

**MINUTES OF PRE-MEETING OF PARISH OF STOW  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT  
7PM IN STOW TOWN HALL**

Those present: J. MacKenzie, G. Saunders, A. Riddell, A. McNeilly, I. Peacock, J. Mushlin, Cllr White, T. Miller, D. Muir, 1 member of the public.

This meeting was called because SSE have made £27,000 available, as community benefit for Toddleburn Wind Farm. This is available for any project which has full public approval and must be decided within 6 months of December 2012.

It was suggested that improvements to the Old Kirk and Packhorse Bridge, and generally improving the look of Stow would be a suitable project.

Another suggestion was improving the parking in the area by converting the Quoiting Green to a parking area with landscaping and area with fixed tables to also have a picnic area. This idea met with a great deal of approval. Railings which would be permanent to fence in the area would cost £6,000.

It was suggested that the community resilience scheme in Fountainhall could also get some funding.

Another suggestion was to hire 2 electric cars for community use – one in Stow and one in Fountainhall. This would cost £200 per month per car. ASDA have a charging point.

The use of the Quoiting Green for parking was the preferred option. The parking facility would be used.

It was mentioned that Eildon Forum are looking at transport integration with a Lauder-Stow minibus at peak times to alleviate parking problems.

Another suggestion was an electric car for community use.

It was agreed to publicise the ideas in the minutes.

The Community Council wants to upgrade both Stow and Fountainhall. The April meeting will take place in Fountainhall on 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm

where this will be further discussed. The Community Council is very open to further suggestions and the meeting is open to all. A decision will be taken at the May meeting in Stow as to exactly what the project should be.