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WALKERBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Annual General Meeting

Membership of the Development Trust is open to any residents living in the EH43 postcode area and over the age of 18. Membership subscription is £1 per year and residents can join before the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting for the Trust is being held on Monday 23rd August at 7pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be provided. All members are asked to attend.

The Trust is open to all residents over the age of 18 and on the Electoral Roll with membership costing a nominal £1 per year. All we ask is that members attend the AGM unless of course you want to take a more active roll. Any residents who are not members but are interested in the future development and direction of the village are welcome to attend the AGM and join up on the evening.

The Board will be taking this opportunity to give an update on the current position of various projects followed by an open question and answer session at the end.

If you would like more information and cannot attend the AGM or if you would be willing to consider becoming a member of the Board please contact us.

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(Company Secretary)**

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BOGUS AND COLD CALLERS

There has been an increase in the number of calls received at Peebles Police station regarding bogus callers and rouge traders over the past few months.

There have been incidents in Walkerburn, Innerleithen and Peebles where these individuals have targeted elderly members of our community. They are very determined in their sales tactics when trying to persuade residents to have work carried out.

Some cold callers will offer to do roofing, building or driveway resurfacing. Some will vastly overcharge for unnecessary, shoddy or non-existent work.

Do not agree to any cold caller doing any work for you.

Never accept an offer to drive you to withdraw money.

Decline any offer of work, close and lock your door.

Call Peebles Police Station on 01721 720637, 999 or a family member/neighbour.

Take a description and details of any vehicles that might be involved.

If you need work done on your house or driveway, ask for quotes from two or three reputable local companies.

Finally, if you see people down your street who might be preying on your neighbours, then ring Peebles Police 01721 720637 or 999. Anyone working officially will not mind being checked by the police.

**PC Craig Rogerson,
Community Beat Officer, Tweeddale East.**

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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Go to "Start - Settings - Control panel - Internet options".

Type www.walkerburn.com as the first line in the home page box.

Click "OK".

That way you'll always know what's going on!

WALKERBURN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



WRFC start the Season with a 10-a-Side tournament at Duns on Saturday 14th August, 1pm. Captain Andrew Johnston will lead the team. Training on Tues and Thurs nights at 7pm sharp. Led by Director of Rugby and Coach Iain Watson and Forwards Coach Colin Kerr the boys are getting fit after the 2 months off. They need to! They will be facing some tough opponents on the 14th. Any prospective player wishing to join the Players at Training will be made welcome, or you can phone Iain Watson on 07766-910060.

22/23rd August brings the Scottish Mountain Bike Orienteering group to the area, using the club as their base of operations.

28th August a Friendly game tba (H) KO 3pm

4 Sept Queensferry (A) KO 3pm

Memberships are due in now. (£10 for Social Members, £15 for 2 same address, £2 OAP)

We have faced some challenges in taking over the role of Membership Secretary and that of 200 Club Secretary. However, the letters are being sent out to as many as we can locate from our lists. Please do not feel left out! Simply telephone Ann on 01896-870665 to request a membership application for both or either. We will also hold extra forms at the club.

Players must pay their memberships before their first match in order to be covered under SRU Insurance scheme. (£25)

On receipt of Membership Payment you will be given/sent your Members Fixture Card.

Thanks for all the support for the Club and we look

forward to a season of improving results as the Team aims to rise through the League.

Sponsorship of Club.

Jersey sponsorship has been made possible through the generosity of www.miketoddcarsales.co.uk

Dress shirt sponsorship will feature a new business in Innerleithen R.F.Blackhall & Partners - russell@rfbp.co.uk

Sign boards are up (annual rental is due end August) and these feature many local businesses. We are grateful for all the support.

Tie Sponsor – we are looking for a sponsor! Can clearly show your logo.

WRFC new Web site is;

www.onlineborders.org.uk/community/wrfc

Social News

Murrayfield Autumn Tests and 6 nations tickets WILL be available through the Club this season. There are 3 games in November. Dates & details will be given in a later issue.

