

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</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>
	Joan Campbell (SBC)	<b>JC</b>		

5 Residents attended the meeting, which was chaired by RW.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

- 1 Police Report**  
There was no police report this month.
- 2 Open Forum**  
No business
- 3 Apologies for Absence**  
Michael Cook (SBC) **MC**, Margaret Carey **MCa**
- 4 Approval of Previous Minutes**  
The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th September were approved. Proposed by DN 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. It was agreed to ask Elsie Brown, who had recently been awarded a BEM, to assist. **RB**
  - **Blackmains Wind Farm** JS and RB reported on the liaison group meeting held on 27th September. The CC had responded to the request to sign a Community Sustainability Agreement and would not be involved with it. There has been no progress regarding a planning application: this is likely to be submitted in the spring of 2013. The intention is to erect three turbines at 126m. The next meeting is planned for 15th November.
  - **Horn Burn Wind Farm** A planning application is likely to be submitted in October. A liaison group meeting is planned for 18th October, prior to the submission.
  - **Peelwalls Corner** The bridge parapet is on the SBC list of repairs, but it is not known if it can be included in the current financial year’s programme.
  - **Wind Farm Referendum** The sub group reported that they were more or less ready to organise the referendum once the first planning application was made. Enertrag, Energiekontor and the group opposed to the wind farms have agreed to provide information to be issued with the voting papers.
  - **Cemetery Water Supply** RB is currently trying to organise a site meeting with SBC. JC agreed to follow this up. In the meantime Ayton Enhancement Group has loaned its water butt and trolley. **RB**  
**JC**
  - **Hedges** Several complaints had been received regarding overgrown hedges which were encroaching on to footpaths. RA and RB agreed to contact the respective owners to request that they cut the hedges. **RA**  
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  - **Shearlaw’s Road** It had been confirmed that most of Shearlaw’s Road (on the opposite side of the High Street to Tower Road) had been adopted some time ago by SBC who had recently carried out some minor pothole repairs. A request had been made for a street sign to be erected at the road. JC agreed to pursue this. **JC**
  - **Membership** Ian Logan (IL) had agreed to join the CC as an extra, non-voting member.

- **Poppy Wreath** RW agreed to lay the wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Day. **RW**
- **SBC Code of Conduct for CCs** All members agreed to adopt the Code and signed a copy of it.
- **Constitution** Clare Malster (SBC) had drawn up an updated constitution. GD to circulate copies. **GD**

## 6 Councillor's Report

- JC reported on changes to the way the council worked. The previous Scrutiny system has been replaced with an Executive system. Planning and Licensing would remain the same.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £581.53  
Project Account: £616.43

## 8 Planning Applications

None

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland (Is Wind the Answer?) Conference  
SBC Eastern Borders – Special Protected Area  
Welfare Reform Scotland – Conference 29/10  
Land Reform – John Muir Trust  
LEADER Funding (SRDP)  
Understanding Scottish Parliament/Government  
SBCCN – Conference (cancelled due to lack of support)  
ESSac South east – Community News  
Police Reform Scotland – Conference 31/10  
Scottish Water – Be Prepared for Winter

## 10 AOCB

**Wind Farm Consultation** Ray Porter, a resident with considerable experience and expertise in the wind farm field, offered his services to the CC. It was agreed that Mr Porter could probably advise the two liaison groups (Blackmains and Horn Burn). A meeting involving Mr Porter, RW, RB, JS and GD to be organised to take this forward.

**Street Lights** Several street lights were off while others seemed to be on all day. JC agreed to pursue this. If street lights are off, residents should phone the dedicated SBC number (0300 100 1800) to report the fault, giving the lamp post number, street name and location. **JC**

**Bench** The idea of placing a bench on the grass area behind the garage gap site was mooted. It was thought that this might attract youngsters in the evenings which would disturb nearby residents.

**Skips** It was brought to the CC's attention that both St Abbs and Reston CCs hired large skips twice a year for the benefit of residents. It was suggested Ayton CC could do this. GD to check cost etc. **GD**

**Bulb Planting** AEG had received a gift of bulbs and had requested some help planting these. RA, PP, KB, HP and DN agreed to help if available.

**Tree Guard** The acer tree donated and planted in the playing field required a new stake and guard. GD to pursue this. **GD**

**Keep Berwickshire Tidy** JS will check the date when awards will be presented. **JS**

## 12 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall