

CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2024-2027

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

7pm

Monday 12th May 2025

Lothian Hall, Crailing

Chair Charlie Robertson

No	ITEM	ACTION
1	Welcome Charlie Robertson welcomed everyone to the Meeting	
2	<p><u>Grahamslaw Distillery</u></p> <p>Prior to the commencement of the Meeting, there was a presentation by Sarah Fraser, Head Distiller, on the progress with the Grahamslaw Distillery.</p> <p>She explained that planning for the Distillery commenced in 2022 and that ground was broken in 2023. It was hoped that they would be able to start distilling later this year.</p> <p>They would produce a single estate, single malt which would be aimed at the ultra premium end of the international market. The recent trade deal with India had been a major boost.</p> <p>In production terms, all the barley used would be grown on the farm, it would be kiln malted and distilled onsite. It would not be peated. The water would come from springs and a bore hole on the farm.</p> <p>The whisky would be matured in 500l sherry casks and matured onsite.</p> <p>Production would be in the region of 200,000 litres per annum.</p> <p>In the production process, no water would be taken from the River Kale. Almost all the waste products would be re-used on the farm. Since it was largely self-contained, there would be little heavy traffic going to or leaving the distillery site once it was in operation.</p> <p>The distillery would be known as the Grahamslaw Distillery. The product, at present remains un-named.</p> <p>Invited parties of guests might visit the Distillery and stay at a refurbished Grahamslaw Farmhouse..</p> <p>Residents living in TD, might contact the distillery to arrange a visit.</p>	

	<p>The distillery would not be open to the general public. There would not be a visitor centre or shop.</p> <p>Once the Distillery is in full operation, possibly in October this year, the CC will make an appointment to have a tour of the site.</p> <p>After a stimulating question and answer session, Sarah was thanked for her presentation. We look forward to meeting her again at the Distillery in the autumn.</p>	
3	<p><u>Attendance</u> Keith Bader KB, Virginia Burbridge VB, Richard Howes RH Katherine Pery KP, Charlie Robertson CR</p> <p><u>In Attendance</u> Councillor John Bathgate JB</p>	
4	<p><u>Apologies</u> Chris Howden CH Councillors Sandy Scott SS, and Hamilton</p>	
5	<p><u>Minutes of the AGM of 03 June 2024</u> Approved Proposed KB, Seconded RH</p>	
6	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u> (Appendix 1) Report adopted. Proposed KP, Seconded VB</p>	
7	<p><u>Treasurer's Report</u> (Appendix 2) Report Adopted Proposed RH Seconded KB</p>	
8	<p><u>Constitution</u> (Appendix 3) Updated version of the Constitution (with no changes from the previous 1998 Constitution) approved and signed by those present.</p>	
9	<p><u>Meeting closed</u> at 8pm</p>	

APPENDIX 1

CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIR

MAY 12 2025

Introduction

This is the first Annual Report from the Community Council in its 2024-2027 cycle.

This report will focus on the work that the Community Council has undertaken, much of it ongoing, during the year from May 2024 to May 2025.

This is a small Council – 9 members when all the vacancies are filled. We couldn't achieve all that we do without the help of many volunteers who take on specific tasks to support the Community.

Ongoing tasks

The Community Council has overall responsibility for several initiatives which have been in place for a number of years.

The Community Council Website, which provides regular updates on issues and events in our communities, and is the main way that we communicate with the public in our area. Many thanks to Sheila Campbell, who, with the assistance of Virginia Burbridge, operates the website on our behalf.

Oil Purchase Scheme. This continues to run very successfully and has resulted in considerable savings for those involved. Our thanks go to Jane Vickers for operating this scheme.

Defibrillators. We have four defibrillators in our villages. Each is checked on a weekly basis by a local volunteer. Overall responsibility is taken by Malcolm McGregor. Our thanks to all these people who help to keep this important resource in operation

Resilience There are groups of volunteers in each community who are prepared to offer help and support in emergencies and in times of difficulty. The degree of organisation into Resilience Groups varies, but each community has an identified individual who acts as co-ordinator. We never know when these groups will be needed, but it is comforting to know that there are people who are prepared to offer their help.

Paths The Jubilee Path, initiated by the Community Council, links our communities. It is popular with walkers. Parts of it require strimming and clearing from time to time. Thanks to volunteers, the path is maintained in good order. A proposal to link this path with the President's Route in Nisbet, and to provide a route description for the Presidents Route is in development.

Grants The Council makes an annual grant available to each settlement to purchase bedding and other plants and to improve our street furniture.

Jedburgh Callant's Festival The Community Council holds a short Ceremony each year at Crailing to welcome the Callant and to present him with a Quaich. Discussions are ongoing about possible changes to this format

Remembrance In November, Councillors are present at Remembrance ceremonies in Crailing and Eckford.

Community Council Admin

Each community Councillor on the new council has a dedicated e-mail address for Community Council business. This offers greater security to Councillors and, at the same time keeps Community Council business in an easily accessible format. In addition, the Councillors are members of a Whatsapp group for quick and easy communication.

Sheila Campbell agreed to continue in her role as website and communications administrator. She files all correspondence and documentation and autoforwards incoming correspondence to the appropriate Council member. Over the year, this system has worked very well. Many thanks go to Sheila for continuing in this role. This has lifted a considerable load from the Chair.

We have a list of short and long term projects, arising from the Community Consultation in 2022, and progress towards addressing them. This will be addressed in the Place Plan Project (see later).

Liaison with SBC

We are fortunate to be well supported by our three SBC Councillors, John Bathgate, Scott Hamilton and, in particular, Sandy Scott. Council Officers and the Bridge staff are unfailingly patient and helpful when we contact them and we greatly appreciate their support. Over the year we have attended meetings with them in relation to Resilience, Planning, Place Planning and the Cheviot Area Partnership and responded to consultation activities.

Planning Matters.

During the year we have considered two housing planning applications, both resubmissions, the Council, after requesting responses from the public, raised no objections.

Community Council in Action.

- The work to improve safety at the Crailing Junction with the A698 have been completed. Ongoing maintenance is to be monitored.
- New signage has been erected at the approaches to Nisbet Village. While this does not meet all the requests from villagers, it was a definite improvement. This will be monitored on an ongoing basis.
- Concern was expressed about the speed of farm traffic through the villages, and damage to verges, at particular times of the year. The Chair had contacted the farmer concerned and farm traffic through Eckford had been stopped. It was felt that this format should be followed in future.
- The four defibrillators are due for replacement in 2026. Sponsorship from local individuals and businesses is still being sought. The Treasurer has

worked hard to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the costs.

- The Council has had a standing agenda item for Kalemouth Bridge since its closure to vehicles and has noted with concern its deteriorating condition. We have met with SBC Engineers on three occasions over the years and have met with the bridge engineers from the Union Chain Bridge at Horncliffe to see if that might be able to offer other solutions. Currently, we are awaiting feedback from SBC Officers on possible actions to address some of our concerns.

SBC have submitted funding bids to cover the costs of replacing the decking.

- In September, the Community Council, after much discussion, agreed to go ahead with the preparation of a Place Plan.

Local Place Plans were introduced by the [Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#). This gives a new right to communities to produce their own plans as part of the new Scottish planning system.

Local Place Plans contain the community's proposals for the development and use of land, and provide a new opportunity for communities to feed into the planning system with ideas and proposals.

However, even more important than this is the opportunity for the local community to determine its own priorities and to establish how we would like to see our communities develop.

Scottish Borders Council are actively encouraging local communities to prepare Place Plans and pilot exercises have been ongoing over the past year. Some communities in the Borders have already finalised their Place Plan.

Because of the small number on our Council, it was decided that we should go ahead, in the first instance, on the basis of preparing a plan for one village community and then to use the lessons learned in this process as we sought to extend it to the other village communities in our area and to the preparation of an overall plan covering our whole area.

We chose Eckford as the community that we would work on first. One of the main reasons for this is that we have a full complement of Community Councillors in Eckford to help conduct the consultation exercises and to help take the work of preparing the plan forward.

Work on this is at a draft stage. Draft documents have been produced and consultations with SBC Officers about help and support are in progress.

Membership

Membership of the Council has been settled over the year. We have six members. There is the possibility to fill vacancies by co-option and we would be keen to do this. Crailing, for example, has only one Councillor and this is a far from ideal situation. It is hoped that volunteers will come forward from the community to fill the vacancies.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since this Council took office. Much has happened during the year which should, in however small a way, help to support and improve our Communities.

May I, as Chair, express my thanks to our Treasurer for her work and to the Council members for their continued help, support and commitment.

Charlie Robertson

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Appendix 2

CRAILING, ECKFORD & NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Receipts		
Grants from Scottish Borders Council:-		
CC Administration	594	540
Hall Rentals 2023/24	168	140
Jubilee Path maintenance	600	450
Kings Coronation Grant	0	500
Donations - HW, Footprint	0	150
Donations - CR	<u>823.68</u>	<u>745.2</u>
	<u>2185.68</u>	<u>2525.2</u>
Payments		
Flowers for Myra	30	0
bank charges	8.5	0
Jubilee Path maintenance	823.68	745.2
Nisbet benches	0	168
plants and trees	140	70
Coronation spending EVH & LVH	0	500
Presentation to Jed Callant	24	39.99
Defibrillators expenses	151.59	195
Honoraria	0	0
Information leaflets	60	50
Hall rentals for meetings	217	168
Website Costs	222	260
Insurance	0	61.6
Eckford War Memorial Wreath	0	0
Crailling planters	<u>156</u>	<u>100</u>
	<u>1832.77</u>	<u>2357.79</u>
surplus for the year	<u>352.91</u>	<u>167.41</u>
Funds		
Bank Balance at 1 April 2024	824.33	656.92
plus surplus at 31/3/25	<u>352.91</u>	<u>167.41</u>
Bank Balance at 31 March 2024	<u>1177.24</u>	<u>824.33</u>

NB Annual set aside of £500 for future defibrillator replacement plus ongoing defibrillator maintenance costs included in this balance.

12th May 2025

I HAVE EXAMINED THE ABOVE ACCOUNTS AND FIND THEM TO BE CORRECTLY
STATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS SUBMITTED TO ME.

[Signature]

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EXAMINER.

CRAILING ECKFORD NISBET COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2024-2025

date	payee	item	amount	rent	defibs	IT	improvements	events	insurance	maintenance	admin
01/04/2024		Opening balance in bank	824.33								
17/06/2024	C Spalton	printing election leaflets	-60	-70							-60
17/06/2024	D Scowen	Eckford village flowers	-24	-24				-70			
08/09/2024	EVH	hall rental 17th June 24 meeting 2 hours	-30	-24							
09/09/2024	D Faulds	flowers for Myra	-24					-30			
09/09/2024	D Faulds	quail engraving	-60	-45				-24			
07/11/2024	Sandhu	website SSL Security Certificate	-30	-30							
10/11/2024	LVI	hall rental AGM 3rd June 24 meeting 3 hours	600							600	
10/11/2024	LVI	hall rental 9th Sept 2024 2 hrs	594								594
03/12/2024	SBC	paths maintenance grant	168								
13/12/2024	SBC	Maintenance grant	-30	-24							
07/01/2025	SBC	hall rental reclaim at cost 23-24	-24	-24							
no inv yet	LVI	hall rental 13th January 2 hours	-24	-24							
24/01/2025	EVH	hall rental 13th May 24 meeting 2 hours	-156								
24/01/2025	EVH	hall rental 11th November 24	-162								
10/02/2025	C Howden	planters for Crailing	-4.25	-70							-4.25
10/03/2025	SANDHU	website costs	-81.59	-81.59							
18/03/2025	HBOS	bank charge	-70								
24/03/2025	Scottish Hart	defibrillator pads, 1 set	-70								
28/03/2025	M MacGregor	defibrillator pads, 1 spare set inc courier	-40	-40							
31/03/2025	H Wilson	Nisbet Village flowers	-4.25								
31/03/2025	EVH	hall rental 10th March									
31/03/2025	HBOS	bank charge									
Balance @ 31/03/25			1177.24	-49	-151.59	-222	-296	-54	0	600	525.5
notional			-305								
notional			-348.41								
Total defib set aside for 23-25			-653.41								
Balance 31/03/25 after setaside for defibs in 23-24 and 24-25			523.83								

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
CONSTITUTION OF CRAILING, ECKFORD AND NISBET
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1.0. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Community Council shall be Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”).

2.0 AREA

- 2.1 The area of the Council shall be that part of the Scottish Borders, the boundaries of which are shown delineated on Map Number 40 annexed to the principal copy of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils adopted by the Scottish Borders Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Scheme”).

3.0 PURPOSES/FUNCTIONS

- 3.1 In addition to any other purpose which it may pursue, a Community Council shall:-

- (a) ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the Scottish Borders Council as the Local Authority for its area, and to other public authorities, the views of the community which it represents in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible;
- (b) make known within the community such information as may be received from the Scottish Borders Council and other public authorities; and
- (c) take such action in the interests of that community as appears to it to be expedient and practicable.

3.2 The Council shall be non-party in politics and non-discriminatory and shall represent all persons in its area.

4.0 COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

4.1 The Council shall be composed of :

- (a) Nine members who have been elected in the manner prescribed in the Scheme and
- (b) the Scottish Borders Councillors for the area covered by the Council or any part of it, who shall have ex officio membership of the Community Council during their period of office for the Local Authority but shall have no entitlement to vote,

move motions or amendments, or hold office in the Community Council. No Member of the Scottish Borders Council may simultaneously be a member of the Community Council other than in an ex officio capacity.

4.2 The Council may include co-opted members in the following circumstances:-

- (a) The Council may co-opt further members with skills or knowledge which the Council considers would be of assistance to the Council in carrying out its functions. Such co-opted members shall not have voting rights, shall not be entitled to move motions or amendments, and shall not hold office, and may be of any age. Members co-opted for this purpose will serve for such time as may be determined by the Council at the time of their co-option or until the Council decide that their services are no longer required; and
- (b) The Council may, where the elected membership does not comprise the maximum number of elected members specified in paragraph 4.1(a) above but is equal to, or exceeds, one-half of that number, or where casual vacancies arise during a term of office, co-opt persons who would be eligible for election to the Community Council as members in order to make up that number, subject to the number of members so co-opted not at any one time exceeding one quarter of the maximum number of elected members specified in paragraph 4.1(a) above. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, any fraction arising shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Members so co-opted may serve until the next ordinary election to the Council, qualifying for full voting rights after attending 3 meetings or six months after co-option (whichever is shorter)..

- 4.3 In the event of the number of elected Members of the Council, in the interval between elections, reducing to less than one-half of the maximum number specified in paragraph 4.1 (a) above, a by-election shall be held not later than two months after this reduction occurs (unless the next ordinary election is due to occur within six months of the reduction occurring). The number of vacancies to be filled at the by-election shall be the number by which the elected membership falls short of the maximum.

5.0 METHOD OF CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

- 5.1 A proposal to co-opt a person or persons to the Council under paragraph 4.2(b) hereof shall require a Notice of Motion to that effect to be included on the Agenda for the appropriate meeting of the Council, and such Notice of Motion shall include the name and address of the person proposed to be co-opted, together with that person's number on the current Electoral Register, and the names of the proposer and seconder who shall be elected members of the Council.

6.0 CASUAL VACANCIES

- 6.1 A casual vacancy shall be deemed to arise in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) on the day when a member ceases to be entered in the Electoral Roll for the area covered by the Council;

- (b) on the expiry of a period of six calendar months during which a member has failed to attend a meeting of the Council, or of any Committee or other body constituted by the Council, unless leave of absence has been granted or other reason accepted by the Council; or
- (c) upon the receipt by the Secretary to the Council of a written notice of resignation from a member.

7.0 TERM OF OFFICE

- 7.1 Elected members of a Community Council shall serve for a term of 3 year(s), and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 7.2 This term of office shall be held to be adjusted without the need to amend this Constitution in the event of the Scottish Borders Council exercising their right under the Scheme to set a common date in each year for Community Council elections.

8.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 8.1 At the first public meeting of the Council following the initial election, which shall be chaired by the Returning Officer or his nominee (who shall normally be an ex officio member, if available), until a Chairperson has been elected, the Council shall elect from

its eligible members a Chairperson, to be known by such title as the Council decide, subject to approval of that title by the Scottish Borders Council, and such other office-bearers as the Council shall deem necessary. Thereafter such office-bearers, who shall be eligible for re-election, shall be elected or re-elected at the first Public Meeting following a Council election.

8.2 The Council may elect a Secretary and a Treasurer (which offices may be combined) who shall hold office and may be eligible for re-election in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8.1 above. In the event of the Council being unable to elect a Secretary and/or Treasurer, the Secretary and Treasurer (but no other office-bearers) may be appointed from outwith the membership of the Council and may receive such remuneration as the Council may determine from the resources available to them, there being no extra funding available from the Scottish Borders Council for this purpose. Such appointees from outwith the membership shall be entitled to speak only on matters relating to their function as office-bearers and shall have no voting rights.

8.3 The Chairperson shall:-

- (a) be responsible for ensuring that meetings of the Council are properly conducted in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Orders; and
- (b) be responsible for the submission of a written Annual Report on the Council's activities for the previous year to the Annual General Meeting and thereafter to the Scottish Borders Council.