Club contact &/or Club Bookings from 01896-870762 Secretary@rugby.walkerburn.org.uk

200 Club.

200 Club Payment of £12 is due now. Join now for next season – telephone Ann on 01896-870665

On receipt of 200 club payment you will be given/sent your number to keep.

July 2010 200 Club Draw

£50	85	Ray McPherson
£10	53	Kirsti Bremner
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TWEED WHEELS AND TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Both of these projects, supported by *The Bridge* in Peebles, are available to help people with transport.

Tweed Wheels is transport for anyone living in Tweeddale who is registered disabled or who cannot use public transport because of a physical disability. The vehicle is adapted to take a maximum of five passengers along with a driver, up to two of the passengers can be wheelchair users. Tweeddale Community Transport has a minibus which can take up to 14 passengers or can be adapted to take up to 3 wheelchair users along with a reduced number of other passengers (depending on the size of the wheelchairs.)The minibus can be

used by any non-profit making community or voluntary group for outings of pretty much any description. Groups can provide their own driver (subject to training) or may wish to use one of the services team of volunteer drivers. Groups need to be registered with the project to make use of the Tweeddale Community Transport bus.

To find out more about both of these services or to volunteer to drive either vehicle contact Ellie Breeze on **01721 723123**, or drop in to the Volunteer Resource Centre, School Brae, Peebles

THANK YOU FROM BELARUS

Another successful BBQ was enjoyed by the Belarus children and their host families, some coming all the way from Eyemouth.

The Rugby club is such a perfect venue for this type of event as the children can run about and play allowing the host families to relax and compare stories, knowing that the children are in safe surroundings.

As always there are many people we must thank for lending a hand and giving up their time and also groups who loan out their equipment to us. Included in this long list are the Festival Committee for the Bouncy Castle and Sumo suits, and the Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair Rotary club who manned the BBQ, cooking delicious burgers and sausages generously donated by Forsyth's.

We had a new event this year thanks to Christine Hoggarth who organised several craft activities for the children, which proved really popular.

They completed a hand made tartan cat (helped by some nifty sewing from Heather Martin) and teddy brooches made from pipe cleaners. Even the adults joined in the creative play!!! The boys seemed to be content playing football, probably inspired by the World Cup!

As this was the last organized event before the children returned to Belarus the following Sunday, we were all treated to a farewell song and poems by the children, before everyone joined in and sang Auld Lang's Aye.

Again many thanks to everyone who helped to make this such a popular event. It is all so worthwhile when you realize that the month the children stay in our beautiful Borders extends their lives by up to 2 years!!

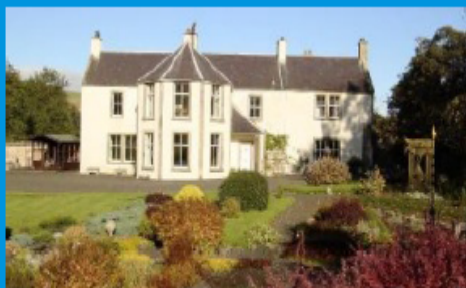
Denise Hanks

WALKERBURN CALENDAR

We are looking for pictures for this year's calendar of Walkerburn and the surrounding area throughout all the seasons . If you have any interesting or unusual views that you are willing to let us use it would be appreciated. Remember, we also use the winner of the 'Photography Section' of the Vegetable Association So start looking out your photos, as well as taking new ones, and consider entering them for this years show. Please email photos for the calendar to walkerburnnews@hotmail.com

Thanks, Cathie Sutherland

Fun day at the Park Monday 16th August 2010 5pm kick-off with Water Slide, Bouncy Castle and more! - Festival Committee organising ahead of the return to school.



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WALKERBURN FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW - SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Our 128th show will take place at Walkerburn Public Hall on Saturday 11th September at 2pm.

This year as the weather has been so good we hope that you will all have a lot of produce to bring to the show. Unfortunately for some of the vegetables the show will be too late (I know my broad beans won't last for the show) but I'm sure it's going to be a great year for fruit and potatoes!! Of course our committee will be busy baking the homemade scones and pancakes which are the perfect accompaniment to the teas and coffee available in the anti room.

So please come along with your flowers and vegetables and join in. There are schedules at the Post office. Someone from our committee will be at the hall on Friday

from 6.30pm to 9pm and on Saturday from 8.30am to 10am, and they are happy to assist you with the 'staging' of your produce.

See page 11 for the Junior Section (13 – 16 yrs) recipe for Chocolate Chip Muffins

Denise Hanks

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO FORM COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

The full plans for the Allotments can now be seen on the SBC website (www.scotborders.gov.uk and follow the links to planning). The application number is 10/00589/FUL and the officer dealing with the application is Dorothy Amyes 01835 826743. You may comment on the application electronically or write to Dorothy Amyes at Planning and Economic Development, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA. Alternatively please make your views known to any Community Councillor.

POWERDOWN NEWS

Energy Saving DIY for the less confident.

Unless you qualify for a grant the cheapest way to reduce your home's energy use is by some fairly simple DIY.

Don't panic! We are not talking power tools or anything dangerous, expensive or difficult.

On Wednesday 8th September there will be help available to show you a few practical things you can do for yourself. This will include how to:

- Draughtproof doors, windows and letterboxes
- Insulate pipes
- Install simple temporary secondary glazing
- Insulate a loft
- Install Radiator reflectors

By having this activity in the Public Hall we will also leave it a little bit better insulated, warmer and cheaper to run.

There will be 2 sessions, 2.45pm and at 7.00pm, each for about an hour. You do not have to book in advance, just come along to the hall but if you can let me know you are coming it will help me organise things a little easier.

There is no charge for this and there will be free tea and coffee.

Remember if you need more advice on this or any energy related topic please get in touch.

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Wild Side

The mention of rain in last month's column has worked wonders and the grass is now green and putting on a growth spurt again so the mower will need to be dusted off.

I should learn to keep my mouth shut because I also said about rabbit proofing the garden. Well, that was obviously a lie. Very small rabbits seem to be able to find their way in without problem. My worst fear is they'll grow so fat eating my plants that they won't get back out again. We'll just have to keep chasing them out and pray for the return of the stoat. Sounds like a sequel!

It's regularly after midnight that we hit the pillow and sometimes this is when you see some of the more unusual night creatures. We were recently joined in the kitchen by a garden tiger moth, obviously attracted by the outside light. If you thought moths just ate your clothes, of which there are very few, think again. This beautiful, large moth (4-6.5cm) was once a quite common moth in most of Britain, but has apparently declined in many places in the last few years. They get their name from the tiger-like stripes on their forewings. The hind-wings, and body, are bright orange with black spots. It is a species that has a caterpillar that hibernates in winter and a mild one causes the young insect not to stay dormant so well. Perhaps we had our freezing winter weather to thank for this one. The caterpillars, usually found in May and June, are covered in long white hair with a black head. On the back they have short black hairs, and the sides have short orange hairs. This long 'fur'

puts predators off, the hairs being irritant. So be careful if you find one! Also known as 'woolly bears', they are apparently easy to feed if kept because they eat a very wide range of plants. The adults feed on nectar at night and are on the wing during July and August. They are poisonous and put off enemies with their bright warning colours. It can also apparently make a rasping noise by rubbing its wings together and if that doesn't work it exudes a drop of bright yellow blood from its thorax. We obviously didn't upset our one too much before releasing it back into the night.

In the daytime garden, birds are more visible particularly the muted coloured young. The shabby adults will be skulking about while in moult. August is the month our summer migrants start gathering up to leave with swifts being the first to depart. In the hedgerows brambles have already started to ripen, going from green to red then finally black and ripening elderberries are feasted on by hungry birds such as starlings and blackbirds. Other berries are ripening too, such as hawthorn ('haws'), sloes and rose hips and these will provide sustenance for many species through the winter months.

As high summer turns to late summer, lets hope we've a bit more sunshine to come. There, I've put in my order!

Are you interested in crafts?

A new weekly drop-in club has opened, every Wednesday at the Rugby Club.

An opportunity to learn a new skill or just practice something you enjoy, in good company.

Some of the crafts covered - knitting, quilting, sewing, crochet & beading.

All are welcome from beginner to expert.

Encouragement and help will be given - you can practise, learn or just chat. Equipment is supplied.

Refreshments are available.

Bring along the projects you never quite finished.

Sessions are held *afternoon and evening 1 - 3 pm or 7 - 9 pm*; cost is a nominal £ 1.00.

There will also be some sessions on other specialist crafts, subject to interest.

For more details contact Christine Hoggarth (870 431) or at: christinehoggarth102@btinternet.com

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WALKERBURN OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB MONTHLY REPORT

The month of July marked the start of the summer holidays and school was out!

WOOSC was still working hard though as it meant that it was time for the Holiday Club to begin. The children had all been looking forward for weeks to their trips and finally it was time to go! The first trip was to East Links Family Park near Dunbar and as this trip was fully booked there were lots of very excited children on the bus that day. East Links has long been a favourite of the Club and they have visited it on many occasions. The children were particularly looking forward to it this time though, as since visiting it last there had been a new play area added called The Fortress – which did not disappoint – and in the words of the kids, 'it was awesome'! This huge wooden structure on several levels was full of tunnels, slides and places to climb. The children didn't seem to notice the cold that day and the slight bit of rain there was did not dampen their enthusiasm. East Links really is a fantastic day out with so much to do and see including a narrow gauge railway, hay barn, mini tractors and go-carts, huge play park and of course all the animals that are there that can be fed and stroked. Quite a few of the younger children attended this trip and it was lovely to see the older children helping the smaller ones and everybody working together as a team.

The second trip was to Butterfly and Insect World and then on to Vogrie Country Park, both of which are in Midlothian. The children loved having the opportunity to be so close to the free flying butterflies and were desperate for them to land on them so they could get a closer look. After a play in the park outside it was time for the handling session where they could get a closer look at a variety of different animals and insects and those brave enough held giant millipedes, a snake and

even a tarantula! They even got the opportunity to see a chameleon snaring a bug with its very long tongue! There were lots of other beasties for them to see here including ants, scorpions, lizards and honey bees and the children all had a great time and asked lots of questions about what they had seen. After lunch it was a short drive to Vogrie Country Park where the children spent the afternoon in the fantastic adventure play park that is there. There really is something for all ages here which meant the smaller children had lots to do and the older ones were kept occupied too with flying foxes, crazy slides and lots of amazing climbing apparatus.

The third trip was to Conundrum Farm and Spittal Beach, both near Berwick. Unfortunately the weather this time was not quite so kind as the previous two trips and after the children fed all the farm animals on the Farm Trail at Conundrum Farm the heavens opened and the rain came down! The children ate their lunch in the minibus at Spittal but it was just too wet to stay and explore so Plan B was put into action and everybody went back to Gala and saw Shrek 4. After the film there was just enough time for a quick play in the park before the rain got really heavy and it was time to go home. A big thank you to all those parents who were able to support the Holiday Club this year by letting their children take part. At the time of writing there are still two more trips to take place so more details on those next month.

School re-opens on Wednesday 18th August.

Look out for our next big fundraiser in October – more details on that after the holidays!

Heather Shepherd
(WOOSC Secretary)

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Borders Healthy Living Network

Borders Healthy Living Network invite you to take part in our new programme of health improving activities in Walkerburn.

We have outlined the programme below, if you feel there are any gaps or a need we have the potential to meet please get in touch with us. In addition if you would like to become involved in our Community Health Volunteer programme please pop in and see Nichola at the Village Hall or give me a call on 07748320108.

One Stop Shop

Wednesday 25th August 10am to 12pm

This term we are focusing on practical parenting courses which include:

Getting through the day, Stay and Play & The Incredible Years, we will also be exploring welfare benefits and returning to work so please come along if you are a parent/guardian or are interested in any of the above.

Weaning/Fussy Eating

Wednesday 25th August 1.30 to 2.30pm

We are offering a series of interactive, practical and fun sessions designed to help you introduce new foods to your baby. This is a great opportunity ask any questions you may have around weaning and to meet up with other parents.

Back to Basics

A budget cooking skills course influenced by our very own Walkerburn lunch club! This course focuses on making the most of your shopping

budget, making your food span out and recognising the savings that can be made by planning ahead. We will look into convenience foods and the marketing behind them, learn how to read food labels and create some wholesome healthier meals to take home.

Community Consultation Group

I am currently looking for interested people to help me to develop a group that will focus on the priorities for health improvement for Walkerburn. If you have an interest in health and are keen to influence the decisions around the activities we develop in the village then please get in touch, it would be great to hear from you.

First Aid Training

Just to say congratulations to all the people who took part in the recent first aid training with British Red Cross. All participants successfully completed the course, gained a certificate and are now qualified first aiders. The photographs are not ready for this edition of Burning Issues so will be printed in next month's along with a list of those who took part.

Coming Up

Details of Lunch Club, Gentle Exercise Group, Primary School Orchard Cooking and the Youth Club Health Improvement Programme.

RURAL ROUND-UP

This year's summer outing was to The Hirsell near Coldstream when members enjoyed a lovely day of walking around the magnificent grounds, and Visitor Centre at the Homestead.

Although the weather wasn't great it did stay fair for most of the day and the fantastic tearoom was a good place to shelter from the elements with its amazing home-baking, soups and light bites. The Hirsell is a very interesting and beautiful place to visit and members greatly enjoyed all that there is to see there including the famous rhododendrons and azaleas, craft units, gift shop and rural Museum of country life past and present. A grand

day out indeed!

The 2010-2011 Season will begin on **Wednesday 1st September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall** when Carrie Duthie will be coming along to discuss Embroidery.

Competitions for that evening will be a hand embroidered article and an individual strawberry tart. We look forward to seeing all our members and welcoming new ones too!

MINCH MOOR WIND FARM AND COMMUNITY GAIN

The Council's planning committee will make a decision on the wind farm application on 9th August but even if the application is rejected the company may appeal to the Scottish Government.

We are continuing, therefore, to work with the other communities and Vattenfall to develop a package of benefits if the wind farm is given planning permission.

On **16th August from 7pm to 7.30pm** we'll have a small display in the Hall of what's been happening so far. Why not come along and give us your

views? It'll be very informal but you can see what ideas are being floated and ask any questions of the team involved in the negotiations.

*Cathie Sutherland (Secretary)
Walkerburn Development Trust.*

*Patricia Purves (Secretary)
Walkerburn & District Community Council.*

The Celtic Horizon Crazy Clan show due to take place at Walkerburn Village Hall on Saturday 4th September has been cancelled. A new date will be arranged.

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT POLICE REPORT JULY 2010

Since the last WCC meeting held on Monday 28th June 2010 a total of 17 calls have been made to the Police concerning the Walkerburn beat area.

These are broken down as follows:

Reported crime: 1

Assist another Force/Organisation: 5

Misc calls to assist public: 5

Road Traffic (accidents/livestock/obstructions): 6

04/07/10

A two-vehicle accident occurred on the A72 at Hollylee. This was minor injury with one driver receiving small cuts and bruises.

06/07/10

A wall was damaged at Jubilee Park by a HGV turning into the street from Galashiels Road. The driver of the lorry was unaware that he had caused the damage and was traced nearby where insurance details were exchanged. No further police action was taken.

10/07/10

A single vehicle accident occurred on the A72 at its junction with Caberston Road. The vehicle overturned onto its roof but the driver escaped with minor injury. It is unclear at this stage what caused the accident.

12/07/10

A theft housebreaking occurred at a lockup garage in Caberston Road, Walkerburn. A vehicle within the garage was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing.

Following the issue that was raised regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through the village at the last meeting, both Roads Policing and local officers have carried out static speed checks. This has resulted in several drivers being warned regarding their speed and issued with fixed penalty tickets. The static checks will continue in the coming weeks.

There has once again been an increase in activity of persons going around doors offering to do work on roofs/driveways etc. Many of these people carry out a far lower standard of work than what they charge for and residents are encouraged to decline any offers made and contact police. If possible as much details regarding vehicles and the people themselves should be noted as this helps when tracking the individuals down.

WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Below are the draft Minutes of the WCC Meeting held on 19th July 2010

Present:

Members: Mr G Thornton (Chairman), Mrs PS Purves (Secretary), Mr R Brett, Mrs S Horsburgh, Miss MM McIntosh MBE, Ms I Ogilvie, Mr JJ Purves MBE, Mrs L Thornton.

Ex Officio: Cllr W Herd, Cllr G Garvie, Cllr G Logan.

ITEM 1: Chairman's Introduction.

The Chairman welcomed everyone. He noted the comment in the Peeblesshire to the effect that the chairman of Innerleithen, Traquair and the Glen CC sometimes did work of which the rest of the members were unaware and assured members that this situation would never be allowed to arise in Walkerburn under his chairmanship.

ITEM 2: Open Questions.

Nil

ITEM 3: Monthly Report from WCDDT.

The Secretary WCDDT reported that:

- a. Allotments Development. Progressing – awaiting planning decision.
- b. Ian Ireland has joined WCDDT as a director.
- c. Talks had restarted with the owner of the Mill site into the possibility of developing the old office building (possibly for community facilities and tourist accommodation) and knocking down the old shop area to allow the formation of industrial units. The owner had been informed that WCDDT intend to start 'right to buy' proceedings for the site.
- d. The Community Development Plan had been passed around the village.
- e. WCDDT had begun talks with the Hall Trustees over possible organisational changes.

In discussion, Cllr Garvie stressed the importance of the WCDDT involving the SBC planners and economic development officers at an early stage of proceedings on the mill site. Some concern was expressed at the stress WCDDT continues to put on developing community facilities when there are already a Hall and three clubs with facilities. There was also concern that the published Community Development Plan was at such a basic level of development when the whole process, which had been started by the Community Council, was so important in current negotiations over community benefit. It was agreed, however, that the document could prove useful for grant applications.

ITEM 4: Police Business.

PC Craig Rogerson gave a short police report. Members applauded the recent use of speed cameras within the village and were delighted that this would continue on a random basis. There was some discussion about the worrying trend of persuasive, bad and bullying workmen targeting elderly residents for jobs which were over-priced and possibly not even required. It was agreed that an article be placed in Burning Issues. Members noted and agreed to advertise the need for residents

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to be ready to take note of car registration numbers etc when incidents happen. One good citizen had managed to note the details of a car involved in causing damage to a resident's car as a result of which the resident had been able to claim back costs. Discussion on the speed of traffic through the village led to a further discussion on potential engineering solutions, eg chicanes or build outs at danger spots such as the bridge over the Walker Burn. Miss McIntosh noted that the 'SLOW' signs painted on the road at various points had all worn out. Cllr Logan promised to seek roads engineering advice especially about the bridge and to ask whether painted signs could be reinstated.

Afternote: PC Rogerson's written report was circulated to members after the meeting and he has sent an article on bogus workmen for Burning Issues.

ITEM 5: Apologies and Notices.

Apologies had been received from Mrs Rodger. The secretary reminded members of the Community Plan meeting scheduled for Saturday in the Hall, starting at 10.30am.

ITEM 6: Minutes of June Meeting.

Mrs Horsburgh proposed adoption of the Minutes of the June meeting seconded by Mrs Thornton. Passed.

ITEM 7: Matters Arising.

a. Item 2. Question re Field above Tweedholm Ave. SBHA promised to cut the field until the transfer to the Dev Trust is complete. It was pointed out that specialist machinery was required to cut the top, steep part because of health and safety issues and that they wouldn't do this because of the costs involved. However the field has still not been cut and the secretary will make the request again.

b. Item 9. Post Office Grant Scheme. The secretary has fed in WCC comments but no change in the upper limit is proposed.

c. Item 11b. Nursery School Places. The secretary has written to the concerned resident explaining that we have had an unhelpful reply from SBC but that we will continue to pursue the matter. Cllr Logan promised to follow up since the provision of these places would be cost neutral for SBC.

d. Item 13. Repairs to river bank. Vice Chairman Sheila Horsburgh had sent photographs to Cllr Logan showing the fast erosion of the repair. The usual lively discussion on this topic followed with members reiterating again that this is a spend-to-save issue and urgent in terms of protecting Walkerburn's public park. Cllr Logan reminded everyone that the consultant's report had not yet been received and that this work was simply to protect the bridge. Cllr Garvie suggested to Cllr Logan that they join forces to seek political agreement for action and this was agreed.

e. Item 9 Remembrance Sunday Arrangements. A meeting will take place on 21st July.

ITEM 8: Planning

a. Updated Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing and Development Contributions. Comments due by 19th August. All agreed that this was a generally sound policy though the paper on Affordable Housing was poorly drafted and presented. It was agreed that the secretary should reply asking that the policy of developers providing sites rather than contributions be strengthened.

b. Draft Supplementary Planning guidance on Wind Energy on website: www.scotborders.gov.uk/life/planningandbuilding/plansandresearch/31118.html

Comments required by 8 September so this will appear on August agenda.

c. Minch Moor Windfarm. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to individual members of the Planning Committee. Mr Brett noted with dismay that the community had little strength in negotiating with the developer since SBC unlike many other local authorities did not lay down minimum expected levels of gain. All agreed that this was deplorable and welcomed the news that Scrutiny had drafted a letter for the Leader of the Council to send to the Minister seeking Scottish Government action.

ITEM 9: Correspondence.

The list had been circulated to Members as usual. The secretary drew attention to the following:

Item 4. SESplan Main Issues Report Workshop Invitation 18 August 10am at Cardrona. Mrs Thornton and Mrs Purves will attend.

Item 5. Scottish Borders Elder Voice seeks a representative on their management committee which meets monthly at present. Travel expense of 30p per mile are paid. Members agreed to ask residents whether or not they would be interested and report back at the August meeting.

Item 16. Letter from Scottish Health Council asking if we would like to have a speaker from them. They are the lead organisation for promoting patient focus and public involvement in NHS Scotland. Website is www.scottishhealthcouncil.org. It was agreed to invite a speaker to the October meeting.

ITEM 10: Community Gain Negotiations.

Members had seen the Vattenfall offer. All agreed that it was shamefully low especially compared with the recent agreements at Broughton and Langhope Rig. It was agreed that a per MW sum should be negotiated.

ITEM 11: Reports by Members.

a. Mrs Thornton asked for a progress report on the hedge hiding the bus stop opposite the Post Office. The secretary confirmed that SB Local had been asked but that if they were unable to carry out the work the Chairman and she would do so.

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b. Miss McIntosh asked that the wooden walkway be checked by Parks for safety etc. Cllr Logan promised to action.

c. Ms Ogilvie reported that a resident had yet again raised the question of the spurious right of way from Peebles Road to the rugby pitch. SBC and external legal advice had already agreed that there was no public right of way in this area.

ITEM 12: Reports by SBC Councillors.

The Councillors felt that they had already covered all items.

ITEM 13: Any Other Business.

The secretary showed members the map of existing salt bins and asked for comments since

Technical Services was carrying out a review. All agreed that bins were still required on Hall Street, Caberston Avenue, High Cottages and Jubilee Road. It would be useful to have a bin at the top of the road leading down to the recycling bins. The secretary would reply accordingly to Technical Services.

ITEM 14: Date of Next Meeting.

16th August at 7.30pm.

ITEM 15: Chairman's Closing Remarks.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Date: August 2010

Mr G Thornton (Chairman)

Mrs PS Purves (Secretary)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fungi Help

Can anyone tell us what type of Fungi this is? It is growing at the foot of a tree in the park.

Chris and Val Scott



Rights of Way

In Walkerburn, according to Scottish Borders Council, there are only two recognised rights of way. One of them is on the Southern aspect of the Tweed and the other is high on the Northern aspect of the village.

The paths which lead from Peebles Road to the Northern side of the rugby pitch are not in fact rights of way. In the past the path at the eastern side of Pink Bank Cottages has been used by the public. This usage has been by the grace and favour of the owners of that land, who constructed the path and are solely responsible for its maintenance. Recent building works in the ground adjacent to the path have occasioned damage to it, necessitating closure of the path.

In the interests of health and safety this path will remain closed indefinitely and at least until completion of building works.

Should the path be reopened, it should be borne in mind that it remains private property, is not a public right of way and no liability is incumbent on the owners in the event of injury to anyone using this path.

This matter has been discussed and researched in the past, the Community Council, the Scottish Borders Council and solicitors of the owners.

All investigations demonstrate that these paths are in fact private property.

Yours etc,
Irene Ogilvie

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WALKERBURN CRAFTS COFFEE MORNING

Walkerburn Rugby Club

Wednesday 11th August

10.00am - 12.00 noon

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Goods for Sale

White Elephant Stall

Raffle

Craft Exhibition

EVERYONE WELCOME

Recipe for Double Chocolate Chip Muffins for the Walkerburn Flower & Vegetable Association Junior section (13-16 years) is below and also at the post office.

Double Chocolate Chip Muffins

Makes 10-12 standard size muffins

9oz (250g) plain white flour

3floz (90ml) corn oil or 3oz (85g) butter, melted

4 tablespoons (60ml) unsweetened cocoa powder

5oz (140g) white granulated sugar

1tsp (5ml) vanilla essence

1 egg

8 floz (240ml) milk

2-3oz plain chocolate drops

½ tsp (2.5ml) salt

½ tsp (2.5ml) bicarbonate of soda

1tsp(5ml) baking powder

Prepare muffin tins. Preheat oven to

375-400 F (190-200C)

In a large bowl, sift together four, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, salt and cocoa powder. In another bowl, beat the egg with a fork. Stir in milk, oil (or melted butter) and vanilla essence.

Pour all of the wet ingredients into the dry ones, and stir until combined. The batter will be lumpy but no dry flour should be visible. Add the chocolate drops keeping some for the top. ¾ fill the muffin cups. Sprinkle tops with the remaining chocolate drops.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, until tops spring back when touched.

Denise Hanks



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			August	September
Monday	Community Council	7.30pm	16 th	20 th
	Gentle Exercise	9.30am	-	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th
	Development Trust AGM	7.00pm	23 rd	
Tuesday	RNIB Outreach Service for advice, information and equipment display	10.30am-2.30pm		14 th
Wednesday	Healthy Living One Stop Shop Weaning/Fussy Eating	10.00am-12noon 1.30pm-2.30pm	25 th 25 th	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th
	Rt Hon D Mundell MP Public Surgery	1.00pm-1.30pm		22 nd
	Women's Rural	7.30pm		1 st
	DIY Energy (Everyone Welcome)	2.45pm – 3.45pm 7.00pm – 8.00pm		8 th
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday	Vegetable Association Annual Flower Show	2.00pm-5.30pm		11 th
Sunday	Church Service	10.00am	15 th , 29 th	19 th
	Table Tennis	6.00pm	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	12 th , 19 th , 26 th
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