

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rob Boyd (Chair)	<b>RB</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	Audrey Cruickshank	<b>AC</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>
	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>		

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

No officer was able to attend, but a report was given to the Secretary. There had been a housebreaking at Millbank House when a valuable painting was stolen. A copper tank had been stolen from a house being renovated at Prendergust. A breach of the peace in the Old Town had resulted in ASBO being issued. Two drivers had been warned about anti social driving in the Ayton area. Operation Gazelle, aimed at engaging youths who are ‘out and about’ had taken place at the end of October. No problems were encountered in Ayton.

**2 Open Forum**

No members of the public attended.

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Michael Cook (SBC), Jim Fullarton (SBC), David Raw (SBC), Paul Wheelhouse (PWh)

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. It was noted that the date of meeting should have been 6th October, not the 5th. Approval – proposed NR, seconded DN.

**5 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

- Goalposts in field. Shortly to be erected. **DN**
- Village Website. The website has recently been updated. The CC is keen to have it handed over so that it can be updated on a much more regular basis. **PWh**
- New Village Notice Boards in the Crofts. J I Inglis offered to donate the new boards to the community in return for a small promotional notice being displayed in one of the boards. This was agreed by the CC.
- Bus Shelter Opposite Royal Bank. This has been erected. It had had to be positioned against the wall because various services were placed underground at the edge of the pavement. A request has been made to SBC to have up to date timetables (including buses using the Old Town) placed in the shelter.
- Bus Stop in Old Town. SB Local will arrange for simple bench seating to be erected in the wall recess. **RB**
- Daffodils. SBC had delivered the daffodils. It was agreed that pupils from EHS would be unlikely to be able to complete the job without some help. A site meeting was organised to decide where to start planting, planting density etc. **RB**
- Dog Exercising Area South of the Beanburn. The factor for Ayton Castle Estate is happy to allow the path area to be kept clear when the vegetation grows. IL offered to cut the paths when the time came. **IL**
- Demolished Wall at Peelwalls Corner This is the responsibility of the landowners and SBC is not in position to insist on its repair.
- Footpath between Lawfield Drive and Ayton Law road end. SB Local is still waiting for a cost to complete this work. RB is to meet with SB Local to discuss what is **RB**

required.

- Church/Graveyard Water Supply. No further developments. GD to write to the Clerk of the Church Board to ask for an update. **GD**
- Cars Accessing the Bowling Green SB Local are looking at extending the yellow hatched area at the top of the entrance road, but this is not likely to happen until the next financial year.
- Keep Ayton Tidy Squad Posters asking for volunteers were now on display. A couple of volunteers had put their names forward so far. A meeting with SBC representatives to discuss various aspects of this was arranged for Tuesday 1st December. **RB**

## **6 Councillor's Report**

No report.

## **7 Treasurer's Report**

No report

## **9 Correspondence and Emails**

Consolidated SB Structure Plan 2001-2018.

Water Watch public meeting in Eyemouth on 17th November.

SBC Future of Area Committees – Consultation Document.

SB Elder Voice Newsletter.

STUC Rebuilding Collective Prosperity Conference on 6th November.

SBC Planning Advice – Gardens & Designed Landscapes.

SBC Finalised Local Plan 2008.

Stolen Bee Colonies from Penmanshiel.

SUP Newsletter

ASCC Annual National Conference on 14th November.

Data Protection Conference

Berwick Infirmary Roadshow – The Future.

SBC Shop Local for Christmas Campaign.

Eastern Borders Development Association Awards

SBC/NHS Disability Equality Schemes 2009/2012.

## **10 AOCB**

- Road Markings It was noted that the white road markings when turning into Ayton at the south A1 junction were barely visible (Give Way). MC to be asked if SBC can repaint these. **MC**
- Remembrance Day PWh had organised the CC's wreath. It was suggested that a local veteran of WW2 be asked to lay the wreath. DN and NR to organise this. **DN NR**
- Dung Heap There was a query as to whether the dung heap on the old Alemill road junction could be removed or screened.
- Keiran Bell, who visited Peru in the summer, is planning to visit the CC with a presentation about his experience there.
- It was felt that more pavements needed to be upgraded. Perhaps some more work can be carried out in the next financial year.
- DN and GD had fitted a new saltire and rope on the clock tower.

## **11 Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 1st December at 7.30 in Ayton Primary School.**