8.4 The Secretary, or in the absence of the Secretary, the Chairperson pro tem, shall:-

- (a) convene meetings of the Council and its committees;
- (b) undertake correspondence arising from the work of the Council;
- (c) be responsible for preparing and keeping the minutes of meetings, including a record of those members in attendance and those members who are absent, and making a true record of proceedings for distribution to members and others; and
- (d) undertake other duties required by the Council from time to time.

8.5 The Treasurer shall:-

- (a) correctly maintain the Council's financial records, which shall disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Council;
- (b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that monies due are received and creditors paid;

(c) present financial information to the Council when required; and

(d) if nominated to do so, prepare annually an Abstract of Accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

8.6 Any vacancy in office arising during the office-bearer's term of office may be filled at any meeting of the Council, provided that notice of the vacancy has been included in the agenda for the meeting.

8.7 As soon as practicable following such appointments, the Council shall lodge with the Service Director of Strategy and Policy of the Scottish Borders Council, a return specifying the full names, designations and addresses of the Council office-bearers and Auditor(s)/Examiner(s) of their Accounts and subsequently advise him, in writing, of all changes thereof within one month of such changes occurring.

9.0 SUB-COMMITTEES

9.1 The Council shall have the power to establish Sub-Committees and ad hoc Committees and to stipulate their composition, powers, duties and duration.

9.2 Decisions of Sub-Committees and ad hoc Committees shall be taken by a majority vote of those present, with the Chairman having both a deliberative and a casting vote.

9.3 At a meeting of a Sub-Committee or ad hoc Committee, a quorum shall be at least one-half of the elected membership thereof.

9.4 Sub-Committees or ad hoc Committees shall keep a record of their proceedings and decisions taken, which will be submitted to the Secretary for entry in the Council minutes.

10.0 MEETINGS

10.1 Meetings of the Council shall be convened at intervals of not more than 3 months and at least 4 meetings shall be held annually, one of which shall be the Annual General Meeting. All meetings of the Council, shall be open to members of the public. The Council shall comply with the principles of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, a summary of its main provisions having been provided to the Council, and any amending legislation, particularly in regard to the conduct of business in public unless permitted to be taken in private in terms of the Act, and also in regard to allowing advance sight of agenda papers and Minutes.

10.2 All relevant Council members shall be advised of the place, date and time of any meetings of the Community Council, Committees or Sub-Committees by means of written agendas, specifying the business to be conducted and sent either to their normal residence or place of work if requested by them at least seven days before or, in cases of urgency, at least three clear days before, the due date of such meeting. At the same time as the agenda is issued to members, a copy shall be sent to the

Service Director of Strategy and Policy of the Scottish Borders Council or his nominee as advised. At the same time, public notice shall be given by a copy of the agenda being affixed in a prominent and clearly visible position at the normal place where meetings of the Council are held and on local notice boards and/or appropriate public venues..

- 10.3 The Council members shall comply with the Scottish Borders Code of Conduct for Community Councillors, a copy of which shall be issued to each Community Council. Members shall be required, in advance, to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to matters which might be under discussion and after doing so shall take no part in their consideration. Failure to observe this may lead to suspension from a meeting and repeated failure to observe may lead to suspension from participating in the work of the Council for a period of time.
- 10.4 Only Council members with full voting rights may vote at Council Meetings, including Annual General Meetings, the only exception being votes on the proposed contents of the Constitution and proposed amendments thereto, in which case all persons eligible to vote in local government elections and on the Electoral Roll for the Council area and in attendance at the meeting are entitled to vote.
- 10.5 The quorum for each Council meeting shall be one-third of the Community Council membership eligible to vote, subject to a minimum of three.
- 10.6 With the permission of the Chairman, any member of the public in attendance may speak or ask a question regarding any item on the agenda.

11.0 SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC MEETINGS

11.1 The Council shall be empowered to convene special meetings and extraordinary public meetings as aftermentioned within the area of the Council for the purpose of considering matters of interest and importance, and for the purpose of agreeing or amending the Constitution.

11.2 The Council shall, upon receipt of a requisition signed by twenty electors, convene a special meeting, to be held within 21 days of receipt by the Secretary or Chairman of that requisition, to consider the business specified in the requisition and in the notice calling the meeting.

11.3 The Council shall, upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than three members, convene an extraordinary public meeting, to be held within fourteen days of receipt by the Secretary of that requisition, to consider the business specified in the requisition and in the notice calling the meeting.

12.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 60 days after the end of the Council's financial year.

12.2 The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall include the following items, namely:-

- (i) a report by the Chairperson on the Council's activities for the previous year;
- (ii) the scrutinised/approved Annual Abstract of Accounts;
- (iii) proposals for the amendment of the Council's Constitution, where appropriate;
- (iv) election of office bearers;
- (v) appointment of auditors;
- (vi) agreement to abide by the Scottish Borders Council Code of Conduct for Community Councils.

13.0 MINUTES

13.1 The Council shall submit to the Service Director of Strategy and Policy of the Scottish Borders Council or his nominee, copies of the draft Minutes of its meetings not later than 21 days after each meeting. Minutes shall be circulated to members not later

than with the issue of the agenda for the next meeting. Minutes of any meeting shall be made available not later than seven clear days prior to the next meeting of the Council for inspection by members of the public within the Council's area at noticeboards in the three villages and on the Community Council website

14.0 HOLDING OF HERITABLE PROPERTY

14.1 Any heritable property acquired by the Council shall be vested in the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, and their respective successors, as trustees for and on behalf of the Council.

14.2 The Community Council shall keep an accurate record of any assets held and where they are kept indicating its wishes for the dispersement of these assets in the event of the Community Council being disestablished or dissolved. A copy of the register, and any subsequent changes, shall be submitted to the Service Director of Strategy and Policy of Scottish Borders Council within twenty one days of it being agreed by the Community Council.

15.0 STANDING ORDERS

15.1 All Council business shall be conducted in accordance with such Standing Orders as may be prepared by the Council and approved in writing by Scottish Borders Council prior to adoption, and which shall not be amended without the prior written approval of the Scottish Borders Council.

16.0 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- 16.1 The Council may raise funds for schemes, projects and other purposes falling within its stated objects.
- 16.2 All monies received by the Council, whether by way of grant, gift or loan shall be applied to further its objects.
- 16.3 The Council shall keep an accurate record of its receipts and payments and the Treasurer or other nominated office-bearer shall prepare annually an Abstract of Accounts. The books and Abstract of each Community Council shall be scrutinised by an auditor/independent examiner (who shall not be a member of the Council), duly appointed from year to year for that purpose by the Council following approval by the Scottish Borders Council. A copy of the approved Abstract for each Community Council shall be submitted to the Service Director of Strategy and Policy of the Scottish Borders Council within seven days of the Annual General Meeting.

17.0 DISSOLUTION/DISESTABLISHMENT

- 17.1 A proposal to dissolve the Council shall require a Notice of Motion to that effect to be included on the agenda for a special meeting or an extraordinary public meeting, and shall require to be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

17.2 In the event of the disestablishment or dissolution of the Council for any reason, such property and funds as are vested or under the control of the Council at the date of disestablishment or dissolution shall be transferred to and vested in the Scottish Borders Council unencumbered and shall be administered and applied by them in such manner as the Scottish Borders Council, in line with the wishes of the Community Council in the aforementioned asset register, may determine to be for the benefit of all or part of the Community Council area, said discretion including the power of sale. The members and office-bearers of the former Council shall remain liable following such transfer for their intromissions with the former Community Council's assets during their term of office.

18.0 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

18.1 Any proposal to amend this Constitution must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Council at least twenty-eight days before the date of the Meeting at which the proposal is first to be considered.

18.2 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 11 hereof any alteration to this Constitution will require approval of both:

- (a) a majority of Members of the Council voting at a Council Meeting; and
- (b) a two-thirds majority of residents of the Community Area entitled to vote, being present and voting at an Annual General Meeting of the Council or a Special Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for considering the approval of such alteration.

18.3 Notice of any Special Meeting or Extraordinary Public Meeting at which a proposal to change this Constitution of the Council is to be considered shall be given at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Meeting and such notice shall detail the wording of the proposed alteration(s).

19.0 ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

19.1 This Constitution, after being agreed by the Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet Community Council, was adopted at a Council Meeting held on Monday the twelfth day of May, 2025.

Chris Howden CHAIRMAN

— SECRETARY

Katherine Perry TREASURER KATHERINE PERRY

Virginia Burbidge MEMBER VIRGINIA BURBRIDGE

RICHARD HOWES MEMBER Howes

Keith Bader MEMBER Bader

CHRIS HOWDEN MEMBER NOT PRESENT