Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held in Yetholm Youth Hall
Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 7pm

Present: Fiona Thompson (FT), Susan Stewart (SS), Angela Walker (AW), Euan Gibson (EG), Kevin Lee (KL),
Scottish Borders Councillors – Euan Robson (ER), Simon Mountford (SM)
Apologies: Paul Freeland Cook (PFC)
Members of the Public: 1 present

		Action
1	**Apologies for Absence: As Above**	
2	**Minutes of previous meeting, approval, and signature** The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved with no amendments.	
3	**Matters Arising from minutes/outstanding issues.** Bottle Bank – this was out to tender. Various options being considered such as domestic blue waste bins able to take glass. Noted that the Council do not own the bottle banks as they belong to the contractor. No date at present for when tender process would be complete. Phone Boxes – Payment made to purchase these and awaiting contract being returned. Perspex in Bus Shelter – no progress at present with this. Spine Race – noted that invoice had been issued. New Benches – this continued to be work in progress. Identified that five new benches would be ordered in first instance- one of which would be the memorial bench for Ruth and Tom Tokely. FT to obtain list of benches from EG	**FT**
4	**Members of the Public – Issues and or Concerns** No comments	
5	**Noticeboard- Town Yetholm** Discussion re replacement of noticeboard in TY took place. Estimates had been obtained but both were in excess of 3K as similar type replacement. After much discussion agreed to look at purchasing a new screen for the shop – similar to what used to be in situ there and EG agreed to look at costs of UPVC boards.	**SS/EG**
6	**Portfolio Discussions**	
	Housing and Planning – Vacant None received and no update on progress of Maple House application available	
	Finance –Angela Walker Refund from Scottish Water re Pavilion had now been received. Pavilion insurance had been renewed and noted that the Pavilion was now functioning well as a stand alone unit. AW commented that the Lottery funding received for Pavilion required to be spent and reported on. Website invoices would be sent out in near future along with chasing up non payment from previous invoices.	
	Village Maintenance and Utilities – Euan Gibson Cemetery path still remained to be progressed, and FT agreed to review this again with SBC as some uncertainty re the proposal against what was originally requested.	**FT**

	Education – Sarah Elliot No report available	
	Bowmont Valley – Paul Freeland – Cook No report available	
	Resilience – Kevin Lee KL noted that he had been approached by residents after recent Kelso Laddie Day re people walking over the flower beds around War Memorial in TY. FT to get in touch with Kelso Laddie Association about this.	**FT**
	Grants and Funding – Fiona Thompson Items covered in Finance and Pavilion	
	Pavilion/Tourism – Vacant FT reported that a plumber had been appointed to replace the sanitary ware in the Pavilion. The new windows were also being manufactured at this time.	
	Health and Social Services – Vacant Nil to report	
11	**Police Report** No report received	
12	**Scottish Borders Councillor's Update** Community Conversations would take place in Jedburgh Town Hall on 27th August from 6 – 8pm.This event open to all. Go Fibre had now moved on from the villages and to date ER had received no response to request for information about their work in the area. New bench on KY green had been requested. Car park in back lane – Eildon had been asked to tidy up the area after their recent tree cutting. Noted that boat and caravan should not be left there.	
13	**Additional Correspondence** SS had circulated all by email as received. Letter had been received from John Lamont congratulating us on receiving Lottery Funding for work at Pavilion.	
14	**Community Council/AOB** Comment made re parking at Catch a Penny but noted that unless restricting sight lines was not a lot that could be done. SS noted that Rev Colin Johnston would be retiring from his post as minister at Cheviot Churches on 30th August.	

The meeting closed at 2000

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 7pm.

ALL AGREED THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST 2026