



# BURNing Issues



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## WALKERBURN SUMMER FESTIVAL



*Walkerburn Festival Sports Day sunny Saturday – and a new event for children to enjoy!*  
A full report on this year's Summer Festival will be published in next month's **BURNing Issues**.

### Village Clean-Up Volunteers Needed

**A Village Clean Up has not taken place for a couple of years and the Community Council has been asked to organise one for this summer.**

At first glance, our village does not appear as untidy as some others, but there is always a surprising amount of litter lying around and needing collection.

It will be held on a Saturday, in late July or August, and so we are asking in advance for volunteers (all welcome!) to put their name forward. Please contact Lesley on 01896 870251, or

leave your contact details at the Post Office, so we can organise everything.

As in past years, we will start from the village hall and there will be gloves, plastic bags and safety vests available. Jason Hedley of SB Local will arrange for the bags of litter to be collected and disposed of.

### Speeding along Higher Cottages/Caberston Road

**A resident of Higher Cottages asked that attention should be drawn to the danger caused by some vehicles speeding along High Cottages.**

The resident had pointed out that drivers may not be aware of the danger posed to the occupants of the houses in High Cottages. They have to step from their front gardens directly onto the narrow roadway.

This was discussed by the Community Council (see

June WDCC Minutes) when it was suggested that a 20mph limit should be imposed. This will be considered by Police and SBC.

Meanwhile, would all drivers please take extra care along that narrow stretch of road. Thank you.

### Walkerburn Hall Quiz Thank You

Walkerburn Public Hall "Missing Links Word Quiz" in aid of Hall funds raised the grand sum of £335!

The winner was Ruth Turner from Galashiels. Runner up was Linda Bruce from Innerleithen.

Thanks to the *Edinburgh Natural Skin Care Company* for donating the prizes. Also, a huge 'thank you' to Bob Scott from Innerleithen for compiling and marking the quiz, to everyone who sold the quiz on our behalf, and to all those of you who bought the quiz.

**Walkerburn Public Hall Management Committee.**

### Over-65's Drivewise Borders

Walkerburn Village Hall Wednesday 16th August 9.30 - 11.30

'Drivewise Borders' is a highly recommended presentation by the Borders Police on safer driving for the over 65's.

*We hope that the very few "over-65's" who live in Walkerburn will make a special effort to attend this entertaining and important presentation!*

### Walkerburn Hall 'Tiara, Teas, Coffee and Crowns' Coffee Morning

This raised £323.80 for Hall funds. Congratulations to Jura Houston for winning the prize for home made crown.

Thanks to everyone who attended, helped on the day and those who donated wonderful home baking and amazing raffle prizes.

### Burning Issues Contributors

Please remember to submit any articles, letters or other material for the August 2017 issue by the last day of July.



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**Walkerburn Bowling Club**

**This was always going to be a difficult season.**

The playing green is in excellent condition and the groundwork for the clubhouse rebuilding has been completed, but the remainder of the works have to wait until funding applications are in place before we can proceed.

Despite this necessary delay, the club spirit is still strong and we have been able to fulfil all our fixtures. In the absence of toilet and kitchen facilities, we are very grateful to the HB Club for generously allowing us to use their clubrooms on match night. There was also a problem with being able to play the championship matches which are so important to the club..St Ronans club have kindly offered us the full use of their clubhouse and grounds in the absence of our own. With a lot

of help, and only a little inconvenience, we will see this season out and plan for everything to be completed in time for a grand opening next year.

Fortunately, the Petanque section are less affected by the clubhouse problems and are making the most of the excellent playing surface, in addition to playing league matches.

Thanks must be given to so many people who have helped us along this season. We are looking forward with confidence to completing a first class rebuild and refurbishment.

*Anyone wanting more details can contact us on 01896-870251 or e-mail [geoles2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:geoles2@tiscali.co.uk)*

**July Wild Side**

**Last month I wrote about the small blue butterfly and I may not have seen it but did have a visit from a Hummingbird Hawk Moth which I've never actually seen in the living flesh before so was quite a thrill.**

I know –'easy pleased'. I was surprised by just how noticeable it is and how apt its name with how it hovers in the air to feed on nectar. It worked its way around the verbena in the pots and hanging baskets and it's quite a size for a moth. Insect wise, we've not had many butterflies but they prefer the sunnier weather. Insects, in general, don't have warm blood like us mammals so need some sun to warm up their muscles in the morning to get going and there just hasn't been the heat. There didn't even seem as many 'midges' on Festival Friday as usual.

