongoing updates of events charged at the normal agreed £25 hourly rate.

Jock Campbell agreed that this was a good idea, and Duncan Taylor suggested a link from the new page to our Facebook page would also be good. All Members agreed that this matter be progressed.

Item 11(c) – Wilton Lodge Park – (i) Tree-felling – Members had been copied into correspondence between Councillor Turnbull and Jason Hedley, SBC, and a response received to the letter issued by HCC to Netta Meadows, CEO, SBC on the matter of tree-felling/management, maintenance, and protection of trees. The letter had requested copies of SBC Policies as well as a Planned Schedule regarding overall management of trees within Hawick. The additional matter of why a local removal firm had not been used for recent clearance of Town Hall offices had also been raised in that letter.

Whilst a response had been received from SBC's John Curry, Service Director Assets, this did not contain any Policies nor Planned Schedule, albeit the letter stated a Cyclical Programme of inspections was in place from which it was assumed a Plan or Schedule must then also be

in place. The letter went onto say that if any wood from felled trees was required for use within the town, HCC could contact Craig Blackie, Parks & Environment Manager. This however would be difficult, given there was no Schedule provided on where and when any tree-felling would take place.

In terms of the Removal firm used for clearance of Town Hall offices, the letter stated that SBC had contracted a local company, however, that company had then sub-contracted works to another company.

Councillors attending were then asked for their comments.

Councillor McAteer repeated that the whole issue of trees remained difficult and to get any real clarity from SBC was nigh on impossible. Councillors despite repeated requests had only received the Schedule shared with HCC members previously, however this did not take account of anything out with Wilton Lodge Park. Councillors were happy to take this matter up again with the Council as it was agreed that more information and transparency was required to provide clarity on what was happening with trees in Hawick as a whole and when.

Keith Irving advised that he had spoken with Parks Department employees who had confirmed that they received no prior notification of when trees were to be felled. They were only advised on the day that they were to carry out such work. In the letter of response from SBC, it was noted that replanting at Wilton Lodge Park would be done between November and February however there was no mention about loss of trees in the nearby Violet Woods, alluding to the need for information on all areas of tree-felling around Hawick and not just Wilton Lodge Park in isolation.

Councillor Ramage advised on an email she had received from John Curry, SBC's Service Director Assets, advising that the trees removed at the top of Wilton Lodge Park had not been commissioned by SBC, but that SBC had required to clean up the mess left by tree removal. This was deemed an odd statement and raised the question as to who was then responsible for their removal.

The question was raised seeking confirmation that only diseased trees were being felled, however, this was considered debateable, particularly given the lack of clarity on what trees were being felled to enable confirmation of this.

Marion Short commented on recent tree felling at Heronhill Bank, where initially SBC advised they would not be responsible for, as the trees lay on land which did not belong to them. It had transpired however that a company contracted by SBC were then instrumental in cutting down several trees on such land, but unfortunately not the actual trees highlighted as dangerous by residents following an incident of one tree falling on top of a resident's car. Councillor McAteer undertook to discuss this matter further with Marion Short out with the meeting.

It was agreed to correspond further with SBC and to include an invite to Simon Wilkinson to attend a future HCC meeting to discuss trees in Hawick overall, and the lack of clarity and transparency of information forthcoming on these.

- 6. High School Pupil Update** – Harry Scott advised that pupils had been revising for final assessments. Two assessments were scheduled for later in the week, with the remainder

following up until 2nd June. S4 to S6 pupils' assessments would be marked by their HHS teachers and then cross-marked by teachers around the schools within the Scottish Borders. Assessments would be held mainly within the Assembly Hall and socially distanced, with others in classrooms. The Assessments had been moved back one week to allow for more revision time.

The House Captains for the 3 houses – Scott, Douglas and Turnbull were currently involved in arranging school and community activities to round off the year, either for charity or for individual House points. Scott House for instance had hidden small items, such as a pin or dice in various local shop windows. Winners would be published on a Board within the High School and presentations held.

Arrangements were also in place for a best common riding photo competition, for example of The Horse or countryside where the town's boundaries were marked, with one House yet to confirm their activities.

Abigail Potts advised of this being the last term of the year for herself and the other S6 pupils, and that normal S6 activities had been somewhat curtailed due to the pandemic. It was hoped however to hold the Boys v Girls Hockey Tournament on 9th June, subject to SBC approval, and that this tournament would be bigger and better to round off the year. Usual audiences would unfortunately not be permitted but nevertheless pupils were very much looking forward to this.

Helen Clyne reported that plans for the Yearbook and Hoodies were now confirmed. Hoodies would be ordered the following Friday, with donations received from Ms Porteous and the Parent Council making these more affordable for all.

In terms of the school's chosen charity, Friends of the Community Hospital, the sum of £725 had been raised but with plans for a non-uniform day, it was hoped that donations from that would allow the sum of £1,000 to be reached.

Finally, it was noted that the process for selection of the next Head Team would be starting soon.

John Campbell asked why the pupils did not arrange a match with teachers, however Helen advised that they were not permitted to mix pupils with staff at the present time.

Councillor Ramage asked how the pupils had managed and how they had found schooling in this difficult year. Harry responded advising that it had been tough for everyone, but they were gradually getting through the year with some perseverance. With a mixture of blended learning, time off and time on, and now being back into school and getting final teaching before exams, they were all just getting their heads down and trying to make the most of the 3-4 weeks' time they had left.

Councillor Ramage expressed her hope that pupils would be able to have some form of celebrations to mark the end of their year.

On behalf of HCC, the Chair thanked the 3 pupils attending and stated they had been a great credit to themselves, their school, and their families. He wished them well in their chosen professions and with any further education.

- 7. Guest Speaker –Chloe Dobson – Out and About Project** – The Chair welcomed Chloe Dobson, Out and About Group to the meeting and advised of the great success of this Group with their project in Burnfoot with the installation of benches within this scheme. ‘Out and About’ were looking to extend the initiative into other areas within our town.

Chloe Dobson thanked HCC for their invite and introduced herself as working for the Charity, Living Streets, and the Project Co-ordinator for the Out and About Scottish Borders Project. She advised she would give an overview on the hard work carried out by the Hawick Out and About Group over the last year.

This Group was formed of local residents, Councillors and organisations who worked to support local people to stay active and well through everyday walks. The Group had been successful in 2019 in installing 8 recycled benches and 2 bus stop benches in Burnfoot with help from SBC. The Group had continued to meet online monthly.

During the first lockdown, the Group were informed that residents in the Stirches area were unable to undertake their daily walks due to a lack of benches. Covid had highlighted the need to be outdoors and to stay physically fit both mentally and emotionally. The Group felt that with their previous knowledge and success of the Burnfoot project, they would like to help the Stirches residents with installing new benches. The Group had worked closely with McLaughlin & Harvey, Flood Protection Group who had provided reclaimed and reconditioned wooden benches with Living Streets providing 5 recycled plastic benches. McLaughlin & Harvey had also kindly agreed to install these benches, without charge to the Group.

The Group had also worked closely with SBC, who would be installing 3 bus stop benches along Hazelwood Road, Roxburgh Drive and Guthrie Drive. Living Streets had paid for the benches and would cover the costs of their installation.

The Group was currently carrying out a Consultation Exercise with Stirches residents, to identify sites for 6 benches. Consultation would close on 14th May and to date 14 online responses had been received, along with 1 telephone response and 1 response to the Hawick Paper, who Chloe stated had been extremely supportive. This level of response, during Covid, was considered positive.

Once consultation was concluded, the preferred sites would be determined and the Group would liaise with Scottish Borders Housing Association, as some of the benches may require to be installed on land belonging to them. Another positive impact had been the delivery of 2 reconditioned wooden benches to the Burnfoot Community Hub Garden for visitors, volunteers, and staff to enjoy. Thanks were expressed again to McLaughlin & Harvey for delivering these benches.

The Out and About Project would finish at the end of May however it was noted that Yvonne Gilfillan of McLaughlin & Harvey had agreed to take over the co-ordination of Group meetings, to oversee the installation of the benches in Stirches, and to maintain the benches until the end of their contract in 2023.

Once the benches were installed in Stirches, the Group would investigate the need for benches in other areas within Hawick. It was noted that Councillor Turnbull had expressed his interest in becoming involved in this next phase of work.

In concluding, Chloe thanked all members of the Hawick Out and About Group, many of whom were in the meeting. She also expressed thanks to McLaughlin & Harvey, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Borders Housings Association for their patience and hard work during the challenging year. She hoped that Stirches residents would enjoy the benches once these were installed.

The Vice-Chair suggested that Weensland Road, which was a long road, might be an area to benefit from installation of a couple of benches. She wondered whether some of the wood from felled trees within the town could be utilised for such benches. Chloe confirmed that this area had already been suggested. Any surplus from Stirches might be able to be utilised in this suggested area.

Councillor Ramage thanked Chloe for her power of work in such a short period of time and for Yvonne stepping into the breach. This was a very worthwhile project and providing benches was a simple way of helping people enjoy walking and the outdoors.

The Chair said he was sure that benches would be welcomed in Liddesdale Road and the West End and probably many other areas, and thanked Chloe for her presentation and her work on this very worthwhile project.

8. **Police Scotland Report** – This report had previously been circulated to HCC Members for their consideration and the Chair commented on incidents relating in the month to antisocial behaviour, vandalism, and theft amongst other reported incidents, stating the report did not make for good reading and that matters required to be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

The Vice-Chair agreed with the Chair's comments on this report and went on to express thanks to Councillor Marshall in his absence, for his response to queries raised on the N Peal building the previous month. Unfortunately, incidents were continuing and would require monitoring.

The Secretary advised on difficulties she had with the figures being presented in this report. Figures related to the whole of the Scottish Borders, and her preference would be for figures to be localised to the Hawick area, for consideration by Hawick Community Council.

Further trend analysis was required, as monthly comparative figures provided in this report, at April 2020 in comparison to April 2021, did not convey the wider picture on whether crime incidents were improving or otherwise, and better ongoing and annual comparative data against for example Galashiels being a similar sized town might also be more appropriate and beneficial.

Over 300 incidents were reported in the month of April 2021. Of these incidents, 28 (excluding mental health and road safety) were detailed in the report as relating to Hawick. From those 28, only 6 (21%) were identified as concluded and nothing further is then heard on the unresolved cases going forward. Much higher detection rates were being reported overall and raised questions as to lower detection rates for Hawick. It was asked whether there was any prospect to have the information provided improved upon, especially to reflect more localised information and trends.

Councillor McAteer concurred that Police Scotland's standardised reporting was not great and whilst isolated comments on some incidents within each of the communities were

sometimes provided, they as Councillors had found it impossible to get incidents bespoke to individual communities such as Hawick, Denholm or Newcastleton. They were not averse however to continuing to pursue this. Police Scotland state they require to follow a standard format for reporting and their stance was that they were not prepared to deviate from this.

The Vice-Chair stated she recalled that the matter of having localised figures had been raised by previous Hawick Community Councillors and refused, however she considered the current report was better than information previously provided. Hopefully once virtual meetings were no longer necessary, Police attendance at HCC meetings would improve on getting more localised information.

It was noted that Councillor McAteer had expressed to the Divisional Commander that lack of Police attendance at Community Council meetings did not help in getting clarity on issues raised there and then. The Police response was that they considered Zoom to be an insecure network and their policy was to only participate in Microsoft Teams Meetings.

It was then raised and agreed that when Councillors had their next meetings with Sergeant Paul Begley, they would again address the issue of provision of more localised report content and ask as to the possibility of a small delegation of HCC members meeting with him whilst Zoom meetings remained in place and Police were unable to attend.

- 9. Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer spoke to his April 2021 report with a total Opening Balance of £27,472.10. Movement in the month was primarily within the Community Fund Foundation Scotland account, with awards in the month of micro and community grants of £708.30 and £6,569.66 respectively to various organisations and clubs in the town. Awards of £1k were also made to Hawick in Bloom and Christmas Event/Lights funds and additional monies received in respect of Williestruther.

He detailed the closing balances of each of the various Funds, resulting in a total Closing Balance at the end of April of £20,594.05.

10. Public Forum & Town Issues

- (a) Town Clean-up – 16th May 2021 – The Chair advised that this was proposed to take place on Sunday, 16th May meeting at the Common Haugh at 10am. The usual “hot spots” for litter would be covered. The Great River Clean-up would also be taking place that day, as well as a tidy up of the area between the top and bottom Moor gates by Hawick Common Riding Committee members as part of the Hawick Volunteers Group. This could only be to the benefit of the town.

Equipment of litter pickers, gloves and black bags etc would be provided by HCC and he hoped there would be a good turnout of HCC members and other volunteers. Duncan Taylor was tasked to publicise this event on HCC's Facebook page and the Hawick Paper also requested to publicise.

- (b) The Chair on behalf of HCC member Braden George, highlighted an issue with the lack of dog poo bins from Parkdaill up the A7 to the Jooglie Bridge, down the road to Borthaugh and into Wilton Lodge Park. This was a popular walking route but there was a lack of dog poo bins there.

Councillor McAteer stated he was happy to take this matter forward to SBC to encourage their installation.

- (c) David Killean, Hawick Cycling Club had requested representation from HCC to form a proposed new Steering Group in relation to the Tour of Britain event on Saturday, 11th September which would be coming through Hawick.

Keith Irving and Euan Welsh volunteered to represent HCC on the Steering Group.

- (d) Hawick Community Pump Track were looking for HCC's support regarding a Rates bill they had received from SBC.

Councillor McAteer advised that this matter had since been resolved. The Pump Track had been set up as a charity and as such did not require to pay rates.

- (e) French Wight queried why the signs at the Ambulance Station and on Wilton Hill could not be recalibrated from 30mph to 20mph. He considered a similar flashing sign installed at Liddesdale Road to be effective.

He went on to express thanks to Councillor Ramage for her assistance in having fencing installed at the top of Wilton Lodge Park where "warning" tape had previously been in situ. The fencing was much more secure to prevent danger in that area near the river due to bank erosion.

Councillor Ramage expressed her continuing concerns regarding the island formed in the river at this location, which was pushing the river down both sides and highlighted potential for further bank erosion. More required to be done to prevent this in terms of reinforcements to the bankings around there.

Finally, French Wight advised that Flood Protection works meant traffic disruption throughout the town but expressed his exacerbation with the common sense of some drivers, particularly coming off the roundabout at Teviotdale Leisure Centre. Despite road closed signage for Commercial Road, drivers were ignoring these and causing traffic flow problems.

On the matter of this roundabout, the Vice-Chair advised she had written to Bear Scotland who had previously stated that tidying works there would be carried out in their 2021 budget. Being 5 months into that budget year, she was setting this as a reminder and had referenced good tidying works which had been carried out at the Morrisons roundabout. She had, to date, not received anything concrete back from Bear Scotland, but would keep members posted.

Finally, Jim Adams reported on a parking issue which had been highlighted particularly on Sundays in Liddesdale Road when the Church service was ongoing. Vehicles were being parked on double yellow lines and blocking sight at the corner around the new speed signage.

11. Reports from sub-committees

- a) A7 Action Group – There was nothing to report on this Group.

- b) Summer Event – The Vice-Chair reported she had met with the Chair and Secretary at the Civic Space and that all documentation, including a proposed plan of stalls layout, had now been issued to SBC for approval. There was now a waiting list for stalls due to the excellent response from stallholders wishing to attend the event.

On the matter of the Christmas lights, and the need for repairs and painting to Bert's snowmen and trees, the Chair advised that a date would be set within the next couple of weeks and members advised to help with necessary works.

- c) Hawick Common Good – There was nothing further to report on this Group.
- d) Hawick in Bloom – Margaret Hogg reported that sponsorship for planting was now £2,985 and expressed thanks again to donors and local businesses for their generosity.

The Round Close area had been given a good tidy, and thanks were expressed to Duncan MacDougall and George Patterson who had kindly given of their time to tidy this location.

Summer plants were due for delivery on Monday, 7th June with volunteers in place for planting. Hopefully, some of these plants would be in place prior to the next HCC meeting.

- e) Wind Farms – French Wight advised that there was nothing new to report, albeit a lot of detailed information had been recently circulated by Philip Kerr (T&L Partnership) which was very technical, however no further movement to date on this.

The Chair advised that HCC points of issue on transport access, water run-off etc for inclusion in the Scoping Report to be sent to the Scottish Government were due by 21st May. This would then allow public consultation to follow. French Wight advised of his concerns of wind farms changing hands and ability to follow these changes, as well as redistribution of funds amongst the various wind farms. The Chair also expressed his concerns at the level of technical knowledge required, however HCC would continue as best possible in deciphering this.

- (f) Finally, on the matter of the Bandstand Events to be held at Wilton Lodge Park during July and August, the Chair reported that 6-8 concerts should be able to be held over these months. Through Foundation Scotland funds, HCC had ring-fenced £4k for these events. Friends of Wilton Lodge Park (Keith Johnston) would supply gazebos, chairs etc for inclement weather. HCC members would be requested nearer the time to assist with erecting and dismantling of gazebos and stewarding.

These events would assist takings at the Park's Café and would hopefully be well attended by the public.

The Vice-Chair advised that the Bandstand Event scheduled on 28th August would fall on the same day as HCC's Summer Market at the Civic Space, which would also be an English Bank Holiday weekend. Hopefully both these events would serve as an attraction for townsfolk and tourists alike.

Duncan Taylor declared an interest in this discussion, as a Trustee of Live Music, Hawick.

