

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Rob Weatherston	RW	Norman Robertson	NR
	Dick Noble	DN	Paul Wheelhouse	PWh
	Raymond Allan	RA	Rob Boyd	RB
	Kath Payne	KP	Paul Wilson	PW
	Graham Dolan	GD	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC

RW chaired the meeting.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash reported to the meeting. In the past month there had only been one call which was regarding a road accident. There had been no recorded crime in Ayton in the past month. Weekly vehicle road checks continue on the A1. A campaign, 'Speed on Rural Roads', had just taken place. Scambusters booklets are available to members of the public. It was suggested that the village shop could keep a supply of these. Scrap metal thefts continue to be a problem in the SB area.

2 Open Forum

One member of the public attended and enquired about the cost of the saltires which fly on the clock tower.

3 Apologies for Absence

Kenny Combe (**KC**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 5th April were approved. It was noted that the meeting prior to that was in March and not February as stated in the minutes. Approval – proposed by PWh, seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway The CC has entered the SBC Scotland's Floral Gateway competition for the second time. It was noted that Ayton Enhancement Group was still hopeful of receiving a SBC grant for planters etc. The Heras fencing in front of the garage site on the High Street is to be moved back to allow for planters to be placed there. A letter to all residents will be delivered in the run up to the Floral Gateway competition judging.

Drone Moss SSSI PWh reported that John Lidgard from Cove, who may have information regarding the fuars is ill and not able to help us at this time. MC reported that Sheila Stoddart at Doughtys may have some information. He agreed to follow this up.

MC

RB is to check any follow up from a meeting of CCs at Grantshouse some time ago. SBC has agreed to the transport management plan for getting wind turbines to the site.

RB

- **Christmas Lights** BHA has still not responded regarding the possibility of a dedicated meter supply.

RB

Benches at Ayton Law and Playing Field SB Local still have to supply the new bench at Ayton Law.

- **A1 Junction** A reply to MC's letter on behalf of Ayton, Reston and Burnmouth CCs to Keith Brown, Scottish Transport Minister in the last parliament, had been received. As predicted, no major changes are planned.

- **Empty Houses at Peelwalls** MC had checked the current situation and there has been no pro-active proposition regarding the houses. It was suggested that the CC could make

a planning application regarding one property on the site to test whether the over 55 age restriction could be removed. MC and RB agreed to look into this.

RB
MC

- **Balabraes Bridge** There was no update on progress. The bridge is scheduled to reopen on 13th May.
- **Crossroads No Parking Lines** This is going through the normal process and should happen fairly soon.
- **St Dionysius' Church** The possibility of an interpretive notice board is to be brought up at the next Ayton Local History Society meeting. The ivy on the church needs to be cut back. RB agreed to contact SB Local to enquire if they can do the work.
- **Fruit and Vegetable Exchange** The Minimarket is happy to help with the scheme. The idea of a communal fruit press was discussed. KP agreed to investigate.

RA
RB
KP

6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook had nothing to report which was not covered by other business.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's A/C £515.39, Project A/C £616.16

8 Planning Applications

None

9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SB ElderVoice Newsletter

SBCCN – Agenda for Meeting on 12/5/11 + Minutes of SBCCN Core Group 28/11

Possible Funding Source – “Our Community Future” Programme

Changeworks Training Courses (Energy Issues)

SBC Welfare Advisory Services Review

LBP Newsletter

Duns RBLs – Tractor Pull 8/5/11 – Information

BCCF Minutes 17/2/11

Energy Saving, Scotland - Energy Saving Workshops

10 AOCB

Jubilee Party in 2102 The idea of a village party in 2012 was discussed. It was suggested that information regarding street parties etc will be issued by the UK government nearer the time. PWh reported that the Friends of Ayton PS may be organising a major fete around the same time in May 2012.

SBC Area Committees The CC had been asked to make suggestions regarding the replacement of the Area Committees. It was agreed that in Berwickshire that the BCCF could probably deal with most issues currently handled by the Area Committees.

Dog Walking Field IL is to be asked if he would cut the paths when the grass is slightly longer. There had been complaints from tree maintenance contractors regarding dog dirt in the field. It was agreed to contact the wardens and ask for some signs to be erected near the field.

IL
DN

Quiz It was noted that the Friends of Ayton PS are organising a quiz on Friday 27th May and are looking for support from the village.

Potholes in Lawfield Drive Complaints had been received about potholes. MC took note of this.

MC

Churchyard Water Supply It was noted that the tap was not working. MC agreed to check with Ian Lothain at SBC.

MC

Pathway from High Street to Playing Field It was noted that the pathway had been blocked off as part of a building development. A pathway had been agreed as part of the ‘Safer Routes to School’ scheme some time ago and was a condition of planning permission. RB to check why the developer had not included this.

RB

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall