

CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL**2024-2027****Minutes of General Meeting No 13**

7-9pm

07 Sept 2026

Village Hall, Eckford

Chair Charlie Robertson

No	ITEM	ACTION																																																								
1	CR welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He intimated the sad news of the passing of Peter Jeary. Peter had been a member and Treasurer of the Council. Last year he had audited our books. His advice was regularly sought and was always respected. He will be a big miss in the Eckford Community																																																									
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4	<u>Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd June 2026.</u> Proposed KB Seconded ED																																																									
5	<u>Matters Arising</u> (not covered in the Agenda) <i>i Eckford Quarry</i> Enhanced activity and earth shifting. Quieter just now. JB to follow up. Further agricultural building by Grahamslaw farm near the Quarry proposed, but planning application withdrawn. KB to monitor <i>ii Lower Kale</i> Lack of wildlife. SEPA had visited but no response yet. Slightly better now. KB to follow up <i>iii Centre Parcs</i> Concern that waste water and sewage might pollute rivers including the Teviot. Contact to be made with other CCs and a watching brief to be kept. <i>iv Old Jedburgh Library.</i> Open 10 – 3.30 on	JB KB KB CR ALL																																																								

	Saturdays. Currently looking for volunteers to extend openings. Donation of books welcomed, particularly children's books. Donate when open or contact JB	
6	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Appendix 1) Report submitted, discussed & approved. Accounts looking quite healthy. Notional balance of £316.32. 1 Defibrillator, 3 Batteries and pads to be ordered imminently. (Appendix 2) No further expenditure until 2027/8. We need to continue to seek funding for our future spending commitments. All in all, the Treasurer was satisfied with our financial position	ALL
7	<u>Community Updates</u> 1 SBC Councillors • LiveBorders. Going well. Working on a new Cultural Strategy. Working with SBC on early intervention programmes to promote mental and physical health. • Jed Swimming Pool. On track for an opening early in the New Year. Some refurbishment works ongoing eg with boiler and gym equipment. • Old Jed Grammar. Discussions with an interested party to use existing buildings for tourism related developments. • High Street Improvements. Old Lowland Insurance Building to be repurposed. Scaffolding on Exchange Street to come down in the next few weeks. • New Road Layout for the Town Centre under discussion. 2 Crailing • Crailing Rideout. Both events had gone well and were well attended. Hopefully these arrangements will be the settled pattern for the next few years. Piper a great success, adding valuable dignity to both Ceremonies; to be repeated next year. • Crailing Noticeboard. UPW had been contacted and would refurbish it when they had the staff available. 3. Eckford • Grahamslaw Road. Potholes filled and some of the verges infilled. However, more still needed. CR to contact Roads Department to thank them for what they had done and to request that further work be done	CR

	• Potato Boxes at Wester Wooden. No longer an issue • Septic Tank Wester Wooden Cottages. Still not repaired. CR to follow up. • Village Hall General Meeting 29 Sept. Possible Community buy-out of site near the centre of the Village. 4. Nisbet • No issues to report 5. Ulston • No report.	CR
8	<u>CENCC Ongoing Actions</u> <i>i President's Route.</i> Route re-walked and photographs taken <i>ii Resilience</i> No issues to report. <i>iii Kalemouth Bridge.</i> Some delays in funding but these now resolved. Final plans to be prepared and pricing obtained from the Contractor. Planning on the work commencing in early 2027 <i>iv Community Place Plans.</i> No response yet from SBC about possible consultancy assistance. (There had been staff absence.) JB to follow up. Background information on the Community. Some material available from Census but not easy to use. JB to check if other Council resources might be available. Meeting with Dan Ferrier, Buccleuch Energy about possible community initiatives on use of Renewable Energy. <i>v Defibrillators.</i> See Treasurer's Report. Request to publicise the support received on the CC Website. CR to check if Crailing Tofts wanted to be recognised in this way. <i>vi Distillery Visit</i> Still on the cards.	CR JB JB CR
9	<u>New Business</u> <i>i Website</i> There had been a BBC News item concerning CC Websites which had been compromised and linked with inappropriate sites. Our website had been identified as one of these. However, this related to a previous website hosted by the now obsolete Online Borders. The Website that we use now was never linked to Online Borders and was never compromised. Any historic links to Online Borders are now removed. CR thanked Sheila Campbell for clarifying this so clearly and so quickly (Appendix 3) and expressed his relief that we had opted to stay with our – secure –	CR CR

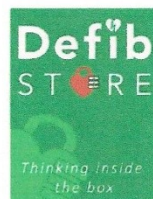
	website. <i>ii CARES Funding</i> Available to Community Projects relating to non-fossil heating projects. 80% funding available up to a maximum of £80,000 <i>iii Paths Grant Form</i> Form issued by SBC. Passed to Treasurer. To be submitted by 18 December. Maximum Grant £600 <i>iv Agricultural Machinery.</i> We are approaching the time when we have significantly increased numbers of agricultural vehicles on our roads, often travelling at considerable speed. If there are issues, contact CR and he will contact the farmer/contractor on behalf of the CC. Most have been very helpful on previous occasions.	
10	<u>Planning Applications</u> i Jedfoot Lodge, 2 Garden Rooms. CC to make no observations.	
11	<u>DONM</u> Meeting 14 Monday 9th November 2026 7.00-9.00 Lothian Hall, Crailing	

CRAILING ECKFORD NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2026-2027

date	payee	item	amount	rent	defibs	IT	improver	events	maintenance	admin
		Opening balance in bank	<u>1955.13</u>							
09/04/2026	HBOS	interest Apr 26	0.71							0.71
14/04/2026	HBOS	bank charge Apr 26	-4.25							-4.25
18/05/2026	HBOS	bank charge May 26	-4.25							-4.25
21/05/2026	Dagg	donation defib	1000		1000					
25/05/2026	EVH	flowers	-70					-70		
11/05/2026	HBOS	interest May 26	0.74							0.74
09/06/2026	HBOS	interest June 2026	0.67							0.67
15/06/2026	KP/WJ Blair	quaich including engraving	-53.95					-53.95		
15/06/2026	HBOS	bank charge Jun 2026	-4.25							-4.25
09/07/2026	HBOS	interest July 2026	1.09							1.09
14/07/2026	HBOS	bank charge Jul 2026	-4.25							-4.25
17/07/2026	Holequest	donation defib	200		200					
10/08/2026	HBOS	interest Aug 2026	1.18							1.18
17/08/2026	HBOS	bank charge Aug 2026	-4.25							-4.25
07/09/2026	EVH	hall rental 11 May 26	-40	-40						
07/09/2026	LVH	LVH Hall rental June 2026 AGM	-30	-30						
08/09/2026	Defib Store	defib replacement and 3 batteries	-2196		-2196					
	anticipated LVH	flowers	-70					-70		
	anticipated Sandhu	website	-222			-222				
	anticipated Hugh Wilson	Nisbet flowers	-70					-70		
	anticipated EVH	Hall rental 7/9/26	-40	-40						
	anticipated LVH	Hall rental Nov 2026	-30	-30						
Notional Balance @30/09/26			<u>316.32</u>	-140	-996	0	-140	-53.95	0	-16.86

defib set aside 23-26	1500.2
Dagg donation	1000
<u>Holequest donation</u>	<u>200</u>
total setaside	2700.2
<u>defib spend</u>	<u>-2196</u>
Defib set aside balance	504.2
adjustment after EVH furniture spend 25/26	-340
<u>Defib set aside balance</u>	<u>164.2</u>

Defib Store Ltd
Unit 1 Tideswell Business Park
Whitecross Road
Tideswell
Derbyshire
SK17 8NY
Tel : 01298 872186
Email : sales@defibstore.co.uk
VAT Reg No: 211502667

**PROFORMA**

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Crailing, Eckford And Nisbet Community Council
6 West Nisbet Steading
Jedburgh
TD8 6TE

