

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC	Norman Robertson	NR
	Dick Noble	DN	Ian Logan	IL
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD		

RW chaired the meeting.

4 members of the public attended the meeting.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

CPO Alan Richardson reported that in the last two months 20 calls had been made to the police, none of which were crime related. 5 were youth related. There had been 2 house disturbances and 1 crime involving vandalism to a house. 2 calls were made to report suspicious persons. 1 arrest was made for drunk driving.

The No Cold Callers initiative, piloted in Ayton, is to be continued up the A1 corridor.

There had been 2 accidents on the B6355 near Peelwalls Cottage corner. MC reported that a site meeting with police, SBC representatives and residents is to be arranged as soon as possible. Ayton Primary School had been vandalised recently.

MC

The police focus for the next months is tackling travelling criminals.

2 Open Forum

3 Residents from Whitfield enquired about the CC's responsibilities and views regarding the proposed Blackmains wind farm. They explained their objection to the project. MC explained various aspects regarding wind farms in general in the SB area and that the CC has a responsibility on behalf of the community to assess the planning application on its merits. The CC has a second responsibility to ensure that, in the event of the application being successful, it has done all it can to maximise any developer contributions to the local community.

ENERTRAG, the company involved with the wind farm is holding a meeting for the general public in Ayton Community Hall on Thursday 6th October in the afternoon and evening.

3 Apologies for Absence

Rob Boyd (RB), Raymond Allan (RA) and Kath Payne (KP)

5 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 5th July were approved. Approval – proposed by DN, seconded by KC.

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. MC will continue to try to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. It was noted that First Bus was withdrawing its Berwick – Edinburgh service early in October.

MC

Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway During the meeting a message was received that Ayton had been placed 2nd in the small village category of the Floral gateway competition, Greenlaw being the winner.

It was noted from the local press that Ayton had won the Tidiest Village in Berwickshire award, but no official intimation had been received.

- **Drone Moss** MC is still investigating the legal aspect of past and current fuars.
- **Christmas Lights** BHA had agreed to a dedicated metered supply from Clock Tower House. RB is investigating the cost of this. SBC is investing £400,000 over two years to provide safe connections for festive lights. We may be able to use some of this funding.

MC

RB

There was a suggestion that more lights (solar powered) be purchased to decorate the cast iron fence between Ayton Mill road end and the telephone exchange. GD to investigate the cost. **GD**

- **Bench in Playing Field** Repairs to one bench are still required. RB to contact SB Local. **RB**
- **Dog Walking Field** Signs have been erected. **MC**
- **Welltower Park Road** MC to check whether SBC has adopted the road.
- **Pathway from High Street to Playing Field** No new information.
- **Trees in Playing Field** RB to report to Ayton Enhancement Group regarding where trees may and may not be planted. **RB**
- **Visit by Staff from Eyemouth Health Centre** GD had reported to EHC that visits would be very welcome.

7 Councillor's Report

MC had nothing to report that had not been covered elsewhere.

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

6 The Crofts – Extension. No comment.

Land North of Hillside: Erection of Stables. No comment.

Castle View Garage Site. Work on the 4 house development is due to start soon. The CC reiterated the view that the vennel should have a curved top in keeping with the other High Street vennels.

10 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

RHS – Request to participate in Britain in Bloom

Berwickshire Housing Association AGM

SBC – CC Insurance cover

Scottish Health Council – 'Connect' Newsletters

SES Plan

SBC – Grants for Paths Maintenance. AEG may be interested in this.

Eyemouth Twinning Association – AGM

SB Elder Voice Magazine

SBC – **Note of Proposed Change to Ayton Conservation Area.** To include more of the Old Town up the Eyemouth Road and the Beanburn as far as the school road end.

New Lammermuir Way - Information

BCCF Website Information

SBC - Warden's Newsletter

SBC Planning – Meeting regarding new Public Access system

SBC - Road Closures in the area

SBC - Creative Learning Project

SBCCN Seminar (1/10)

SBC - Sport Relief

SBC - Flodden 500

SBC – Supplementary Planning Guidance

SBC – Events at Harestanes

Safer Communities Internet Safety – Guidelines for Parents

ASCCs – Services to CCs Launch

SBC – Dog Fouling Newsletter

LBP – Newsletter

SBC – Information on New SBC Website

Voluntary Arts Scotland – Information

Poverty Alliance – Rural Poverty Discussion

J Swinney MSP – Information regarding ASSC
Reform Scotland – CC Survey
Free Energy Training
SBC - Safer Communities Seminar (15/09)

11 AOCB

Dogs Being Exercised in the Playing Field A resident had enquired whether dogs should be exercised off the lead in the school playing field. This followed a case of dogs off the lead attacking another dog. MC to check with Laurie Wood, Dog Warden regarding this situation.

MC

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th October at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall