

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2011 in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Dick Noble	DN	Ian Logan	IL
	Raymond Allan	RA	Rob Boyd	RB
	Kath Payne	KP	Paul Wilson	PW
	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC		

Rob Boyd chaired the meeting.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash attended. There had been 5 calls since the last meeting and no recorded crime in the village. Ayton is part of the LBP 'No Cold Calling Zone' pilot. All households will receive a letter, a leaflet and a window sticker as part of the scheme.

There is an increase in the theft of diesel from farms, farm gates and fuel oil.

2 Open Forum

No members of the public attended.

3 Apologies for Absence

Rob Weatherston (**RW**), Audrey Cruickshank (**AC**), Norman Robertson (**NR**), Paul Wheelhouse (**PWh**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st February were approved. Approval – proposed by KP, seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Neighbourhood Watch – No Cold Callers Zone.** Leaflets will be delivered to all households in the village shortly. (See Police Report) **KC**
- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral** At the meeting held on 9th February a new group, Ayton Enhancement Group, was formed. The office bearers and committee members of the new group are Vic Swain, Dave Holland, Bill Black, Ann Dolan, Camilla Bailey, Wendy Smillie and Sheila Pearson. The group is liaising with Daren Silcock of SB Local regarding village improvements and floral displays.
Ayton Castle Estate has agreed to paint the railings north of the Ayton Mill road end. This is due to happen in the near future.
The CC has notified SBC of the intention to enter the Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition this year.
- **Drone Moss SSSI** The information seeking fuars for Ayton Common has now been located. The CC has anecdotal information that Ayton Common consisted of 39 acres of which 4 were sold to Drone Hill Caravan Site in the 1970s. MC agreed to find out if SBC Legal Department has any record of this. PWh to pass on the Drone Moss information to MC. **PWh**
MC
MC and PWh attended a meeting about Drone Hill Wind Farm and reassured the CC that the new cable route would avoid Ayton High Street.
- **Christmas Lights** RB has been in touch with BHA and Scottish Power to see if a simpler solution to a power supply can be found. MC agreed to check the situation with SBC. **RB**
MC
- **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 finalised. **RB**

- **A1 Junction** MC is preparing a letter on behalf of Ayton, Reston and Burnmouth CCs to be sent to Keith Brown, Scottish Transport Minister, highlighting the concerns regarding the 4 A1 junctions. **MC**
- **Empty Houses at Peelwalls** MC explained the situation regarding the planning regulations and history of the Peelwalls site. Further investigations are proceeding. **MC**
- **Litter Bins** SB Local moved the litter bin from the site near the RBS to the crossroads at the CC's request, but since then someone has returned it. GD and KC agreed to return it to the crossroads. **GD**
KC

6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook reported on the latest situation regarding buses serving the village. Travelsure has applied to continue using the Ayton High Street/Redhall route for services 34 and 236 (Saturdays) when the Millbank road is reopened.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's A/C £755.30, Project A/C £616.01. £200 was recently donated to Ayton Enhancement Group.

8 Planning Applications

Mews Cottage, St Andrew's Square. Replacement Windows. There was some concern that the proposed windows represent a significant departure from the existing style.

Plot 1A – Land West of Summerhill House, Beanburn. Erection of dwelling house and garage. No comment.

Plot 1B – Land West of Kilmory, Beanburn. Erection of dwelling house. No comment.

9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

BHA – Information regarding the eco house garage fire

SUP Newsletter

SBCC Network Information

SBC – Floral Gateway 2011 information

Consultation on the future of the Fire and Rescue Service in Scotland

SBC – Request for contributions about CCs for next issue of SB Connect magazine

SBC – Reporting unlit street lights

SBC – Protecting gardens from inappropriate development

Sustainable Community Act Update

SB Safer Communities Partnership – Violence Against Women

Zurich Insurance

10 AOCB

Gulls Nesting It was brought to the CC's attention that herring gulls had started building a nest on a property in Ayton and there was concern that more of this might lead to the kind of gull problems experienced in Eyemouth and other coastal towns. It was noted that removal of nests was the responsibility of the property owner. MC agreed to investigate if SBC should be involved. **MC**

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th April at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall