

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

PRESENT	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC	Rob Boyd	RB
	John Slater	JS	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Dick Noble	DN
	Helen Postle	HP	Paul Priestman	PP
	Norman Robertson	NR	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Paul Wilson	PW	Ian Logan	IL

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

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

There had been nine calls for service in the last month and no recordable crime in Ayton. Festive season checks are being carried out. Several farmers and local companies had been reminded about their responsibility regarding mud on the road.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Margaret Carey (MCa)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 6th November were approved. Proposed by JS seconded by PW. It was noted that PW's name had been missed off the circulated minutes.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** The official planting of the royal oak tree took place on Wednesday 28th November. Thanks were expressed to RB, GD and Vic Swain for organising the event and to Rob Blaikie for erecting the protective fence. RB agreed to organise a commemorative plaque. **RB**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** There was no news.
- **Horn Burn Wind Farm** It was noted that objections had been received by the MOD and SEPA.
- **Peelwalls Corner** The repair to the damaged bridge parapet is scheduled to take place in the current financial year.
- **Wind Farm Referendum** The referendum is organised and will take place between 14th and 25th January 2013.
- **Cemetery Water Supply** SBC has now agreed to part fund the replacement of the pipe from the church to the cemetery. RB is awaiting prices. **RB**
- **Hedges** The hedges which residents had complained about have now been trimmed. There was some concern about the amount of earth and debris under hedges which encroach on to the pavements.
- **Shearlaw's Road** SBC is still dealing with the request for a street sign. **JC**
- **Skips** GD gave details of the St Abbs village skip scheme. It was decided not to proceed with the provision of a village skip in Ayton meantime.
- **Tree Guard** A guard has been provided for the acer tree in the playing field.
- **Perryman's Bus Service to Edinburgh.** A response had been received regarding the request to have the 1510 ex Edinburgh to call at Ayton. Perryman's are looking into this. **GD**
- **Fairtrade Status for Scottish Borders** It was decided to take no action.

6 Councillor's Report

Nothing to report.

7 **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Account: £1096.51

Project Account: £616.49

8 **Relevant Correspondence and eMails**

RAGES Rag

Berwickshire Area Forum – Notice of Meeting on 6/12. JS will attend this. **JS**

SBC – New Legacy Fund

EHS Community Litter Project – Speaker to attend February meeting.

SBC – Youth Chex Pack Launch

LBP – Local Police Community Newsletter

Borders Railway – Drop In Sessions

Showcase St Andrew's Day – West Linton

NHS Borders – Accessing Additional Capital Funding

SBC Winter Bulletin

South of Scotland Next Generation Broadband

SBC Warden – Invitation to Walk Round Village

Affordable Rented Housing Advisory Group – Update

SUP Newsletter

Request from potential wind farm developer to meet CC. GD to arrange meeting with sub committee. **GD**

9 **AOCB**

Bowling Green A request was received from Ayton and District Bowling Club asking if SBC could provide clearer directional signage to the green. MC agreed to pass this request on. **MC**

Scouts A request from Eyemouth Scouts for funding help for an international camp in Norway was discussed. After a vote (8-1) it was agreed to donate £50. **NR**

A1 Junctions There was concern about the deteriorating road markings at both A1 junctions. MC agreed to chase this up with BEAR and inform the police. **MC**

Christmas Tree Thanks were expressed to Thor Sondergaard for providing the village Christmas tree and to Ian Logan for organising it. It was agreed that a small gift be passed on to Mr Sondergaard. **GD**

Village Street Signs Ayton Enhancement Group asked if it might be possible to erect more decorative street signs as in several other SBC villages. MC suggested that if funding could be found SBC would manufacture the signs. AEG to deal with SBC directly. It was also pointed out that sign for Eyemouth in the Old Town pointed in the wrong direction. MC agreed to report this. **MC**

Wind Farms A request had been received from some CC members to limit the time that wind farms were discussed at future meetings.

10 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5th February 2013 at 7.30pm in Ayton Community Hall