

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 2009

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| PRESENT | Rob Boyd (Chair) | RB | Norman Robertson | NR |
| | Paul Wheelhouse | PWh | Dick Noble | DN |
| | Kenny Combe | KC | Graham Dolan | GD |
| | Ian Logan | IL | Rob Weatherston | RW |
| | Raymond Allan | RA | | |

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash reported that there had been four recorded crimes in Ayton of which three had been detected: a theft, possession of drugs and no motor insurance. The unsolved crime involved the theft of bikes.

A team of thieves from the north of England have been targeting properties in Berwickshire recently.

The police are highlighting three campaigns at the moment:

‘Gear Up for Winter’ encouraging the wearing of hi-vis bibs and coats

‘Beat the Bogus Caller’ – available as a presentation to groups

‘Christmas Don’t Drink and Drive’

Notices about dog fouling are available. The CC requested some.

2 Open Forum

No members of the public attended.

3 Apologies for Absence

Jim Fullarton (SBC), David Raw (SBC).

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Approval – proposed by RW, seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

- **Goalposts in field** Shortly to be erected. **DN/IL**
- **Village Website** The website will be handed over to the CC in the Christmas holidays. **PWh**
- **Bus Shelter Opposite Royal Bank** SBC is not willing to display times for buses not actually passing the shelter. It was agreed that laminated copies of timetables for buses passing through the Old Town would be organised by the CC. **GD/RB**
- **Daffodils** Planting is about to start. Eyemouth High School pupils are able to do some planting. More volunteers are needed to help. Work parties are to be organised shortly. SBC may also be able to help. There are 4000+ bulbs to plant. **RB**
- **Footpath between Lawfield Drive and Ayton Law road end** SB Local will clear the overgrown paths shortly.
- **Church/Graveyard Water Supply** The Church Board had indicated that they felt that SBC’s offer of £500 towards the total cost of £1884 was unacceptable. MC to investigate if SBC’s offer can be increased. **MC**
- **Keep Ayton Tidy** A site meeting with SBC and CC representatives had been held. SBC help is available but it is necessary to formulate a four or five year plan and phase the work: planting trees, providing planters etc. There have been very few volunteers willing to set up a separate group. One volunteer has offered to maintain the rose beds at the north end of the village. It was agreed that the way forward may be to try and set up an ‘Ayton Enhancement Group’ completely separate from the **GD/RB**

Community Council. The best way to try and initiate this is probably by organising a public meeting soon after the New Year.

- **Road Markings at A1 South Junction** MC is pursuing this. MC
- **Dung Heap** It is understood that this will be removed shortly.
- **Pavements** There is a general view that the pavements in some parts of the village are in need of repair. MC will raise this at SBC. Pavements near the entrance to Lawfield Drive are probably first on the list. MC
- **Christmas Tree and Lights** The tree is due to be delivered shortly. DN and GD will arrange fitting of the clock tower lights and power supply to the Christmas tree. GD/DN
- **Road Repairs on Old A1 South** Scottish Water has coned off a broken cast iron cover for several weeks. RA agreed to contact Scottish water direct to request that the job be finished as soon as possible. RA

6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook reported on changes in the waste collection service. Free recycling bins are shortly to be issued to most householders. These will replace the purple and clear bags currently used. Domestic refuse bins and recycling bins will be emptied alternately on a fortnightly basis.

The recycling centre at Eyemouth will be upgraded to receive a larger variety of waste.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account £574 Projects Account £1613

9 Correspondence and Emails

Scottish Government Guidance on Community Councils

Empowering Local Councils

Fuel Poverty Seminar – Tweed Horizons

SBCCN Newsletter

National Community Conference Info Pack

SB Elder Voice Magazine

Berwickshire Young Citizen Project

Rape Crisis Scotland

Low Flying Notice

Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Gardens and Designed Landscapes

Berwickshire Area Committee – Safer Communities, Antisocial Behaviour &

SB Wardens Update

10 AOCB

- The Chairman reminded members that any items for AOCB should reach the Chairman or Secretary before the meeting.
- **Planning Application** Land East of Peelwalls Farm Steading – Change of use of agricultural land to form horticultural allotments. The CC had not had notice of this application prior to the meeting. It was decided that members view the application online and contact the Secretary if there were any relevant comments.

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd February at 7.30 in Ayton Primary School.