

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2012 in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Rob Weatherston	RW	Paul Wilson	PW
	Dick Noble	DN	Rob Boyd	RB
	Graham Dolan	GD	Kenny Combe	KC
	Raymond Allan	RA	Paul Priestman	PP
	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC		

Prospective SBC Councillor, Joan Campbell and one resident attended the meeting.

RW chaired the meeting.

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

CPO Kirsty Nash reported to the meeting.

Since the last meeting there had been 5 calls for service and no crime in the village.

Scrap metal and fuel thefts are still a problem generally in the Borders.

Operation OSMIUM, a joint multi agency operation is taking place on the A1 lay-by at Fairnieside with the Road Policing Department. This will be ongoing and residents may be pulled over.

A member noted that cars were regularly parked on double yellow lines near the entrance to Tower Road.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Norman Robertson, Ian Logan, John Slater

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd April were approved without comment. Proposed by RB, seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** GD and RW had met with Louise Sanders, Headteacher at Ayton PS when it was agreed that the CC and the Parents' Council would share the cost of a commemorative item for all Ayton PS pupils – probably a mug. **GD**

RB agreed to approach Ian Waddell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, about planting the royal oak sapling. The 'grassy knoll' at the south end of the village is deemed unsuitable for planting an oak tree due the large number of services. A suitable site for planting has yet to be decided. **RB**

- **Post Office** The Post Office is scheduled to open in the Minimarket on Tuesday 8th May.
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** No meeting of the Liaison Group had been held since the April CC meeting. The next one is scheduled for 14th May. It was noted that the Project Manager was no longer with Enertrag.
- **Horn Burn Wind Farm** Notice had been received that planning permission for a met mast had been refused by SBC. JS and RB, along with representatives from three other CCs, were due to meet on 15th May to discuss, among other things, developer contributions.
- **Drone Moss Feuars** No progress.
- **Bus Service 253** Information was received about a new daily service to and from Edinburgh, which had started on 9th April.
- **High Street Crossing** The project to build out the pavements is going ahead, but no **KC**

start date is known yet. KC to inform Mrs Picton.

- **Peelwalls Corner** Surface dressing at the corner is included in the SBC schedule for June or July. MC agreed to check when work to rebuild the damaged wall is likely to be carried out.
- **Drone Hill Wind Farm** Information had been received that the developer at Drone Hill had decided that contributions would only be made to 4 communities – Coldingham, Reston & Auchencrow, Cockburnspath and Grantshouse.

MC

6 Councillor's Report

There was nothing of note which wasn't covered elsewhere.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £756.15

Project Account: £616.37

RBS has agreed that the title *Common Good Account* be changed to *Project Account* to avoid confusion.

8 Planning Applications

- Erection of dwelling house (extension to previous consent 08/01004/OUT). Land South West of Lynnfield House Tower Road. No comment.
- Extension to dwelling house. Boorach Beag 4 Summerhill Park Beanburn. Support.

9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

Post Office – Details of new service

Scottish Borders Elder Voice – AGM 23rd May

SBC – 2102 Floral Gateway Competition

SBC – Outdoors 2012 Information

ASCC – Information regarding closure

LBP – Newsletter

BCCF - Newsletter and AGM Notice

Understanding the Scottish Parliament – Course

SUP newsletter

Olympic Torch Celebration Pack

Big Lottery Fund Roadshows

Blackmains Wind Farm – Artist's Impression

Energy Saving Scotland – Various

10 CC Election

The CC had been advised by SBC that, to keep in line with the SBC CC scheme, members should either a) be elected at the same time and serve their three year term of office from one date or b) be elected as part of a rolling programme with annual elections. Nearly all CCs in the SBC area use option a). It was decided to adopt this system. It was agreed that the present CC would stand down after the July 2012 meeting after which nominations would be sought for a new CC. Assuming that enough nominations are received (6), the new CC would meet on Tuesday 4th September. GD to liaise with Clare Malster at SBC to organise this.

GD

11 AOCB

Play Park Following a report to the CC, urgent repairs have been made to some equipment in the play park by SBC.

Community Hall Drop-in sessions on Wednesday mornings for residents to get together for tea, coffee and blether are being well attended.

SBC Village Tidier It was noted that SBC Operative, Roger Norris, who has worked for several years to keep the village tidy, is retiring in mid July and is not being replaced.

Litter Pick Thanks were expressed to all who helped with the village litter pick held on 21st April, which was part of Scotland's National Spring Clean.

12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th June 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall