

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th March 2012 in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Rob Weatherston	RW	Norman Robertson	NR
	Dick Noble	DN	Rob Boyd	RB
	Graham Dolan	GD	Ian Logan	IL
	John Slater	JS	Paul Priestman	PP
	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC		

Prospective SBC Councillor, Ken Webb, attended the meeting.

RW chaired the meeting.

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

CPO Kirsty Nash was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report.

There had been 3 calls for service since the last meeting, 2 for alarms and 1 regarding an abandoned vehicle.

A male was arrested after cold calling in nearby villages. Ayton was not targeted, possibly because of it being a No Cold Calling Area.

Metal and fuel thefts continue in the general area

Shed break-ins are on the increase in Eyemouth. Residents in Ayton are asked to be vigilant.

Anything regarded as suspicious should be reported using the Crimestopper's number **0800 555 111**.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Raymond Allan (**RA**), Kenny Combe (**KC**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 7th February were approved. Proposed by RB, seconded by JS.

It was noted that in Matters Arising from Minutes, Blackmains Wind Farm, the last paragraph should have read:

Ayton Community Council's responsibility is to represent the view of the community as a whole. If and when an application for planning permission is submitted for the Blackmains project, the Community Council intends to conduct a referendum to ascertain the majority view in the electoral area. It will then come to a conclusion and make representations in the light of that view.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** A small Jubilee oak had been delivered and passed on to AEG. It was felt that an official planting should take place around the time of the Jubilee rather than before. The Friends of Ayton Primary School are planning to present pupils with a commemorative item. GD to investigate whether this could be a joint venture with the CC. **GD**

- **Post Office** There was concern about the reduced hours (from 20 to 4) once the service moves to the village shop. GD to request a meeting with Post Office Ltd. Residents to be made aware of the changes. **GD**

Blackmains Wind Farm Enertrag had reported that the erection of the met mast had been delayed by the poor winter. It was confirmed that the mast would be 80m high.

Horn Burn Wind Farm RW, RB, JS and GD had met with representatives of

Energiekontor prior to their exhibitions on 29th February and 1st March.

- **Drone Moss** Sheila Stoddart of Doughtys reported that she had no knowledge of who the feuars are. JS may have a contact who can advise. GD to check previous minutes to see if there is any reference. **JS**
GD
- **Trees in Playing Field** RB now has details of where various underground utilities are. These are to be passed on to AEG. **RB**
- **Christmas Lights** It was agreed that £20 be paid for electricity for the tree lights.
- **Bus Service 253** MC reported that Perryman's have applied to the Traffic Commissioner to vary their bus service registration for service 253 Berwick - Edinburgh from Monday 9th April. There will be additional journeys on Mondays to Fridays serving Ayton at 0906 on schooldays and at 0920 during school holidays arriving Edinburgh at 1108. The return bus leaves Edinburgh at 1810 and arrives back at Ayton at 2009. There will also be a new journey following the normal route from Edinburgh to Berwick at 1210 and a new afternoon journey from Berwick to Edinburgh at 1610 but only serving stops along the A1. It would appear that Perryman's intend to run the additional journeys on service 253 around a school contract in order to reduce costs, hence the 7 hours in Edinburgh and different morning departure times from Ayton.
- **High Street/Beanburn Yellow Lines** These are now in place.
- **High Street Crossing** MC reported that a zebra crossing was not a viable option and that the proposed built out pavement scheme would go ahead.

6 Councillor's Report

MC reported that abnormal load deliveries were due to start at Dronehill on 2nd April.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £881.15

Project Account: £616.31

Planning Applications

- Erection of temporary 60m high meteorological mast on land south west of Prendergust Farm. No comment.
- Erection of detached garage at 12 Welltower Park. Support.
- Erection of mobile field stable on land north east of Ayton Mains Farmhouse. Support.

8 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

RAGES Newsletter

SBC – Community Involvement in Town Planting

Jim Clark Rally (1st-3rd June) – Local Information

SBC – National Spring Clean – Information (Date chosen for Ayton – Saturday 21st April)

BGH Margaret Kerr Centre – Information

OFT Consultation – Living in Rural Areas

ASCCs – Boundary Commission

ASCCs – Conference at Dunblane

BCCF – Minutes, Windpower and Renewable Energy Document

SSDF – 'Your Sustainable Future' - Invitation

9 AOCB

Emailing Minutes PP enquired if it was possible to pass on the CC minutes by email to other residents. There is no problem with this. It was pointed out that the minutes are posted on the village website.

10 Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall