

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

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

Logan Inglis, Chairman of Auchencrow & Reston CC, Paul Wheelhouse MSP and 3 members of the public attended.

KP chaired the meeting.

ITEMS

Action

1 Wind Farm Presentation

Carolynne Sutherland of ENERTRAG gave a short presentation about the proposed Black Mains Wind Farm on the east side of the A1 between Ayton and Reston. Neil Lindsay of ENERTRAG and Alex Bruce of Orbit Communications were also involved. The presentation was followed by a short question and answer session.

GD

It was agreed that the next step should be another presentation for the general public. GD to liaise with ENERTRAG to organise this for late August or September.

2 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash sent a report to the meeting. There had only been two recorded crimes in the past month, one involving trespass on the railway and the other involving vandalism to a car.

3 Open Forum

No items raised

4 Apologies for Absence

Rob Weatherson (RW) and Raymond Allan (RA)

5 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 7th June were approved. Approval – proposed by DN, seconded by RB.

6 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Edinburgh Buses via Ayton** MC reported that Richard Perryman of Perryman’s Buses had not yet been available for discussion. SBC is still checking the situation with First Bus who had not yet responded. MC will pursue the Edinburgh bus issue and report back. 35 residents had signed a petition in the Minimarket indicating that they would use a bus to Edinburgh on a regular basis.

MC

- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** Dave Holland of Ayton Enhancement Group attended the meeting and gave a progress report. A letter about the Floral Gateway competition had been delivered to all households in Ayton.

Several village hedges had been trimmed.

IL has sprayed around young hedge plants at the north end.

A village litter pick has been organised for Wednesday 13th July at 6.30pm.

The date for the Floral Gateway judging had just been received: Tuesday 19th July.

- **Drone Moss** MC is still investigating the legal aspect of past and current fuars. RB reported that the Drone Moss wind farm developers are currently not negotiating with community representatives.

MC

- **Christmas Lights** BHA has still to come to a decision regarding a dedicated electricity

supply from the Clock Tower House.

- **Bench in Playing Field** Repairs to one bench are still required. RB to contact SB Local. **RB**
- **Balabraes Bridge** SBC is still waiting for the new road surface to settle. The job is scheduled to be complete by 5th August. **RB**
- **St Dionysius' Church** The possibility of an interpretive notice board is to be brought up at the next Ayton Local History Society meeting in the autumn. RB reported that SB Local will cut back the ivy in September.
- **Cemetery Water Supply** Now fully operational.
- **Dog Walking Field** One sign has still to be erected. IL had recently cut the paths around the field. **DN**
- **Welltower Park Road** MC reported that due to a misunderstanding, some minor works had not been completed. The road should be adopted by SBC in the very near future.
- **Pathway from High Street to Playing Field** MC to check progress with Planning Officer. **MC**

7 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook reported that David Hume, SBC Chief Executive, was leaving. David Hume has taken SBC forward since arriving in 2002.

8 Treasurer's Report

The 'books' have not been handed over to the new Treasurer (NR) yet. The current bank account figures are: Treasurer's Account £520.39; Project Account £616.16

9 Planning Applications

It was noted that the application to build four dwelling houses at the Joiners' Workshop and Toilet Block, The Smiddy, Old Town, had been granted on appeal.

10 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SBC – SB Local Small Schemes Budget for 2011/12

SBC Local Development Plan – Focus Group Meetings

Eyemouth Medical Practice – Request that a GP and manager attend CC meetings on an occasional basis. It was agreed to support this initiative. **GD**

SB Local - Strict Weed Control - The work schedule is running late.

ASCC – Press Release

SBC – ACE (Achieving Community Empowerment)

SBC – Berwickshire WOOFs information

SBC Safer Borders Newsletter

SBCCN Minutes

11 AOCB

Trees in Playing Field Area Ayton CC and Ayton Enhancement Group are keen to plant trees around the school playing field area. RB to check with SBC and Scottish Water where trees cannot be planted. **RB**

Membership A fairly new resident expressed a desire to join the Community Council. It was noted that CC members must be included on the electoral roll.

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th September at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall