

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 in Ayton Community Hall**

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

Prospective SBC Councillor, Jack Johnston and 3 residents 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 6 calls for service and 1 theft from a shed at Ayton Castle.

Metal theft is a problem in the area. Police are seeking information regarding a 4 x 4 silver 'R' registered Mitsubishi.

It was noted that a number of HGVs have been passing through the village more frequently.

**2 Open Forum**

No business

**3 Apologies for Absence**

None

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th March were approved without comment. Proposed by DN, seconded by PP.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** There had been no information from the Friends of Ayton Primary School regarding a possible joint commemorative item for pupils. GD to contact the Headteacher. The Royal Jubilee oak sapling which had been received was much smaller than had been anticipated. It was agreed, however, that it should be used for the official planting at a date still to be arranged. Ian Waddell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant to be asked to perform the official duties. No other Jubilee celebration was planned.
- **Post Office** GD had written to Brian Turnbull, Field Change Advisor regarding the reduced hours. Mr Turnbull had phoned to explain the situation in depth. At the moment it was not possible to increase the hours, but once the new outreach service starts in the Ayton Minimarket, it may be possible to increase the hours if there is a definite need. He gave his assurance that the Post Office would remain in the village as long as residents wished that.
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** No further news had been received from Enertrag. A local resident, Ian Woollen, objected to the fact that residents were not allowed to attend the Blackmains Liaison Group meetings which involve representatives from five Community Councils and Enertrag. The subject was debated at length. It was agreed that JS and RB, the Ayton CC members on the Liaison Group, would raise the matter at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday 14th May. It was also agreed that the matter would be discussed at a meeting that RW, GD, RB and JS were due to have with representatives of Reston CC in the near future regarding the proposed Horn Burn wind farm.

**GD**

**Horn Burn Wind Farm** The CC is unhappy with Energiekontor's proposed method of distributing developer contributions direct to village organisations without reference

to the CC. RW, GD, RB and JS to attend a meeting to be organised with Reston CC to discuss this.

- **Drone Moss Feuars** No progress. JS/GD
- **Bus Service 236** No information had been received about buses to and from Edinburgh coming via Ayton. MC to check with SBC Transport. MC
- **High Street Crossing** Two possible options were considered. The CC would prefer the maximum build out while avoiding the need for any priority signage. It was felt that signage would clutter up the village at this point. MC to advise SBC MC
- **Peelwalls Corner** It was not known whether work to improve the road surface at the corner and to rebuild the bridge parapet would be carried out in the current financial year. MC agreed to check. MC

## 6 Councillor's Report

- MC gave information about phase 2 of Drone Hill wind farm, due to commence on 2nd April.
- Attention was drawn to the Main Issues Report – Public Consultation.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £756.06

Project Account: £616.31

The Project Account is currently registered at the bank as the Common Good Account. It was agreed that this be changed to Project Account.

NR

## 8 Planning Applications

None

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SBC Local Development Plan – Main Issues Report

SBC Community Involvement in Planting – 50% reduction in service.

ASCC – Annual Conference

SBC – Have your say on planning issues

Scottish Government - 5 consultation papers relating to various aspects of the Town and Country

Planning system

LBP – Operation Glimmer

LBP Newsletter

SU Partnership – Year of Nature 2013

SBC – CCs and the Planning System

Big Lottery Fund Road Show

Commonwealth Games Legacy for Communities

## 10 AOCB

**Drone Hill Wind Farm** The CC had expected that Ayton would benefit from the developer contribution, but had heard nothing for a long time. GD to contact Coldingham CC for further information. GD

**Ayton Enhancement Group** The CC wished to congratulate AEG on the great work done to improve the look of the village. GD to write. GD

## 11 AGM

The AGM is to be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 1st May**, prior to the normal monthly meeting.

## 12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall