

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011 in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>
	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>
	Kath Payne	<b>KP</b>	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>
	Jim Fullarton (SBC Clr)	<b>JF</b>	Paul Wheelhouse	<b>PWh</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>

RW chaired the meeting and welcomed SBC Councillor Jim Fullarton.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

There was no police report at the meeting.

**2 Open Forum**

No members of the public attended.

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Michael Cook (SBC) **MC**, Audrey Cruickshank (**AC**)

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Neighbourhood Watch – No Cold Callers Zone.** Leaflets had now been delivered and many houses were displaying the NCC window stickers.
- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** Ayton Enhancement Group (AEG) had submitted a report of progress to date and plans for the near future. Subject to a successful grant application to the SBC Small Grants Scheme, planters would be sourced and placed on the High Street. These would be watered by nearby residents. Other areas of the village are to be developed by either the AEG itself or by willing residents. Donations to the group had been received from the Community Council, Ayton & District Horticultural Society and Ayton Castle Estate.

It was agreed that the CC should enter the community into 2011 Scotland’s Floral Gateway Competition.

**GD**

Prior to the setting up of AEG the CC had been planning to purchase more decorative trees. It was agreed to leave this to AEG now that it is established. The CC may be able to fund some more trees once the financial situation is clearer. It was felt that the playing field would benefit from having more decorative trees planted.

- **Drone Moss SSSI** There was no further information regarding exactly who the fuars of Ayton Common are. MC is checking with SBC Legal Dept. JF explained the background regarding trying to establish ownership of common land. This would be likely to involve expensive legal proceedings.

**PWh  
MC**

GD and RB had attended a meeting of CCs regarding Drone Hill wind farm some time ago but had heard nothing since. RB agreed to check the situation.

**RB**

- **Christmas Lights** RB has been in touch with BHA. It may be possible to arrange a dedicated metered supply direct from Clock Tower House.

**RB**

- **Benches at Ayton Law and Playing Field** The site for a bench at Ayton Law has been agreed with the farmer and SB Local, who provide the benches, have been notified. The faulty bench in the playing field has not been repaired yet.

**RB**

- **A1 Junction** MC has sent a letter on behalf of Ayton, Reston and Burnmouth CCs to

Keith Brown, Scottish Transport Minister, highlighting the concerns regarding the 4 A1 junctions. No action will be taken until after the election on 5th May. JF explained the SBC's relationship with BEAR, who maintain the trunk roads.

- **Empty Houses at Peelwalls** Further investigations are still proceeding.

MC

## 6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Fullarton gave an update on the Balabraes (Millbank) bridge repair. It is expected that the road to Eyemouth will re-open on 13th May.

Work on the damaged bridge at Peelwalls corner is scheduled to begin early in the new financial year.

SBC is having difficulty in providing subsidies for some of the little used bus services which is a threat to the local operators. There is also a real danger of 'bus wars' where one large company is planning to operate buses a few minutes ahead of the existing services.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's A/C £515.30, Project A/C £616.01

## 8 Planning Applications

5 High Street – Replacement Windows and Rooflights (Retrospective) – No comment.

Leone, Tower Road – Extension to Dwelling House – No comment.

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SBC – Ranger Led Walks and Outdoor Diary

SBC – Views on the replacement for SBC Area Committees. \* To be discussed at May meeting.

SBC - Scotland's Floral Gateway Entry Form

SBC – Local Development Plan Focus Group Meetings – 19 & 20/4

Jim Clark Rally 2011 Information (Ayton included)

Sustainable Government – Public Service Update

SBC – Voluntary Sector – The Big Society Report

SBC – Early Intervention Conference 31/3

SBCCN – Spring Newsletter

The Big Lunch – Information

SBC – Recycling Newsletter

SBC – David Hume Tercentenary Celebrations

SBC – Management Structure

## 10 AOCB

**Possible Village Fruit and Vegetable Exchange** The idea of a village exchange system was put forward and various possibilities were discussed. It was suggested that one way forward is for excess fruit and vegetables to be displayed in the village shop with money made from sales being given to Ayton Primary School. KP agreed to follow this up.

KP

**Beanburn Potholes** JF (who is Convener of the Roads and Infrastructure Committee at SBC) explained about the various repair methods for potholes and about the priority system regarding road repairs. SBC is aware of the poor state of this road and it is on the list of jobs to be done, but it is not top priority.

**Crossroads - No Parking Markings** A traffic order was due to be issued for this. MC to be asked to check on progress.

MC

**St Dionysius' Church** Some time ago Ayton Local History Society planned to erect an interpretive sign by the old church, but this has not happened yet. RA to check if this is still planned. It was also noted that the old church was becoming overgrown with ivy. RB to contact SB Local to ask if it can be cut back. It may be that Historic Scotland needs to be consulted.

RA

RB

**AGM** The AGM will be held at 7.00pm, prior to the next meeting. Three members are due to finish their three year term of office, but are eligible for re-election.

## 11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall. AGM at 7.00pm, prior to the normal meeting.