

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

PRESENT	Rob Weatherston	RW	Norman Robertson	NR
	Dick Noble	DN	Ian Logan	IL
	Graham Dolan	GD	Kenny Combe	KC
	Rob Boyd	RB	Raymond Allan	RA
	John Slater	JS	Paul Wilson	PW
	Paul Priestman	PP		

RW chaired the meeting.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

CPO Kirsty Nash attended the meeting and reported 3 calls for service in the past month: a suspicious van in the area, concern for an elderly driver and a police road check. There was no recorded crime during the month.

She explained about bank ATM machine skimming which had recently taken place in the area and about the LBP festive season ‘Don’t Drink and Drive’ campaign.

2 Open Forum

No topics were raised.

3 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Michael Cook (**MC**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st November were approved without comment.

Approval – proposed by PW, seconded by KC.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Blackmains Wind Farm** RB and JS had attended a liaison group meeting. It was noted that erection of the meteorological mast has been delayed. They had also attended a general meeting about wind farm planning and funding at SBC HQ.

- **Drone Moss** There had been no further progress: MC is still investigating the legal aspect of past and current feuars. **MC**

- **Christmas Lights** The cost of providing the power supply on Clock Tower House will be met from the SBC small grant scheme, through SB Local. It was agreed that new icicle lights for the clock tower be purchased. GD and DN agreed to organise the lights on the clock tower. **GD**
DN

IL had organised a Christmas tree.

- **Trees in Playing Field** RB to report to Ayton Enhancement Group regarding where trees may and may not be planted. **RB**

- **Leaking Sewage in the High Street** Scottish Water had repaired the fault.

- **RAGES** It was agreed to renew membership of RAGES.

- **SBC Community Resilience Initiative** It was decided not to take any further action on this. The village had coped reasonably well in the severe weather last winter.

6 Councillor’s Report

MC was unable to attend but submitted a report.

- Balabraes Bridge had suffered damage recently, but this was not dangerous and will be repaired later in 2012. The existing wall possibly be replaced with a safety barrier.
- Eyemouth & District First Responders Group had lost many of its responders and was

likely to be wound up. A meeting has been organised on 6th February to discuss the group's future.

- Damage to the road side in the Beanburn (opposite houses being constructed) caused by heavy lorries had been repaired by SBC.
- The SBC Transport Manager reported that no decision regarding bus service 253 would be made by Perrymans until 2012, following a full analysis of the existing runs.
- The plan to renew double yellow lines at the Beanburn – High Street junction had not been progressed. SBC Roads Dept is still looking into this.

7 **Treasurer's Report**

NR expressed his thanks to GD for overseeing the handover of the accounts and for arranging their inspection. SBC had paid the annual grant to the CC on receipt of last year's accounts.

Treasurer's Account: £1072.51

Project Account: £616.25

8 **Relevant Correspondence and Emails**

Drone Hill Wind Farm – various emails regarding transport of turbines

SB Warden – Newsletter

ASCC – online Bulletin

SBC – Dementia Awareness

SBC – Olympic Torch in the Borders

SBC – Business Support Design Award

SBC – Planning Aid Event

SBC – White Ribbon Campaign

SBC - Carbon Reduction Officer

SBC – Carbon Monoxide Awareness Campaign

RAGES – Newsletter

ASCC – Training Website

9 **AOCB**

Berwickshire Community Councils Forum JS had attended the last BCCF meeting. There had been a request that CC minutes be posted on the BCCF website. GD to arrange this. **GD**

Post Office Concern was expressed that Doughty's lease with the RBS, who own the property, may not be renewed early in 2012. This would put the future of the Post Office in jeopardy. KC agreed to raise the matter with Doughtys. **KC**

Salt Bin The question was asked why the salt bin at the entrance to Lawfield Drive had been removed by SBC. GD to check with MC. **GD**

12 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall