

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2011 in Ayton Primary School

PRESENT	Rob Weatherston (Chair)	RW	Graham Dolan	GD
	Kenny Combe	KC	Ian Logan	IL
	Dick Noble	DN	Paul Wheelhouse	PWh
	Raymond Allan	RA	Rob Boyd	RB
	Audrey Cruickshank	AC	Norman Robertson	NR
	Kath Payne	KP	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash attended and apologised for there being no police presence at the December meeting.

During the Christmas period there had been 4 calls – 2 regarding vehicles skidding on black ice, a neighbour dispute and a minor assault.

Police are currently running vehicle road checks in the A1.

Census Enumerators will be visiting all households shortly and it is a requirement that householders co-operate with them.

A free ‘midnight’ football tournament is being organised by the police at Eyemouth High School.

Nationally there are currently problems with the theft of heating oil, sheep rustling and theft of plant & machinery. Members of the public should always report anything unusual or suspicious to the police.

2 Open Forum

No members of the public attended.

3 Apologies for Absence

None

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd November were approved. Approval – proposed by RB, seconded by KC.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Neighbourhood Watch – No Cold Callers Zone.** Before the initiative can start, the Community Council’s approval is needed. PWh proposed that the CC support the scheme and DN seconded this. **KC**
- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** A further meeting of those interested in a Flower/Enhancement Group is planned for 9th February to try and set up a formal group so that funding can be applied for. There had still been no response from Ayton Castle Estate regarding the painting of railings north of the Ayton Mill road end. **IL**
There are still daffodils to plant. The Saturday morning planting squad is meeting when the weather permits. When finished, a total of 10,000 daffodils will have been planted.
More decorative trees. NR will report on the availability of trees at a later meeting. **NR**
- **Drone Moss SSSI** There was still no further information. Notice had been received about a meeting in Duns on 2nd February to discuss road closures to allow test holes to be drilled. PWh agreed to attend this meeting. It was noted that Berwickshire Naturalists may have information regarding the fuars of Ayton Common, which extended to the Drone Moss area. **PWh**
- **Christmas Lights** Thanks were recorded to the Christmas tree squad and to Ian Logan

and Alistair Lindsay for helping with lifting machinery. The quote from Scottish Power for a dedicated power point was prohibitively expensive. RB agreed to approach Berwickshire Housing Association to ask if they might allow a dedicated power supply from Clock Tower House.

RB

The possibility of a solar supply was discussed.

- **Ball Wall** SBC have now refurbished this.
- **Benches at Ayton Law and Playing Field** The work on these has not been carried out yet. The site for the seat at Ayton Law still has to be approved by the farmer.
- **A1 Junction** MC has written to various officers and the police about the possibility of lighting or improving the junctions. The general view was that, in the interests of safety, they need to be repainted as soon as possible.
- **Salt Bins** In the snowy weather SBC had received many requests for extra bins. SBC is looking into all requests and will review the whole situation later. It was pointed out that there had been a salt bin at the top of Lawfield Drive for many years, but this had been removed at some point.
- **Empty Houses at Peelwalls** MC has been in contact with various officers and others regarding the future of the development. There is no further news.
- **Litter Bins** SBC Local reported that the litter bin at the crossroads had been removed to the top of the Old Town at the request of dog walkers. It was decided to ask for the existing bin near the RBS to be sited where the other one had been at the crossroads.

RB

MC

MC

GD

6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook reminded members about the forthcoming meeting about the SBC Budget at Eyemouth.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's A/C £856.17, Project A/C £616.01.

8 Planning Applications

Joiners Shop, Yard and Toilet Block – Old Town. Erection of four dwelling houses. The CC's only comment was that the development could lead to on-street parking problems in the Old Town. This could be remedied by including a condition.

St Margaret's, High Street. Replacement windows and door. No comment

GD

9 Correspondence and Emails

SBC Wardens Update

SB Elder Voice Newsletters

SB Volunteers Works

SB Outdoor Access Forum – 8/2/11

BCC Forum – Request for responses on walking festival and website.

UK Government – The Big Lunch

Sus-it-Out Grant Fund offering up to £1500 to be spent on training

SBC Battle of Flodden Workshops

Safer Borders Newsletter

BCCF – Climate Challenge Conference – Tweed Horizons 5/3/11

Drone Hill Windfarm

DTAS Event

Climate Challenge Grant Scheme

Age Unlimited Scotland – Application Information

Reshaping Care for Older People – Gathering in Edinburgh 23/2/11

10 AOCB

Leaking Drain A drain leaking sewerage in the north High Street had been reported. This had been dealt with by Scottish Water.

Ayton Community Hall It was noted that the newly refurbished hall was now ready for use. It was decided to hold the March CC meeting there and possibly other meetings in the future. Hire

charges will need to be paid for meetings in the new hall. MC agreed to check whether SBC pays the hire costs for CC meetings.

MC

11 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1st March at 7.30 in **Ayton Community Hall** (NOTE NEW VENUE) .