

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008

PRESENT	Rob Boyd (Chair)	RB	Raymond Allan	RA
	Graham Dolan	GD	Norman Robertson	NR
	Paul Wheelhouse	PWh	Dick Noble	DN
	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC	Paul Wilson	PW
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Audrey Cruickshank	AC
	Kenny Combe	KC	Paul Maher	PM

ITEMS

1 Police Report

Sergeant Ingles reported that there had not been any incidents of note in the area since the last meeting. Inspector Milne had recently retired and has been replaced by Duncan McLean on a temporary basis. He also mentioned a new initiative where a 'beat' constable would visit various villages in turn and look around.

2 Open Forum

No items

3 Apologies for Absence

Ian Logan (**IL**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes Thereon

Approved – PWh Seconded – RW

6 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

- Alemill The question of whether Alemill could be included in the Ayton area electoral roll is to be left meantime.
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme A public meeting is to be held in the Community Hall on **Wednesday 17th September** with a view to setting up a scheme. **KC**
- Churchyard Entrance Fences A representative of Ayton Castle Estate promised to investigate, but has not reported back to ACC yet. **RB**
- Goalposts in field - ongoing
- Bus Shelter at Old Town - ongoing
- Bus Timetables on Display at Bus Stops These are still not in place. MC to pursue. **MC**
- Trees at the North End New grant forms have been received. RB to contact Siobhan McDermott (SBC) and Cheviot Trees to confirm prices. It is still hoped that this work can be carried out in October. **RB**
- Old Church Information Sign To be discussed by Ayton Historical Society committee. **RA**
- Village Website This needs to be updated. www.ayton-village.org **PWh**
- Village Notice Boards RB to seek quotes from local joiners for next meeting. **RB**
- Benches in Store Two more are still needed – on the Eyemouth road and the Cocklaw road. The small plaque in memory of Margaret Virtue was fitted by SB Local **RB**
- Two Vacant Houses in the Crofts Despite a request to BHA, the hedges have not been cut. RB to pursue. **RB**
- Sign on A1 at North End BEAR has still not erected the Ayton> sign. MC to pursue. **MC**
- Lawfield Drive Lights All work now completed.
- Christmas Lights A sub committee (GD, DN & KC) met. It was decided to purchase lights for the tree in the Crofts car park + a string across the High Street at the cross roads. £500 to be used from the Ayton Common Good Fund. **KC**
GD

- Post Road Access MC had forwarded relevant information to Peter Scott. No further action.
- Bus Shelter on High Street A site meeting took place at which it was decided not to pursue this. However, it was suggested that a bus stop be sited there, on the east side, opposite Lawfield Drive entrance. RB to pursue. **RB**
- Dangerous Wall on Eyemouth Road SBC has written to Ayton Castle Estate, whose responsibility it is. There has been no response. MC to pursue **MC**

7 Councillor's Report

The Jubilee bridge is due to be closed for approximately 5 days for rebuilding of the parapets.

There has been a request to extend the 30mph limit to the last house along the Beanburn road + extend the street lighting. The possibility of this is being investigated now. **MC**

9 Treasurer's Report

TA - £696.62 CGF - £1552.20

10 Planning Applications

- Land South of 1 The Crofts – Erection of Dwelling House. No comment.
- Garage Showroom and Filling Station and Land Adjoining High Street – Road and Plot Layout in 1st Phase. A few members met earlier in the month to discuss this application but felt the whole CC should consider it.
Considerable concern was expressed with regard to the potential for flooding to the houses in Lawfield Drive which bound the proposed SUDS installation. Previous flooding problems in the Lawfield Drive area were resolved earlier this year following major works in the public park area. It was felt that we should seek reassurance that the existing drainage system in Lawfield Drive and beyond is adequate to deal with the increase in volume of surface water which will result from the proposed development and future developments.

11 Correspondence

Various correspondence from SBC
 Various correspondence from the Scottish Government
 ASCC Newsletter
 BCCF – Details of next meeting on 4th December 2008
 Digital Switchover – Good Neighbour's Guide
 BHA – AGM on 16th September
 WRVS – Request for Drivers

10 AOCB

There had been a complaint from a resident about the time taken by the police to respond to an incident a couple of months ago. The reported time of police arrival was quite different to that noted by the resident. The matter was discussed with Sergeant Ingles who agreed to investigate further and report back to the resident. Sergeant Ingles explained about the operation of the call centre at Bilston and how calls are dealt with from that point on.

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th October 2008 at 7.30pm.