

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2012 in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>
	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Paul Priestman	<b>PP</b>
	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>
	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>	Clare Malster (SBC)	<b>CM</b>

This was the inaugural meeting of the newly elected Community Council. Clare Malster (SBC) chaired the meeting until the appointment of the Chairman, Rob Weatherston. After explaining several items CM left the meeting.

The undernoted office bearers were elected:

Chairman: Rob Weatherston – proposed by RB, seconded by RA

Vice Chairman: Kenny Combe - proposed by GD, seconded by DN

Secretary: Graham Dolan - proposed by RA, seconded by PW

Treasurer: Norman Robertson - proposed by RA, seconded by RB

Following the election of office bearers, the normal meeting took place.

RW welcomed the new members.

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

CPO Kirsty Nash attended the meeting and reported on two months' activities.

There had been 18 calls for service and 7 recorded crimes, all of which had been detected.

There had been a recent fatality involving a scooter rider.

There is currently a recruitment campaign for Special Constables.

The Red Cross will be calling at houses from 3rd to 29th September. If any residents have problems with the callers they should phone the Appco Group Support Line on **0800 031 9811**.

Thefts of diesel are still a problem in the area as is theft of copper from telephone masts.

Grass cutting at the A1 junctions is carried out fairly timeously now if BEAR is contacted directly by the police.

**2 Open Forum**

No business

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Michael Cook (SBC) **MC**, Joan Campbell (SBC) **JC**, John Slater **JS**

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd July were approved. It was noted that KC had appeared to attend the meeting twice! Proposed by PW, seconded by PP.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** A date for the official planting of the royal oak tree has still to be arranged. RB is negotiating this with Ian Waddell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant. **RB**

- **Peelwalls Houses** GD had informed Lomond Homes about the CC's views on the possible development.

- **Blackmains Wind Farm** RB reported that a liaison group meeting took place on 11th July. All the CCs involved had been asked to sign a Community Sustainability Agreement. RB explained the background to this. It was agreed not to sign the Agreement. RB and JS are preparing a reply which will be circulated to CC members **RB**  
**JS**

soon for consideration.

- **Horn Burn Wind Farm** It was noted that planning permission for the met mast had been granted on appeal. JS, RB, GD and KC recently met with the Project Manager, Thomas Walker. Energiekontor expect full planning permission to be submitted in October 2012. The minimum time period for consultation is 16 weeks. The planned turbine height is 115m. A meeting of the Horn Burn Liaison Group is currently being organised. Interested parties are advised to check the Horn Burn website for updates.
- **Peelwalls Corner** The road has now been resurfaced. There was no information regarding the repair to the bridge parapet. MC to check. **MC**
- **Wind Farm Referendum** The sub group reported that they were more or less ready to organise a referendum once a planning application was made. All persons on the current electoral list will receive voting papers which will be delivered by hand. Enertrag, Energiekontor and the group opposed to the wind farms have been invited to provide information to be included with the voting papers.
- **Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** Ayton was placed 2nd in the Small Village category after Newcastleton. The CC wished to express its thanks to Ayton Enhancement Group and all residents who worked hard keeping the village tidy and attractive.

## 6 Councillor's Report

- No SBC Councillors were able to attend.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £767.88

Project Account: £616.43

## 8 Planning Applications

None

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

SB Elder Voice

RAGES Rag

SB Warden Newsletter

Scottish Communities Climate Action Network – Invitation to join

SUP Newsletter

BCCF Meeting 6/9 JS will attend this.

LBP Newsletter

BHA AGM – 11/9 – Invitation

Understanding Social Enterprise

ESSacSE – Communities Update

SBCCN – Annual Seminar 29/9 HP and MCa may attend this.

## 10 AOCB

**Cemetery Water Supply** It was noted that there was still no water supply. RB to contact SBC (Ian Lothian). **RB**

**Hedge and Pavement** There had been complaints about the uncut hedge north of the Lawfield Drive entrance and about the poor state of the pavement. It was agreed to leave this until the October meeting as farmers were actively cutting hedges at present.

**Shearlaw Road** A query had been received enquiring who is responsible for the maintenance of the road. MC to be asked to clarify this. It was noted that the road is part of the 'Safer Routes to School' path. **MC**

**Membership** I was agreed that Ian Logan, who lives just outside the CC area, should be asked if he wished to rejoin the CC as an extra non-voting member. **GD**

**Poppy Wreath** NR agreed to purchase the poppy wreath in readiness for Remembrance Day. **NR**

**Code of Conduct** All CC members agreed to adopt the SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. A copy would be signed at the October meeting.

**12 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall