

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 in Ayton Community Hall

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

RW chaired the meeting.

4 members of the public attended the meeting.

ITEMS**Action****1 Police Report**

CPO Alan Richardson submitted a report by email.

Since the last meeting there had been 10 calls from the village 4 of which were crime related. Over 15th & 16th September 3 crimes were committed. An insecure car was entered in the High Street, but nothing was stolen. An insecure car was entered in the Beanburn and property stolen. The shed at the bowling club was broken into and petrol was stolen. The theft of a scooter from Ayton Primary School is under investigation.

A youth was traced regarding damage to a bench at Ayton Primary School and will make good the damage.

A drop-in surgery with the CPO present is being held on Saturday 22nd October in Ayton Community Hall.

Details of traffic movements connected to the wind farm at Drone Hill were given.

2 Open Forum

No topics were raised.

3 Apologies for Absence

Kath Payne (KP)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th September were approved without comment.

Approval – proposed by DN, seconded by NR.

5 Membership

KP, who was Vice Chairperson, had tendered her resignation with immediate effect. KC agreed to take on the position. Proposed by RB, seconded by DN.

Two residents had attended recent meetings and expressed a desire to be co-opted as Community Councillors. Paul Priestman (PP) was proposed by NR and seconded by RB. John Slater (JS) was proposed by NR and seconded by DN. This to be ratified at the November meeting. These members may serve on the CC with full voting rights until the 2012 AGM, when they may stand for election.

6 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Peelwalls Corner** A lengthy on-site meeting had recently been held, involving MC, SBC Officers, Police, CC members, the landowner and a local resident. It was noted that the problem of cars leaving the road was partially caused by an inadequate road surface. This would be rectified, but not until the next financial year. It was agreed that the possibility of extending the 30mph limit to further up the road towards Chirnside would be considered at the next speed limit review. It was noted that the correct signage is in place. It was also agreed that SBC would paint white lines at the sides of the road.

- **Blackmains Wind Farm** Notice of the intention to submit a planning application had been received from SBC. An invitation had been received from ENERTRAG for two members of the CC to join the Community Liaison Group. RB and JS agreed to do this. GD to inform ENERTRAG. The CC reiterated its position that until a planning application was made, no decisions would taken. **GD**
- **Edinburgh Buses via Ayton** Since the last CC meeting a public meeting had taken place in the village involving Councillor Fullarton, Colin Douglas (SBC Transport Manager) and Richard Perryman of Perryman's Buses. The outcome of the meeting was that Perryman's will consider redirecting two buses north and south each day. This is not likely to happen for a few months.
- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** AEG is planning to plant crocus bulbs at the north end. Some have already been planted at the south end with the help of Ayton Primary School pupils.
- **Drone Moss** MC is still investigating the legal aspect of past and current feuars. **MC**
- **Christmas Lights** RB reported that a permanent electrical connection for the village Christmas tree from Clock Tower House would cost around £400. It was decided to go ahead with this. GD reported that the cost of solar lights to decorate the newly painted railings was around £160. It was decided to discuss this at the November meeting. **RB**
- **Bench in Playing Field** This has been repaired.
- **Welltower Park Road** The road has now been fully adopted by SBC. **RB**
- **Pathway from High Street to Playing Field** No new information. **RB**
- **Trees in Playing Field** RB to report to Ayton Enhancement Group regarding where trees may and may not be planted. **RB**
- **A dog in Playing Field** **SB Warden, Laurie Wood**, has agreed to give extra attention to the area.

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 £570.51; Project Account £616.25.

GD agreed to arrange the change of signatories and inspection of the accounts.

GD

9 Planning Applications

6 The Crofts – Extension. Approved by SBC

Castle View Garage Site. SBC were aware of the CC's requested change regarding the vennel roof and plans had been amended.

The Retreat, Beanburn – Internal Alterations. No comment.

Land South of Bleachfield, Beanburn – Siting of Caravan, Erection of Stable Block and

Construction of Septic Tank – No details were available on the SBC website. GD to check.

GD

10 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SBC – Blackmains Wind Farm – Proposal of planning application

The Community Councillor magazine

SBC – Details of SBCCN agm

ASCCs Bulletin

SBC – Draft SB Local Housing Strategy Consultation

SBC – Commonwealth Games – Involving Communities

LBP Newsletter

SBC – Planning Aid Training Workshops (Zero Waste)

SBC – Fuel Efficient Driver Training Days

SB Warden Newsletter

SBC Recycling Newsletter

SBC – Count Us In – Commonwealth Games

SBC Floral Gateway Results

11 AOCB

Remembrance Sunday NR agreed to organise to purchase and lay a wreath on behalf of the CC. **NR**

Missing Bench The bench at the top of Lawfield Drive has gone missing. RW agreed to contact SB Local. **RW**

Request for Bin The CC had been asked if a bin, mainly for dog waste, could be provided at the south end of the village (the Toll). RW agreed to check with SB Local. **RW**

Horse Field It was reported that suspicious persons had been seen observing a horse in the field near Tower Road. GD to contact the CPO **GD**

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall