

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

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Margaret Carey      | <b>MCa</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>  | Ian Logan       | <b>IL</b> |
|                | Michael Cook (SBC)  | <b>MC</b>  | Paul Wilson     | <b>PL</b> |

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

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

Police reports for the last two months had been received. In October there had been 11 calls for service and 2 recordable crimes, both of which were detected and solved. Several drivers were reported for speeding and other road traffic offences as a result of checks on the A1.

Prevention campaigns currently active are *Gear Up For Winter* and *Horsewatch Scotland*.

A Domestic Abuse Advisory Service has been established.

A Community Newsletter is available which has been passed on in pdf form.

**2 Open Forum**

No business

**3 Apologies for Absence**

None

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd October were approved. Proposed by DN seconded by PP.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee** The official planting of the royal oak tree has been arranged for **Wednesday 28th November** at 10.00am. Planting ceremony to be carried out by Ian Waddell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant assisted by Elsie Brown, who has recently been awarded a BEM. AEG to prepare the site and tree. GD to contact Tweeddale Press and Ayton Primary School. **GD**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** The liaison group meeting scheduled for 15th November has been postponed.
- **Horn Burn Wind Farm** The liaison group met on 18th October. Notes from this meeting and papers about community benefit had been circulated to members. The planning application has now been submitted.
- **Peelwalls Corner** MC agreed to check the situation regarding the bridge parapet repair. **MC**
- **Wind Farm Referendum** The referendum sub committee is due to meet to discuss the timescale and final details. BAVS to be asked if they can assist with printing etc.
- **Cemetery Water Supply** SBC are not willing to fund pipe renewal from the church to the cemetery. RB and JC to look at other options. **RB  
JC**
- **Hedges** RB agreed to contact the owner to request that the hedges be trimmed. **RB**
- **Shearlaw’s Road** SBC is still dealing with the request for a street sign. **JC**
- **Street Lights** SP Works have reported that there is still a fault and that lights will remain on permanently until it can be resolved.
- **Skips** GD had no further information regarding the cost.
- **Tree Guard** GD and RW agreed to organise a stake and guard for the acer tree in the playing field **GD  
GD  
RW**
- **Keep Berwickshire Tidy** No-one was available to attend the presentation on 6th

November but arrangements had been made for Ayton's award to be collected.

- **Bulb Planting** A group from the CC and AEG had planted the bulbs at the south end of the village.
- **Constitution** It was agreed to adopt the Constitution which had been circulated.

## 6 Councillor's Report

- SBC is currently working on a document giving advice to CCs on how to deal with significant large scale wind farm planning applications.
- Concern is being expressed regarding the proposed closure of courts in Duns and other Borders towns.
- Delegates from CCs are required to take part in the SBC Berwickshire Area Forum.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £516.51

Project Account: £616.49

## 8 Planning Applications

- Summerbank, Beanburn: erection of hobby workshop. No comment.
- Land West of Whiterig Farm: erection of two turbines 45m high. It was agreed to request an extension on the consultation period so the application can be discussed at the December meeting. JS agreed to prepare a paper for discussion.

JS

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

Response to Fenrother Wind Farm

Conference – Planning and Active Citizenship

CCs Short Life Working Group – Final Report

Affordable Rented Housing Advisory Group

Self Directed Support Scotland

Borders Energy Agency

SBCCN – AGM new date – 22/11

Land Reform Review Group

Welfare Reform Scotland

Volunteer Information Day – Duns

LBP Newsletter

SUP Newsletter

EDBA Awards – Nominations

Network Event – Alyn Smith MEP

Berwickshire Area Forum in Duns – 1/11

SBC Road Closure – Peelwalls Bridge Inspection

SBCCN – Nominations

Save the Crook Inn Campaign

SB Warden's Newsletter

J Lamont MSP – Fairtrade Borders. GD to forward details. To be discussed at Dec meeting.

SBC Paths Grant 2013 – GD to check if weed killing is included.

National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy: Engagement

GD

## 10 AOCB

**Post Office** A resident was dissatisfied with certain aspects of the Post Office service. It was agreed that the best course of action was for the resident to contact the Post Office personally.

**Bus Service to Edinburgh** There was a request for the CC to push to have the 1510 bus from Edinburgh re-routed through Ayton. This would mean travellers to Edinburgh would not have to spend 7 hours in the city, which is the only option just now. GD to contact Perrymans.

**Wind Farm Application** A wind farm application had been received for the Coldingham CC area. Whitfield residents (who are in the Ayton CC area) are opposed this development and requested that Ayton CC register an objection. IL left the meeting as an interested party. It was agreed that JS would prepare a paper which would be considered at the December meeting.

GD

**12 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 4th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall