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WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2010 ELECTIONS

Nominations are sought from residents interested in serving on the Community Council for the next three years.

The Community Council is established to act as a link between the community and public bodies such as the Council and the Scottish Executive. It is used as a sounding board on a broad range of policy issues. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Public Hall and members are expected to attend most meetings each year. In addition, there are seminars and training opportunities which are voluntary and usually held on Saturdays or Wednesday evenings.

So what kind of person should apply?

Anyone over the age of 18 who is a registered voter and is interested in the future of Walkerburn and District.

You must be willing to give some time to read papers,

to listen to comments from other residents, to think about issues and to carry out some basic research if necessary (home access to the internet and email is an advantage but not essential).

Above all, you must be willing to take decisions in the general community interest, without prejudice, and to sign up to a code of conduct.

If there is a contest for places, then polling day will be Friday 28th May 2010.

Please ask the Community Council Secretary, Patricia Purves, for more information and a nomination form. Telephone 01896 870447 or email secretary@council.walkerburn.org.uk

Nominations must be submitted by midday Friday 21st May.

WALKERBURN SUMMER FESTIVAL 2010

The annual Walkerburn Festival week will be starting on Sunday 13th June and is once again on track for an exciting and fun-filled week!

There will be a full weeks programme of bike rides, bowling, fun and games - and we are also bringing back the old favourite 'car treasure hunt'.

We have the fancy dress and torchlight parade and also fireworks for festival Friday and the popular Sports Day on the Saturday, as well as the Movie themed fancy dress

disco at night.

Lookout for more details on all events in next month's **BURNing Issues!**

Thanks to all who attended the coffee morning and congratulations to Rae Anderson on festival lass and essay winner.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE FLOWER & VETABLE ASSOCIATION!

Many thanks to all of you who came and supported our Coffee Morning on 24th April. It was a great success with the plant stall selling out and the home baking stand virtually empty by 11am!

As well as all of you who came, my thanks go to all committee members who work so hard and give up their time so generously in order that we have enough funds to put on a great show in September.

Here's hoping we have a better summer this year than last, so the tables will be full of flowers and vegetables in September.

Denise Hanks

WALKERBURN VILLAGE WEB SITE

Read past copies of Burning Issues, look at minutes of last year's community council or see a list of events taking place in the village for the next month or two.

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WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, CABERSTON HAUGH EH43 6AU

'Burn Banter

Walkerburn RFC hosted their Annual 7s tournament in fine weather with a good crowd of supporters all around the pitch.

This year Border teams were challenged by teams from Edinburgh and also a touring team from Carlisle. This resulted in a varied afternoon providing some very good rugby, fast action and excellent ball handling skills.

The crowd responded to the suspense in the closely contested final, with Melrose the winner against Edinburgh University 28-26.

The evening ended with music of 'Sound Investment' and a delicious curry supper in the clubhouse.

Results

Preliminary Round

Edinburgh Accies 5, Gala YM 43; Musselburgh 14, Murrayfield Wanderers 33.

First Round (Game sponsors in brackets)

Duns 66, St Boswell's 0 (*J&S Ballantyne*); Edinburgh University 56, Lasswade 7 (*Innerleithen Union Club*); Selkirk 31, Pigbarians 21 (*Traquair Road Garage*); Walkerburn 0, Carlisle 50 (*Alba Military Fitness*); Peebles 5, Melrose 29 (*Raymond Hall Engineering*); Earlston 6, Hawick A 36 (*RF Blackhall Ltd*); Biggar 12, Gala YM 29 (*Joe Swinton & Son Fencing*); Haddington 17, Murrayfield Wanderers 28 (*Innerleithen & Peebles District Cancer Research UK Committee*).

Second Round

Duns 0, Edinburgh University 43 (*Mike Todd Car Sales*); Selkirk 10, Carlisle 38 (*John B Little Plumbing & Electrical*); Melrose 21, Hawick A 12 (*John Adam Bakery*); Gala YM 27, Murrayfield Wanderers 7 (*White Builders*).

Semi Finals

Edinburgh University 35, Carlisle 14 (*Rathburn*

Chemicals); Melrose 19, Gala YM 5 (*Caldwell's Luxury Ice Cream*).

Final

Edinburgh University 26, Melrose 28 (*Glendinning Groundworks*).

Referees: Alan Forbes, Ian Dunn, Ian Rogerson & Ian Clark.

Touch Judges: Paul Keen, Alan Whittingham, Euan Cameron, Craig Smith, Kenny Anderson, Graeme Eastland.

Scorers: Derek Henderson, Robin Wilson.

Walkerburn RFC is extremely grateful to its many sponsors and to all the volunteers who made the day run smoothly.

A word of thanks to all who helped behind the scenes well in advance of the big day, for the many who volunteered to man the various positions on the day, for Joan for the marvellous spread enjoyed by the sponsors and guests, for the players Davy and Scott who tirelessly barbecued for long queues wanting Keddies Burgers, to the committee and players and helpers who prepared the pitch areas, the clubhouse, erected tents and gazebos, ran the bars, loaned equipment etc etc...all this for one day and then to the crews who dismantled everything late that day and returned on Sunday to complete.

We could not do it alone and your help is very much appreciated as this Sevens Day supports the running of the club throughout the following season.

Sat 22nd May

Annual Dinner tickets are available now at £25 a head but if you buy a table of 7 you get an additional one ticket Free! Three talented speakers followed by the annual Prizegiving to create a great night out in Walkerburn WRFC clubhouse. Call 870762 to book now.

This Month's '200' Club Draw:

£50 17 Billy Downie

£10 62 Jim Scott

£ 5 159 Kirsty Dryden

£ 5 160 Peter Lambert

Walkerburn Out of School Club (WOOSC) Monthly Report

Now that Spring has finally sprung and Summer is fast approaching, WOOSC can finally get their gardening and healthy eating project underway 'Green Finger Kidz'.

Last Autumn the Club secured a grant from Community Food and Health to buy gardening equipment but because the Club's future looked bleak there was a possibility that this project would not see the light of day.

Now that the Club is back on its feet again and the weather has improved the children have been able to start planning to make the project a real success.

An area of ground has been chosen and dug out to plant an assortment of vegetables, flowers, and plants etc. The children will be able to see what happens to seeds once they are planted and to follow the growing process.

They will then pick the 'fruits of their labours' and use them to make healthy soups, salads, stews and smoothies etc.

All the children are very excited about getting their hands dirty and having 'green fingers' and they are approaching the project with their usual enthusiasm. Even the youngest of the children can get involved in this type of activity and learn from the experience. They have all been talking about what types of things they would like to grow, drawing pictures of them, keeping diaries and discussing the types of meals that could be prepared.

The Club's next fundraising venture will be hosting the BBQ at the School's Summer Fair on Sunday May 23rd from 2-4pm. Hopefully the weather will be kind and lots of people will come and support both the School and the Club in their efforts to raise some funds before the Summer holidays!

Heather Shepherd (WOOSC Secretary)

WALKERBURN LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Over 40 Walkerburn residents took part in a discussion meeting in the Rugby Club on Saturday 1st May as part of the village's development of a community led plan.

After a short presentation on the results of the community survey that was completed in February, there was a very lively and successful exchange of ideas about the top priorities for making the village a good place to live and work.

The survey showed that Walkerburn has a very stable community with nearly 40% of those completing it having lived in the village for more than 20 years. Over 90% of people said that the village was a friendly place to live, and a large proportion mentioned the peace and quiet and the local countryside as aspects of the place that they particularly liked.

High among the concerns that have to be addressed were the drab appearance of the village and the number of empty properties in the village. Parking was another issue given high priority by many of those taking part, also the need for some form of provision for young people's leisure time within the village. Overall some 17 issues were debated with a number of others being added by those attending.

The ten issues given top priority were; that the community plan is taken forward, the drab/grey appearance of the village from A72, the need for more local employment opportunities, empty and dilapidated buildings, bus transport both the cost and evening services, dog fouling, provision of suitable accommodation for the elderly, facilities and a centre for young people, parking and safety on

Tweedholm Ave, and the condition of pavements.

The overall view among residents is that Walkerburn is a good place to live with little concern about crime and personal safety. The good level of community support is shown by the number of people who volunteered at the meeting to become involved in taking forward the plan into actions. Walkerburn is very fortunate to have an active Development Trust in place which will be able to be a focus for any work which comes out of the planning process, as well as an active news group and website. The results of the survey can be seen on the village website at www.walkerburn.com

The work to develop a community led plan for Walkerburn has been made possible by funding from the Big Lottery Fund and with support from The Bridge. Morag Walker, Executive Officer of The Bridge said that she was delighted with the way that the day went and the level of involvement of the community. She added, 'I look forward to working with and supporting residents of Walkerburn as they take forward the development of the village.'

Ian Ireland said that he would organise a follow up meeting of those who had volunteered to work on the plan in the near future and anyone else who wished to join in, and will publish the date on the website as well as contacting people individually.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Ian Ireland

Congratulations!

We have been asked by friends and relatives of Colin and Julie Kerr to offer them many

Congratulations in advance of the Occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, which will fall on 31st May!

We hope you will both enjoy many more happy years together in Walkerburn.

Walkerburn Public Hall AGM

*** NEW DATE ***

The Annual General Meeting will be held on

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May Wild Side

Most of our migratory birds have arrived but it was May 1st before I first heard the cuckoo - much later than last year.

On a sunny evening the skies are full of clouds of martins and swallows feeding on those bugs that come out to enjoy the late evening sunshine too, followed later by plenty of bats as the moths emerge. This will be the month for the Mayflies to have their day of flight as they emerge as adults from their year long larval stage underwater.

Butterflies will become more plentiful as the month goes on but there are orange tip, peacocks and tortoiseshells already busy over the spring blooms. One bird I haven't heard or seen yet is the swift. There have reportedly been mass nettings this year in their wintering grounds in North Africa and Southern Europe, where many of these small birds are eaten. Most would form hardly a mouthful! Global weather patterns have also caused greater losses than usual. The full 2009 annual results of the garden birdwatch have just been published and compared with the long-term average, it shows that Goldfinches, Long-tailed Tits and Woodpigeons occurred in a much greater percentage of gardens while Starlings, Wrens and Song Thrushes declined. Full results can be seen on www.bto.org. We've certainly seen many more goldfinches in the garden over the past few months. This increase nationally has been put down to the greater increase in seed mixes available and

certainly thistle (niger) seed is very popular but they are also partial to peanuts. Whatever the reason, they are welcome, colourful visitors that entertain as they love a good squabble fighting for the best feeding position.

I was hoping for more nestlings this year but the only occupied box is the blue tit box. Neither of the open fronted boxes are being used so maybe a rethink on their position is called for next year. Another recording scheme this year is monitoring nests and a quick start guide is available on the BTO website as above. Or you could just get up early and enjoy the full dawn chorus now that the migrant singers have arrived and the choir is complete.

The hedgerows and verges are bursting with their first blooms. The blackthorn is in full flower and in a couple of weeks, the bluebells will form their woodland carpets. Have a trip along the back road towards Elibank for spectacular blue undergrowth. Ramsons are also plentiful with their strong garlicky smell and ox eye daisies and poppies will be joining the dandelions and buttercups.

May is the month where we go from only a hand full of flowers, largely in woodlands and hedgerows, to an explosion of flowering species as we stroll towards summer.

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Rural Round-Up

This will be the last for the next few months as we have finished until September. I will include another report in August to advertise the September meeting.

In a break from tradition, this year's A.G.M. had a guest speaker in attendance rather than the usual games that are played after the business is conducted.

Gisela Stewart who practices Jikiden Reiki gave a very passionate and heartfelt talk on this particular type of Japanese healing practice. Anything from cuts, bruises and other types of injuries or ailments could be healed using this method as Reiki can accelerate the healing process. Gisela spoke at great length about the history of this form of treatment and she demonstrated a type of massage on a willing

volunteer!

This A.G.M. marked the end of Lynn McDonald's time as President of Walkerburn Rural after three years. Mary Baillie thanked Lynn on behalf of the Rural for all her hard work during that time. A new President is still to be found!

The Robertson Bowl trophy this year for most points was presented to Heather Shepherd and Runner-up was Morag Millar. Morag Millar was also presented with the trophy for the best Winter's Work.

This year's trip will be on Saturday 29th May to The Hirsell Country Park near Coldstream.

School Report

We are collecting both Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers for schools. Collection boxes are sited outside the school office.

Please take them if offered with your shopping and either hand in personally or give to one of our pupils to bring in. The more we collect, the more goodies we can order. Both now offer cooking, computer, sports and gardening equipment. We also still collect used postage stamps for the charity 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'.

Our school garden will be undergoing its 'spring clean' very shortly as we look forward to a new growing year. We have to thank Derek Russell for his continued help and the parents and friends of the school who regularly turn out to help the children.

Summer term is traditionally a very busy time for the P7 pupils as they prepare to go to Peebles High School and there have already been joint events and visits.

Another P7 task was taking part in the Festival Essay Competition, which took place at the end of March. This year's winner and Festival Principal for 2010 is Rae Anderson. Many congratulations Rae!

Date to Note Parent Council are holding a School Fair at the school on Sunday May 23rd from 2-4pm.

Thank you for continuing to support your village school.

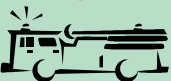
Walkerburn Primary School Fete Sunday 23rd May 2010 2-4pm

Come along to our fete to help us raise funds for the school

Lots of fun, food and entertainment

Mini Shopping Village (local crafts) - Face Painting - Book Stall - Cake & Candy Games & Guesses - Tea & Coffee - Raffle

Fire Brigade



(have a go on the fire engine!)



BBQ (in support of Walkerburn OOSC)

Walkerburn Primary School Parents Group are looking for any crafts persons, local small businesses or organisations to come and hire a table (for a small donation) at the school fete on Sunday 23rd May

from 2-4pm to display, advertise, sell or talk about your product.

We hope to provide the village with a unique shopping experience, rarely available in Walkerburn on a Sunday afternoon!

For more information please contact the school office on 01896 870 235 or e-mail: SEHorsburgh@scotborders.gov.uk all enquires welcome.

FORTISSIMO

present an Evening of Song in the McFarlane Hall, Peebles on Friday 21st May at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 including refreshments.

In aid of 'Access for All' for the Old Parish Church, Peebles

WALKERBURN CHURCH PURCHASE AND REDEVELOPMENT

As many of you will know, for more than two years the Development Trust Project Board has been working towards purchasing and redeveloping the Walkerburn Church for the Community.

However, after a lot of discussion, the Project Board recently recommended to the Development Trust Board of Directors that we should not proceed with our redevelopment plans.

We deeply regret that we could not save the Church for the village but there were a number of reasons for this decision. If we were to proceed, the two main ones were to do with the Church's listed status and the funding implications for any other project.

In December we had a site visit with both Historic Scotland and Scottish Borders Council Heritage Officer at the Church, which included a lengthy discussion about our proposed plans. Their view was that the chancel area of the Church should remain open from floor to ceiling although the body of the Church could be redeveloped. This main area of redevelopment however should not allow new floor levels to cross through the windows, the stained glass windows should remain where they are and ideally the vestry to the rear should also remain in place. They indicated that they would not support our plans should they be submitted for listed building consent as they considered them to be over

development. This was a considerable surprise to us as an earlier study done for the Church had suggested that the building was suitable for a flatted housing development and involved more development than our current plans.

We also had to consider the implications of funding such a large project (approx £2 million) on any other community projects that might arise over the next 3 to 4 years. The current costs for this development meant that we needed to approach nearly all the major funding bodies, including Private Trusts, the Government and EU. This would leave very few (if any) funding bodies available to support other community projects while this was being progressed and we felt that we could not, in all fairness to the Community, proceed further. We had considered just purchasing the property initially and then developing it in stages over a period of time. However, most funding bodies willing to consider the purchase of a building will not do so without definitive development plans and funding in place for the whole project, especially when it is a listed building.

Cathie Sutherland, Company Secretary

Coffee and music appreciation

At The Old Railway Station, Walkerburn, 10am for 10.30am

This is a new music appreciation venture for anybody interested in learning about and listening to some favourite music.

Each month there will be an invited guest who will talk about their favourite music and we will listen to it and explore a theme each session.

Everyone welcome!

This month, Friday 28th May: Guest Speaker: Bob Scott

Friday 25th June - Open Day! (see next month's Burning Issues for details)

WALKERBURN VILLAGE CLEAN UP



Once again, in conjunction with this year's "Clean Up Scotland" campaign, the Walkerburn 'Spring Clean' resulted in the collection of several bags of rubbish from pavements, footpaths, the river bank and several other litter-laden locations

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to all those villagers who helped to do this and to the Scottish Borders Council who supplied the equipment needed and later removed all the bags for us. Please take care with litter and rubbish and help to keep Walkerburn village litter free! Thanks!

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POWERDOWN NEWS

- Scottish Boiler Scrappage Scheme

A very effective way of reducing energy bills is to replace an old inefficient boiler with a newer, much more efficient one.

Under a new boiler scrappage scheme up to 5,000 households in Scotland will receive £400 towards the cost of a new boiler, The Scottish Government has announced that £2 million will be available for the boiler scrappage scheme for Scotland.

The scheme will provide households in Scotland with working "G-rated" boilers with a voucher worth £400 off the price of a new boiler. This must be an energy efficient model, certified under the Energy Saving Recommended scheme.

The scheme will open for applications on Monday 24th May 2010.

How to apply

If you are eligible to apply you should:

- Apply for a voucher either by calling 0800 512 012 or through the Energy Saving Trust website from 24th May 2010

- Arrange for the installation of your new boiler within 12 weeks of requesting the voucher

- Pay for the boiler and installation work up-front
- Claim back the £400 by sending the voucher and invoice to the Energy Saving Trust

Take care, if you proceed with your installation before you receive your voucher, you will invalidate your claim and you will no longer be eligible for the £400 rebate.

The scheme will help to save around 5,000 tonnes CO₂ per year - equivalent to taking 1,700 cars off the road.

What are the benefits in upgrading your boiler?

New boilers have rated efficiencies of 90 per cent or more meaning that they use less fuel, resulting in lower CO₂ emissions and running costs.

For example, this means by upgrading your G-rated boiler to an ESR one, your household heating bill should drop by about a quarter - a saving of around £235 a year for a 3 bed semi-detached house.

Derek Russell

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**WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2010**

Unapproved Copy of the Community Council Minutes for April 2010.

Please note that the official minutes will be on the website www.walkerburn.com soon after the next meeting

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Miss MM McIntosh MBE (A/Chairman)
Mr R Brett; Mrs S Horsburgh; Ms I Ogilvie
Mr JJ Purves MBE; Mrs D Rodger; Mrs L Thornton
Mrs PS Purves CBE. (Secretary)
Ex Officio: Cllr Logan

ITEM 1: A/Chairman's Introduction.

The A/Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting explaining that the Chairman was stranded in the USA and sent his apologies. ITEM 2: Open Questions. Nil.

ITEM 3: Monthly Report from WCDT.