The house sparrows that fledged at the end of last month have raised another brood that have fledged successfully and for the first time we've had a family of house martins nest on the house. They managed to fledge just 2 days before the damp weather brought their nest down, so lucky. On the whole though we haven't seen many young birds particularly blue and great tits which we usually have in the garden and my new nest box stayed empty although I think it went up a bit late. There's always next Spring. Nearby I've seen and heard a pair of linnets, much less common now than they used to be and more goldfinches than I've seen in a while. My upset of the past month was finding a dead nuthatch on the bench outside the living room window; it had obviously hit the window too

hard and died. Those of you who have read this column will know how long I waited to see one of these birds here in Scotland and was thrilled when they increased and extended their northern range and eventually appeared at our nut feeders. Hopefully they'll be back when I start putting nuts out again. I usually feed all year but this year, it's seed feeders only because jackdaws are destroying our nut feeders. I shall have to invest in some new ones with the 'cages' that allow wee birds to feed and keep the big ones out. There does seem to be a huge number of crows and jackdaws around this year. If you look in just about any field it will have lots and lots of 'crows' in it accompanied often by pigeons and gulls. When I say crows I mean the crow family ie; Carrion crows, jackdaws and rooks. I'm not including jays and magpies because we don't see them here often. All the members of the crow family are very intelligent and resourceful birds so in my mind they can leave my bird feeders alone and find lunch elsewhere-clear grubs out of fields and clear roadkill! Gone are the days when you would see their corpses hung on field gates and fences much as moles. I take it to deter their 'friends'. I never really understood why that would work but it was a common sight.

**Roly Brett**

Sadly, we were no longer able to care for Roly at home and he is now in Cauldshiels special unit at Borders General Hospital. We would like to thank all of the people in Walkerburn, especially our neighbours Peter and Norman, and the girls at the Post Office, for the kindness, understanding and consideration they have shown towards Roly and me over these last few years. We have spent 40 very happy years here in Walkerburn, and Roly loved it. Thank you all.

*Betty and family*



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If you are interested in applying or would like more information please call Home Energy Scotland on 0808

808 2282 (*free from landlines and most mobiles*).

Funding operates on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to availability.

Only Home Energy Scotland can arrange for an application form to be sent to you. It is a condition of the scheme that you contact Home Energy Scotland personally to get impartial advice about your home and so you can make a decision about the best options for you.

Take a look at this page on the internet for more information:  
[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/home-energy-scotland-loan](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/home-energy-scotland-loan)

**Walkerburn Community Development Trust**

## Walkerburn Old Age Pensioners Association

### Walkerburn OAPs enjoyed their annual Away-Day trip with a visit to the World Heritage site at New Lanark.

A good turnout of day trippers joined the bus at various points in Walkerburn and Innerleithen and proceeded along very scenic countryside, via a coffee break in Biggar, to the destination. The weather remained kind and the excellent lunch in the Heritage Site hotel kept everyone in good spirit – despite the amount of necessary walking done by all! Thanks

to Anne Kenyon and other committee members for the work they put in to make it another success.

Please note: we still require a Secretary to assist with the planning and organising some of our events.

*If you would like any further information, please contact President Mary Baillie on 01896 870246 or Treasurer Anne Kenyon on 01896 870757.*

## St Andrew's Church, Innerleithen Strawberry Tea

Aided by lovely sunny weather and a large turnout of visitors, the popular Annual Strawberry Tea event held at St Andrews Episcopal Church raised the wonderful sum of over £400 to contribute to Christian Aid.

Many thanks to all who attended and generously donated and to all those who helped make it a success. Many thanks also to the Church of Scotland for the loan of tables and chairs

## Borders Youth Theatre

### "Delving Deep"

### Walkerburn Village Hall on Friday 21st July at 7.00pm

The Borders Youth Theatre present DELVING DEEP - a contemporary multimedia performance piece inspired by local poetry written in WW1, exploring the emotional impact of war on the lives of young people.

