

**Eddleston and District Community Council  
Chairman's Report  
2007/08**

We have had 10 meetings including the Annual General Meeting. A number of things are apparent quickly from the minutes:

- ◆ Progress has been made on several items, but not all and
- ◆ We are greatly in the debt of a few people for all of the work that they do. I will name them as I go through specific points.

**SUCCESSSES**

- ◆ Improvements to the village web site were completed and thanks go to **Kathy Greenwood** for her persistence and to Scottish Borders Council for their generous grant assistance. [www.eddleston.org.uk](http://www.eddleston.org.uk)
- ◆ The Community Council has been successful in getting change in response to a range of concerns, even if sometimes slowly:
- ◆ Change to the seats in the Peebles bus shelter - wood not metal and with a much more suitable design
- ◆ Reduced nuisance on the Drying green.
- ◆ Materials to limit damage from floods, thanks to **Ted** for his persistence.
- ◆ One item where we were not successful concerns the collection of garden waste, but we understand that the item is under consideration by Scottish Borders Council although not for implementation this year.

In regard to all of these and many more matters the community is greatly in the debt **Margot Porter** who steps down as Secretary this year but continues as Treasurer. Thanks are also due to Ian Porter and Richard Spray who have both come to the end of their terms of office. In their place, we welcome Ambi Wildman (who takes over the role of Treasurer) and Colin Small

- ◆ In the planning arena, we are grateful for the knowledge and experience that **Jonathan Dennis** brings to EDCC in particular with the collation and submission of comments on planning applications.
- ◆ This brings me to perhaps the most important item to arise during the past year: the wind farm on Spurlens Rig. We will undoubtedly hear more about this matter in the years to come.

Finally, I know that the Community Council would wish to thank our Regional Councillors for their help and assistance. We have come to the end of the first year of the multimember system and are grateful to you all for attending and assisting.

In reviewing the past year it is clear that the CC does a great job in representing the views of the community, but could it do more to foster community activities? We have assisted the Village Hall in their Christmas celebrations in recent years. This time last year the chairman commented upon the success of the Village Hall Committee in raising funds for the redevelopment work to the hall. We can see the work still in hand. I wonder whether in anticipation of the completion of this project we could plan an event. A Burns supper perhaps? Are there other things that we could do to support the activities of other village groups?