12. Updates from Community Partners

(a) Foundation Scotland - The Vice-Chair reported that grants had all been paid out, as reported earlier by the Treasurer in his report. She had received many thank you letters and positive comments from the various organisations and clubs who had received these awards.

(b) Future Hawick – Derick Tait, Chair of Future Hawick reported as follows:

(i) Covid Recovery Grant: Expenditure of this Grant was now in its final stages, with a second 'Shop Local' initiative underway. Displays for shop windows at Burtons and Dorothy Perkins were being arranged and any interested parties looking for display space could contact Future Hawick – Frank Booth Email: frank.booth@tinaholley.com)

As part of improvements to the town's appearance, Future Hawick had undertaken the rewilding of the grass banking at Morrisons roundabout and were looking for funding opportunities for similar type projects elsewhere in the town. Derick thanked public members for their support with this project and donations thus far towards funding.

(ii) Property Improvement Grant: Funding for shop fronts project was also now in its final stages with works coming to an end and the £40k funding now fully allocated.

(iii) Hawick Welcome: A meeting with prospective Welcome Hosts had been arranged for the following Friday, with a view to starting this initiative in early June. Arrangements were also being made to distribute Welcome Brochures to various outlets in and around the town. Disappointment was expressed at the delay with flood prevention works at the Common Haugh and the drastic reduction in the number of parking spaces for campervans. A meeting was being sought on these issues.

(iv) Community Enterprise Manager: This post, funded by SBC, was due to be in place in April but delayed due to Covid. Following discussions between SBC and SoSE on what this post should entail and the responsible organisation for its funding, it had been agreed that SoSE would assume that role. SoSE considered that this post was no longer required. Efforts were to be concentrated with different dedicated skills on a project-by-project basis, rather than appoint a Project Manager for a one-year period.

Funding remained available but further discussion was required with SoSE to develop a plan of action and identify what Hawick needed. This method could for example, provide scope for Future Hawick to develop the Made in Hawick Initiative further and to develop on suggestions for the possible redevelopment of the old Liberal Club building. If anyone had any such suggestions, they could contact Future Hawick.

The Chair thanked Derick Tait for his report.

(c) Resilience Group – The Vice-Chair reported that in terms of Covid pandemic, assistance provided was now at an end, unless anyone was continuing assisting on a personal level. SBC had concluded on this initiative with all staff allocated to the Hub now back to their original posts. It had been an excellent project which had now reached its natural end.

- (d) T & L Community Fund Framework – The Chair advised that the Community Fund had been paused until the Working Group considered the model for funding to be implemented. Good news was that the total funding available for the year had increased to £49,213, split 50/50 into Fund A and Fund B meaning £24,606.50 in each Fund.

In terms of Fund A, this would be split into 10 shares, with Hawick and Burnfoot receiving 2 shares each, and the rest of the Community Councils receiving one share each. This would mean £4,921.30 funding being available for HCC projects, and the same amount available for projects in Burnfoot. Projects would be agreed initially by HCC members and thereafter assessed by an Assessment Panel of 2 HCC members along with 2 other T&L partnership members – 4 members in total.

Fund B projects would be assessed by a Panel of 8 T&L partnership members and 6 elected Councillors.

It was considered that nearly £5k each for Hawick and Burnfoot was a substantial amount of welcomed money available for community projects within the town.

- (e) CARS Steering Group – The inaugural meeting of this Group was held on 15th April with various local organisations represented – Live Borders, Future Hawick, Hawick Archaeological Society, Hawick High School, Burnfoot Community Council, Scottish Borders Council, Hawick Community Council as well as members from CARS itself.

A presentation was given by Sarah Altroch, CARS Project Leader and the next meeting arranged for 19th May where projects would be discussed in further detail. Members would be updated on this meeting at the next HCC meeting.

13. Planning Issues – None.

14. Correspondence –

- (a) Resignation of HCC member, Brian Bouglas – it was noted that Brian had intimated his resignation from HCC with immediate effect, to allow him to concentrate his time to Future Hawick initiatives. This correspondence had been circulated to HCC Members. The Chair thanked Brian on behalf of HCC for all his good work and wished him well with Future Hawick.
- (b) The Secretary reported she had received a Thankyou Card from the Bright-Eyed Daughters Association in relation to the Foundation Scotland grant awarded by HCC to that organisation.

15. A.O.C.B – there were no other items of business intimated.

16. Date of Next Meeting – It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 14th June 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom, unless otherwise advised.