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*For more information: contact Sara Best (Project Coordinator)*

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**Wednesday:** (Your Choice) 7.00pm-9.00pm.

**Thursday:** Class in knitting and crochet for beginners and more experienced people 2.00pm-4.00pm.

**Friday:** 1.00 pm – 4.00pm (Craft-for-Club) Cost: Members £1.00 per hour, Non Members £1.50 per hour.

Because of the continuing success of the Club, Membership now costs £20.00 per calendar year and allows you access to the cabin at all times and Social Membership is £5.00 per calendar year.

Newcomers always given a warm welcome.

**Any queries, please contact Jenni Brown on 01896 833883.**

## Walkerburn Community Website

If you want to know "What's On" at the village hall, who to contact about a particular local group, or want a number for a local tradesman, the community website is the place to go. If your group is not on the local contacts list, or if you want to advertise an event in the village you don't have to wait for the next issue of Burning Issues, but can send information direct to [mail@walkerburn.com](mailto:mail@walkerburn.com) for posting onto the "what's on" page.

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### Walkerburn Public Hall

#### Draft Minutes of Trustees' Annual General Meeting, 2nd May 2017.

Trustees: Mr Colin Grahame (Chairman); Mrs Mags Henderson (absent); Mrs Sheila Horsburgh; Miss Mollie McIntosh MBE; Mr William Sommerville; Mr Peter Waller (Secretary). Ex Officio: Mrs Ruth Griffiths (Treasurer).

#### Welcome and Introduction

Mr Grahame thanked those present for taking time to attend this evening's meeting. He took the opportunity to remind us that the trustees hold the Hall in trust for the whole community and that everyone on the electoral roll is a shareholder in the Hall.

#### Approval of the Draft Minutes of 2016's Trustees' AGM.

Three members of the Management Committee, Mrs Pennel, Ms Hanks and Ms Lindsey, said that they had not seen these draft minutes. Mr Waller explained that copies of the minutes of the 2016 Trustees' AGM had been sent to the trustees and also to Mrs Griffiths (Treasurer). Fortunately he had a spare copy of the draft minutes and passed it over. Having read the minutes Ms Hanks asked the Chairman whether estimates to install a new heating system in the Public Hall (third paragraph of Chairman's Report) had been obtained from the engineer who had been responsible for upgrading the heating system in St. Boswells Church. Mr Grahame said that estimates had been obtained and that the cost of replacing the boiler and removing the cast iron pipes would be about £21,000 and the cost of just replacing the boiler would be £17,000. No work had been done because we did not have the money and no grants had been available.

Trustees unanimously approved and passed the draft minutes.

#### Annual Report of Trustees.

Mr Grahame said that it had been a difficult year, with reserves at an all time low. He thanked the Hall's Management Committee, ably led by Miss Mollie McIntosh, and then by Mrs Sheila Sommerville, for all their hard work and for ensuring that everyday maintenance is carried out in a timely and cost-effective way, and for their efforts to obtain new sources of income.

Mr Grahame pointed out that the Public Hall depends on the willingness of people in the village (and beyond) to support it financially by attending events and on the willingness of volunteers who help keep it running.

#### Presentation of Accounts.

Mrs Griffiths distributed copies of accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2017.

Mrs Griffiths said that in February there was great concern about the Hall's perilous financial state, but the current financial position is better than expected. This is largely because of recent donations. Nonetheless, new sources of income are urgently needed and are being sought by trustees and the Management Committee.

Mr Ian Pennel said that he considered the cost of heating oil was not excessive, but the amount spent on gas was £1,511.62 in the financial year just ended. He suggested ways be sought to reduce expenditure on gas. Mr Grahame agreed.

Mr Grahame, speaking not as Chair of Trustees, but as an

engineer, said that a thermostat needs to be installed in the Hall.

Mrs Pennel reported that the Youth Club has recently obtained funding from 'You Can Cook', some of which will augment Hall income.

#### Annual Report by the Chair of the Management Committee.

Mrs Sommerville agreed with the Chairman's comment that this had been a difficult year for the Public Hall and its finances. Various costly maintenance tasks had to be undertaken, e.g. there were repairs to the roof and to the boiler pipes. Mrs Sommerville thanked those who had given financial support to the Hall and also thanked members of the Management Committee and the trustees for giving their time so generously.

#### Election of the Management Committee.

Chair - Mrs S. Sommerville; Vice Chair - Miss M. McIntosh; Secretary - Mrs W. Pennel; Treasurer - Mrs R. Griffiths.

However, the Committee has still to finalize other posts and areas of responsibility and this will be done in the next Committee meeting.

There was discussion about membership of the Board of Trustees. Mr Grahame hoped that, although no longer Chair of the Management Committee, Miss McIntosh would remain a trustee. Also, he said that, as was customary, the new Chair of the Management Committee, Mrs Sommerville, should become a trustee. From the floor there was a challenge from Mr Ian Ireland who said that very recently he had read the Public Hall Trust Deed and it stipulated that there should be six trustees, whereas Mr Grahame's suggestion would mean there would be seven. Mr Grahame said the trustees will consider the membership of the Board of Trustees.

Next, Mr Ireland questioned the need for there to be both a Board of Trustees and a Management Committee. Mr Waller pointed out that this arrangement had been set up in the original Walkerburn Public Hall Trust Deed, 1908. Mr Ireland proposed that the Trust Deed be changed so that the Board of Trustees can be disbanded, whilst the Management Committee is retained. This proposal was seconded by Ms Mary Daykin. Mr Grahame said that the trustees would investigate the feasibility of this proposal.

#### Any Other Business.

Mr Grahame thanked Ms Hanks for volunteering to be in charge this autumn of entertaining in the Hall various people who are helping us increase the Hall's income.

Mrs Griffiths said that it is very important that the Hall's insurance policy should include Trustees' Liability Insurance. This suggestion will be discussed in the next meeting of the Management Committee.

#### The date of next year's AGM

Tuesday 1st May 2018.

# WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

(Full Minutes are also on the Community website)

**Present:** Dr. S. Henderson (Chairman); Miss M. McIntosh MBE; Mrs I. Ogilvie-Wilson; Mr. D. Thomson; Mrs. L. Thornton (Secretary); Mr G. Thornton; Mr. P. Waller (Minutes). *Ex Officio:* Councillor S. Bell

### Apologies & Notices

\* Apologies for absence received from Ms Daykin, Mr McVean, P.C. Burnside, Cllrs Haslam and Tatler.

\* Notice received from Ian Chalmers, Engineer - Flood and Coastal Management, SBC, advising us about the Flood Risk Survey being conducted in the Borders which, once completed, "...will be used to help inform flood risk mapping and flood mitigation". Cllr. Bell suggested that WDCC should write to Mr Chalmers asking that Walkerburn be included in the Upper Tweed Flood Risk Survey (the Upper Tweed section currently ends at Innerleithen) to ensure that Walkerburn is not forgotten. It was pointed out that in December 2015 only the actions of local volunteers prevented serious flooding in Caberston Road, but because an inundation was avoided the threat of flooding in our village might be overlooked in the survey. Members agreed with Cllr. Bell's suggestion. Mrs Thornton will contact Mr Chalmers.

### Election of WDCC Office Bearers

It was agreed that: Dr. Henderson remains as Chairman; Miss McIntosh remains as Vice Chair; Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson becomes Treasurer; Mrs Thornton remains as Secretary; Mr Thornton becomes Minutes Secretary

### Open Questions

Mr Ian Ireland, Chairman of WCDT, reported that the refurbishment of paths in Jubilee Park has been completed. The funds that remain will be spent on planting trees in the park. He is waiting to hear from SBHA about where exactly trees can be planted. Members welcomed this news.

### Police Report

P.C. Burnside had provided us with his report covering the period 14th May – 14th June. It has been another relatively quiet period. On 26th May a motorbike was stolen and found burnt out in Innerleithen; police enquiries are ongoing. On 11th June a vehicle accident occurred resulting in a minor injury to a person; the driver was cautioned and charged with careless driving.

### Approval of the Draft Minutes of May's Meeting

Acceptance of these minutes was proposed by Mr Waller, seconded by Miss McIntosh and passed by members.

### Matters Arising from the May Minutes

\* Mr Waller reported that he had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about the suggestion that the wall stretching from the George Hotel to the Post Office on the south side of Galashiels Road be pressure washed. The resident was worried that this could cause damage to the 150-year-old wall. Members expressed sympathy with this resident's misgivings.

\* Regarding the suggestion that residents speak to dog walkers who fail to clean up their dog's mess, Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson said that she thought that previous advice from the authorities was that people should not do this because it might lead to an unpleasant confrontation. Members agreed and accepted that tackling such dog walkers is best left to the dog wardens.

\* Mrs Thornton reported that she had contacted P.C. Burnside about the car parking issue in High Cottages and that P.C. Burnside had investigated the matter. Cllr. Bell said that he had spoken to relevant SBC personnel about the notion of double yellow lines being painted along High Cottages from the parking bays at the east to the parking area at the west. He said that for the necessary Traffic Order Regulation to be raised, WDCC needed to make a formal request and members agreed to do this. (More about High Cottages in the 'Reports by Members' section)

\* Mrs Thornton said that a request to SBHA that their vans should not be parked on pavements in the village seems to have been successful.

\* Cllr. Bell said that the potholes in Park Avenue and Jubilee Road have been repaired by SBC.

\* Cllr. Bell reported that there appeared to be no imminent action by SBC to resurface Caberston Road. Members expressed their disappointment.

### Correspondence List

Mrs Thornton provided members with the List covering May - June. All emails had been already distributed to members.

\* Email from Mark Ruskell, MSP, informing us that on Monday 15th May he launched the consultation for his 20mph member's bill in the Scottish Parliament. He asked us to consider submitting a response before the closing date on 7th August. (*Members and Cllr. Bell discussed this at length. The general feeling was that measures to slow vehicles in built up/living areas were desirable and that 20mph limits might be effective in some side roads. This matter will probably be considered again at a future WDCC meeting.*)

\* Letter received from Nick Harvey Campaigns Manager, Seafarers UK, asking us to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3rd September. He would like to know what we plan to do by completing the online form at [www.merchantnavyday.uk](http://www.merchantnavyday.uk). (*The village does not have a public flagpole; however, Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson offered to fly a Red Ensign from her house on the 3rd Sept.*)

\* An email received from Ben Carey, Assistant Producer, ReefTV, letting us know that they are beginning the short listing process for Village of the Year 2017. If we do not hear from them by 26th July we have not been selected.

\* Emails sent to PC Burnside from the WDCC Chairman and Councillor Stuart Bell regarding the problem with parking at the eastern end of the High Cottages.

\* Email received from Gordon R. A. Jack, Scottish Sentencing Council, Judicial Office for Scotland, Parliament House, Edinburgh, informing us that he is undertaking a PhD Internship with the Scottish Sentencing Council focusing on public perceptions of youth crime and youth offending. He wonders if any of our Community Council members would be interested in participating.

\* Email from the Cardiac Safe National Campaign about acquiring a defibrillator in the Village. (*A response from WDCC was deemed unnecessary because there are already two defibrillators in the village.*)

\* Letter received from Mike Marsh, Access Ranger (East), SBC, regarding Local Community Path Maintenance Grants for Community Council for year 2017-2018. The deadline for applying is 28th February 2018. (*Mrs Thornton undertook to investigate the need for path maintenance in the village.*)

\* Police Report received from P.C. Burnside.

\* Minutes received of SBCC Meeting held on Wednesday 17th May, 2017.

\* Email from Ian Chalmers, Engineer – Flood and Coastal Management, SBC, informing that a survey of the ground levels at properties in Walkerburn is being carried out on Friday 23rd June 2017. Further information can be obtained from SBC on 01835 826701 or by email at [floodstudies@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:floodstudies@scotborders.gov.uk). (*See Item 2 'Apologies and Notices'.*)

\* Email received from Sarah Cox, Administrator, The Scottish Health Council, Borders Office, regarding "Gathering Peoples' Views on Realistic Medicine". A series of discussion groups and interviews is being organized and the first is being held on Wednesday 19th July from 10.30am to 12.30pm at Old Gala House in Galashiels. (*Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson hopes to be able to attend this meeting.*)

\* Email received from Anne Snoddy, Secretary of the Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles and District, regarding a meeting to discuss the Community Empowerment Act on Thursday 3rd August in Witness Room 1, County Buildings, Peebles, at 2.30pm.

### Planning

Nothing received.