The Secretary WCDT reported that:

a. - WCDT had informed the relevant authority in the Church of Scotland that they were unable to continue with the purchase of the church. The Right to Buy had not been withdrawn.

b. - Allotments Development. The public meeting had not been well attended, which was disappointing, but planning was continuing for a total of 20 allotments funded by the Climate Challenge Fund. The point had been made to attendees at the meeting that SBC was also looking for land for allotments and that by developing the project within the village greater control could be exercised. It had also been pointed out that the grant was only for an allotment project - it could not be used for anything else. SBHA, the landowner, had indicated that it might be possible for the community to purchase the land in due course.

ITEM 4: Police Business.

PC Clarke Tait from Safer Communities and Sgt Jim McKeena (Peebles) attended the meeting. PC Tait ran through the report of actions since the last meeting. Ms Ogilvie noted that she and a number of other residents had received multiple cold calls from a company which represented itself as being 'government' connected and dealt with debt. She was concerned that vulnerable people might be led astray. It was agreed that the best policy was to report these calls to your provider's nuisance call office.

ITEM 5: Apologies and Notices.

Apologies had been received from Dr Henderson, Mr Thornton, Cllr Garvie and Cllr Herd.

ITEM 6: Minutes of February & March Meetings.

a. February. Mr Brett proposed adoption of the re-drafted Minute of the February meeting, seconded by Ms Ogilvie. Passed.

b. March. The secretary reminded members that some residents had been upset because the house referred to in Item 11 was not 'Minch View'. Members agreed that an afternote should be added to the Minutes and that a letter of apology and a notice should be published in Burning Issues and at the Post Office respectively. Mr Purves proposed adoption of the revised minute, seconded by Mr

Brett. Passed.

ITEM 7: Matters Arising.

Operating Rules. The draft would now be discussed at the May meeting to allow the Chairman to be present.

ITEM 8: Planning

a. Minch Moor (03/00627/FUL). Cllr Logan reported that the application might be taken in June or July. Secretary WCDT and Mr Brett continue to represent Walkerburn at the Community Gain discussions. b. Kitchen at Stoneyhill. No adverse comments had been received and members agreed to support the application

ITEM 9: Correspondence.

list had been sent round members in advance as usual. Members agreed to continue membership of the Southern Uplands Partnership, to take no action on the floral gateway competition and to publicise the hours when wardens would be available to visit the village to encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

ITEM 10: WCC Elections.

The secretary reported a complete lack of interest to date and asked members to encourage people to participate. It looked as if there will be the same number of candidates as places.

ITEM 11: Report on Village Clean-Up.

Mr Brett expressed his thanks to all who had taken part, especially to Mr and Mrs Thornton and Miss McIntosh. A total of 18 bags of rubbish had been collected including a Xmas tree complete with lights. He had learnt a lot in organising the event and hoped that members would allow him to organise it again next year. It was agreed that this is a worthwhile event and that suitable refreshments ought to be provided for those taking part. Cllr Logan agreed to ask that the stretch of the A72 on either side of the village was also cleared soon.

ITEM 12: Reports by Members.

a. Ms Ogilvie noted that there was further erosion of the river bank above the bridge. Cllr Logan assured members that he was fully aware of local concerns about the bridge, the bowling club and the electricity sub station but he noted that there were horrendous problems throughout the Borders as a result of the bad winter and that Walkerburn would not be a high priority for spending.

b. Mr Brett noted that the new spending rules for Community Councils meant a slight increase for Walkerburn in the annual grant but more rigorous
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scrutiny of any grants given to other organisations.
c. The secretary asked members to consider measures to try to ensure that a similar mistake as that made about 'Minch View' was avoided in future. Members agreed that addresses should only be used if they were relevant to understanding. After some discussion it was agreed that the draft minutes should still be published in the next edition of Burning Issues since to do otherwise would mean a 3 month delay. However it was agreed that the heading should be 'Unapproved Minutes' to try to draw attention to the fact that the minutes might contain errors.

ITEM 13: Reports by SBC Councillors.