Proforma No	64437
Proforma Date	07/09/2026
Order No	TELB JW
Account Ref	CRAIL001

This is not a V.A.T Invoice

**TO AVOID DESPATCH DELAY PLEASE QUOTE
PROFORMA REFERENCE ON BACS TRANSFER**

Qty Ordered	Product Code	Description	Unit Price	Net Amount
3.00	XBTAED001A	Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Battery (4 Year Warranty)	280.000	840.00
1.00	8501-001202-07	Zoll Aed 3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator	990.000	990.00

Deliver To :

Crailing, Eckford And Nisbet Community Council
6 West Nisbet Steading
Jedburgh
TD8 6TE
Malcolm McGregor 07919 922281
malcolm.rmcgregor@btinternet.com

Total Net Amount	£	1,830.00
Carriage	£	0.00
Total VAT Amount	£	366.00
Order Total	£	2,196.00

Defibstore Ltd
Account Number : 51163896
Sort Code : 60-01-33

**Customers are responsible for all bank charges
associated with payment.**

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From: charlie.loaning <charlie.loaning@btinternet.com>
To: Crailing Eckford Nisbet Com Cncl Chair <cencomms@hotmail.co.uk>
Date: Sep 2, 2026 9:17:04 PM
Subject: Re: Re: Fwd: RE: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Yes, it is good to know that we have that security.

Agreed about the Buccleuch guy. I am not sure why he was so keen to meet us. Agreed that large projects are off the table. Air source heating seems to be the option, but it was agreed that in houses they are best to keep the building at a steady temperature but other sources of heating are needed to boost the heat at night.

One possible option was solar panels located in a field. The suggestion was that the Community might own them on a shareholding basis but would sell the power to the grid. The profits would be distributed among shareholders. It might work but

Anyway we need to get the Place Plan finished first!

Thanks again for your help and advice.

Charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: cencomms@hotmail.co.uk
To: charlie.loaning@btinternet.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 2nd 2026, 16:10
Subject: Re: Fwd: RE: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Not a problem Charlie. The issue with volunteers coming up with their cheaper version falls down when those individuals get too busy or bored and don't have time to handle any issue that may arise.

Although ours is also managed by a Volunteer it was a great comfort to be able to bounce my thoughts of Andy and have him confirm that there was no issue with our site. His technical expertise is so much greater than mine and he is always very quick to give advice or fix any issue that may arise.

Re the Buccleuch guy - he seems to know his stuff. I came away thinking that any "Big ideas" on having wind turbines or solar panels that would service numerous properties was a non starter.

Did he put forward some options that we could consider after I left?

Perhaps an option would be for the CC to advise people of the Scottish Government Grants that are available for air source heating for their own homes (as part of your net zero plans). Currently the sum available per household is £7500 for rural properties or £9000 for homes that do not have access to gas.

Sheila

On Behalf of

Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council

From: charlie.loaning <charlie.loaning@btinternet.com>
Sent: 28 August 2026 22:28
To: Crailing Eckford Nisbet Com Cncl Chair <cencomms@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Fwd: RE: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Sheila,

So many thanks for doing this. This would have driven me crazy.

I am so greatful that we decided to stick with the existing website rather than opt for some 'cheaper' version, which was being discussed before I became Chair.

I'll make sure that this is confirmed on the agenda for our next Meeting.

What did you think of Dan Ferrier from Buccleuch?

Charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: cencomms@hotmail.co.uk
To: charlie.loaning@btinternet.com Cc: keithcencc@gmail.com; upperwooden13@gmail.com; virginiacencc@gmail.com; katecencc@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 26th 2026, 08:45
Subject: Fwd: RE: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Hello

You should, by now, have received the community e-news relating to links to gambling websites. At the time I confirmed with Andy, our technical expert, that there was no direct link with our CEN website. The issue related to a link via SBC on the now obsolete OnlineBorders website.

Below is further correspondence which I have had with SBC on this and other related matters which brings the matter to a close.

Hope you have all had a great summer.

Best wishes

Sheila

----- Forwarded message -----
From: "Hall, Declan" <Declan.Hall@scotborders.gov.uk>
Date: 25 Aug 2026 09:12
Subject: RE: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website
To: Crailing Eckford Nisbet Com Cncl Chair <cencomms@hotmail.co.uk>
CC:

Good Morning

Thank you for your email and for bringing these matters to my attention.

Please accept my apologies for not returning your call yesterday. I was unavailable due to other work commitments and was therefore unable to respond sooner.

I can confirm that I have reviewed the information relating to Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council on the Scottish Borders Council website. The contact details have now been updated to reflect the correct information, including the Community Council email address and the Chairman's title.

With regard to your concerns about the recent issues reported in relation to Online Borders, I can confirm that the Community Council entry on the Scottish Borders Council website links directly to the Community Council's own website. There are no concerns regarding the web domain currently listed on the Community Council's page.

While I was not in post when The Bridge was wound up and therefore cannot comment on the arrangements that were in place at that time, our focus currently is on ensuring that the information currently published on the Scottish Borders Council website is accurate and up to date.

Thank you for highlighting the outdated contact information, which has now been corrected.

Should you identify any further inaccuracies or have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Declan

From: Crailing Eckford Nisbet Com Cncl Chair <cenccms@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 24 August 2026 11:28
To: Hall, Declan <Declan.Hall@scotborders.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Hello Declan

I am contacting you on behalf of Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council as I am the person responsible for all their communications including email and the website.

Firstly, I left a message on your voicemail asking you to call me back as I wanted to quickly discuss whether or not this is linked to the recent issue highlighted by the BBC in relation to Online Borders - is that the case?

This is our main concern as my understanding is that when The Bridge was wound up the domain name became available and that it now points to an online gambling site which is not regulated by UK laws.

Can you please confirm that there is no longer any association via links on SBC and/or onlineborders.org.uk that connect Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council to any gambling website?

I can confirm that Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council have had their own website <https://crailingeckfordnisbet.co.uk> since 2016 and that SBC were notified of this at the time of set up. Indeed it was held up as a good example that other Community Council's could follow.

I note from the current SBC website directory (see below) that you are displaying the Community Council email address as charlie.loaning@btinternet.com and his title as Acting Chair. The correct email address for all CEN emails should be cencomms@hotmail.co.uk and Charlie Robertson is now Chairman (not Acting Chairman).

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We will obviously want to reassure our users that there are no concerns regarding our own Community Council website therefore I would appreciate your response to the above questions at the earliest possible time.

Many thanks.

Regards

Sheila

SHEILA CAMPBELL

On Behalf of

Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council

From: charlie.loaning <charlie.loaning@btinternet.com>
Sent: 22 August 2026 22:32
To: cencomms@hotmail.co.uk <cencomms@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Fwd: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Is this a coincidence (with the other issue that is going on) or is it a scam? The name is genuine.

----- Original Message -----

From: Declan.Hall@scotborders.gov.uk
To:
Sent: Tuesday, August 18th 2026, 09:14
Subject: [OFFICIAL] Community Council Website

Dear Community Council Secretary/Chair,

I hope this email finds you well.

As part of a review of the information published on the Scottish Borders Council website, we are currently undertaking checks to ensure that the website information we hold for Community Councils are accurate and up to date.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the current web address (website domain) used by your Community Council. If your website has changed recently, or if you now use an alternative online presence such as a new website or dedicated webpage, please provide the relevant details so that our records can be updated accordingly.

Maintaining accurate links helps residents, community groups and other stakeholders to access the most current information about the work of Community Councils across the Borders.

If there have been no changes to your website address, a brief confirmation of the existing link would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 3**CRAILING ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL****DATES AND VENUES****2026-2027**

Monday 9 th November	General Meeting	Lothian Hall, Crailing
Monday 11 th January	General Meeting	Eckford Village Hall
Monday 8 th March	General Meeting	Lothian Hall, Crailing
Monday 10 th May	General Meeting	Eckford Village Hall
Monday 14 th June	AGM	Lothian Hall, Crailing