**Reports by Members**

\* Mr Waller reported that a resident had complained to him about dogs being allowed to defecate on the rugby pitch. Mr Waller said that, with the best will in the world, it is sometimes very difficult for dog walkers to clean up dog mess completely. He pointed out that the pitch is used not only by the rugby club, but also by primary school pupils for sports and other children for playing. The resident had put up notices stipulating "No Dogs Allowed on the Playing Field" and that some of these had been removed. Also, the resident had restricted people's access to the field by blocking off an entrance through the fence. Members agreed that it is unacceptable that dogs are allowed to roam the rugby field. However, Mr Thornton, whose property overlooks the rugby club, said that he thought that recently the problem has eased significantly.

\* Mr Waller reported that a resident had suggested realigning the parking bays at the eastern end of High Cottages so that four bays would replace the existing three. The resident thought that by bringing the bays a short distance to the east four cars could be parked without impeding large vehicles such as fire engines, ambulances, delivery vans and lorries. Dr. Henderson pointed out that the position of the existing three bays had been dictated by the Fire and Police Services, so this proposed realignment was not feasible.

\* Next, Mr Waller said that this resident was also very concerned about the speed some vehicles were being driven along High Cottages. The resident had pointed out that the occupants of the houses in High Cottages stepped from their front gardens directly onto the narrow roadway. Dr. Henderson said that he would not dream of driving along High Cottages at a speed greater than 10-15mph and that drivers who did drive at speeds in excess of 20mph were being reckless. Members and Cllr. Bell discussed what could be done about this problem. The erection of 'Twenty's Plenty' signs was suggested. Cllr. Bell undertook to raise the issue with the Roads Department and Mr Thornton said he will put an item in BURNing Issues.

\* Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson asked when high speed broadband would become available in the village. Dr. Henderson said that he

understood from BT that BT customers who have registered for a high speed connection will get it in late August, but that non-BT internet users will have to wait for the exchange cabinets to be 'unbundled'.

\* Next, Mrs Ogilvie-Wilson said that WDC should discuss as soon as possible the issue of having a Remembrance Sunday ceremony in the village (see Minutes of September 2016 Meeting). Members agreed.

\* Mr Thornton reported serious erosion in Station Road, just beyond the Bowling Club and opposite the sub-station. Cllr. Bell will bring this to the attention of the Roads Department.

\* Mr Thornton said how pleased he is with the new section of the Multi-use Path which runs from Caberston Road to the fishing hut. However, given the present period of austerity he expressed concern about the availability of funds for the next development. Cllr. Bell said that the money for this extension is "identified" in SBC's accounts and is hopeful that, as planned, the Multi-use Path from Innerleithen to Walkerburn will be completed in 2019.

**Reports by SBC Councillor(s)**

\* Cllr. Bell reported that speeding signs on the new Multi-use Path would soon be in place and hoped that the stiff latch on the new gate would ease with wear.

\* He said that he had raised with Mr Hedley (SBC) the issue of the boardwalk at the eastern end of Alexandra Park becoming very slippery, especially in winter. Mr Hedley had suggested that, instead of chicken wire being laid on the boardwalk, strips of non-slip fibre glass be attached. Cllr. Bell had brought to the meeting a strip of fibre glass in question. Members agreed that this seemed an excellent solution to the problem. Cllr. Bell undertook to further investigate this proposal and to seek funding.

**Any Other Business**

Mr Thornton said that he and Mrs Thornton had attended a meeting of the Tweeddale Area Locality Committee on 14th June and had found it very informative.

**Date of Next Meeting**

7.00pm Wednesday 19th July.

**WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL JULY/AUGUST**

Date	Event	Time
<b>July</b>		
Sunday 16th	Church Service	10.30 am
Wednesday 19th	Community Council Monthly Meeting	7.00pm
Friday 21st	Borders Youth Theatre – "Delving Deep"	7.00pm
<b>August</b>		
Sunday 6th	Church Service	10.30am
Wednesday 16th	Drivewise Borders ( <i>n.b. NO Tai Chi this morning</i> )	9.30 - 11.30

**REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN WALKERBURN VILLAGE HALL**

Sundays	Table Tennis	6.00 – 9.00pm
Mondays	Mindful Yoga	7.00 – 8.45pm
Wednesdays	Tai Chi	10.15 – 11.45am

Anyone interested in booking the hall, please contact Win Pennel on 01896 870236.



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