Cllr Logan reported that:

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From Walkerburn and District Community Council;

Dear Editor,

At its March meeting the Community Council discussed concerns raised by a number of residents about work being carried out at the side of the new house on Park Avenue, along the track leading to the public park.

Unfortunately, no-one present was clear about the actual address of the new house (still referred to in the BT Directory as 'New House, Minch View, Park Avenue). During the discussion the new house was referred to as "Minch View".

In the draft minutes, which were published in the April edition of Burning Issues, the report of the discussion is given under the heading 'Reports by Members' and the new house is referred to as 'Minch View'. The owners of the actual 'Minch View' were most upset that the draft minutes may have erroneously given the impression that it was they who had apparently removed part of their hedge and upset their

- a. Community Councils would be consulted next winter on the siting of grit bins.
- b. The Peebles Road retaining wall was being regularly inspected.
- c. The tenants at West Bold Farmhouse had been asked to cut back their hedge to improve sightlines.
- d. Sunnybrae Lodge was at last getting the attention it deserved and he hoped for action from SBC.
- e. The repair to the bridge at the HB club was temporary and anything permanent would have to wait because of extreme expense.

ITEM 14: Any Other Business.

Nil.

ITEM 15: Date of Next Meeting.

17th May at 7.30pm.

neighbours. Of course, the report has nothing to do with them or their house. We now are informed that the owner of the new house wishes it to be called 'Park House'.

Walkerburn and District Community Council apologises to the owners of 'Minch View' for the error made at the March meeting and this has been formally rectified by adding an afternote to the minutes.

Residents should note that the draft or unapproved minutes are published in the first edition of Burning Issues after each meeting as a public service because otherwise it would be almost 3 months after a meeting before residents saw the cleared minutes. Inevitably, however, this means that occasionally mistakes are made and we can only apologise for this. The approved minutes are posted on the website www.walkerburn.com.

Yours sincerely,

PS Purves, Secretary

Walkerburn and District Community Council

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What's on at the Hall - May & June

			May	June
Monday	Gentle Exercise (£1)	9.30am-10.30am	17 th , 24 th , 31 st .	Holiday until 6 th Sept.
	Community Council	7.30pm	17 th	21 st
	Volunteer Centre Borders	11.00am-3.00pm	-	7 th
	Healthy Living 'You Can Cook' *	7.00pm-9.00pm	24 th	-
	Festival Concert			14 th
Tuesday	Waxing For Charity	7.00pm	18 th	-
	Festival	-	-	15 th
Wednesday	Burning Issues Newsgroup	7.30pm	-	3 rd
	One Stop Shop *	10.00am-12noon	12 th , 19 th , 26 th	2 nd , 9 th , 23 rd
	Public Hall AGM	8.00pm	26 th	-
Thursday	Youth Club	7.00pm-9.00pm	13 th , 20 th	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th
Friday	Festival Fancy Dress	-	-	18 th
Saturday	Festival Dance	-	-	19 th
Sunday	Table Tennis	6.00pm-9.00pm	16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
	Church of Scotland Service	10.00am	16 th , 30 th	-
	Festival Service	-	-	13 th

* Run by the Healthy Living Network. Cookery Demonstration 24th May easy, inexpensive recipes, funded by Healthy Living. 12th and 19th May Maternal and Infant Nutrition team from NHS Borders Health Improvement will deliver sessions for parents and carers to learn about healthier food, portion sizes, including a question and answer session. During sessions a lunch will be cooked for all to eat.

For the attention of New Mums

Swimming sessions for parents and under 5's to be held on Wednesday 12th, 19th & 26th May and 2nd & 9th June in the Family Centre at the Clinic at Hay Lodge Health Centre, Peebles.

Contact Nichola Sewell on nichola.sewell@borders.scot.nhs.uk or ring her on 07748 320 108 for more information on this, or any other Healthy Living Network activities.

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If there are any other groups that would like contact details added to Burning Issues to allow people interested in their club to contact them please send the details to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com