

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013 in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	<b>JF</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>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>
	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>
	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>
	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>		

The meeting was chaired by RW.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

CPO Kirsty Nash attended. There had been 14 calls for service in the last period and one recordable crime which had been detected and dealt with. Figures have improved since the same period last year.

Scrap items are still being removed from premises without the householder’s permission.

Road checks continue in the A1.

The new national non emergency number for phoning the police is **101**.

Commander Jeanette McDairmid is now in charge of our area soon to be called “J” Division or the Lothians and Scottish Borders Division.

**2 Open Forum**

No business

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Michael Cook (SBC) **MC**, Paul Priestman **PP**

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 5th February were approved. Proposed by PW seconded by JS.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Eyemouth High School Community Litter Project** No representative was now available to attend the CC meeting. A presentation about the scheme is being held at EHS on Thursday 7th March.
- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** RB is still waiting for prices for a commemorative plaque. **RB**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** A liaison group meeting is planned for 14th March.
- **Horn Burn Wind Farm** There was nothing new to report.
- **Peelwalls Corner** The repair to the damaged bridge is due to start this week.
- **Cemetery Water Supply** SBC have agreed to pay 50% of the cost of renewal. It is hoped that the balance can be met with a grant from the SBC Small Grants Scheme. Permission has been granted for the pipe to cross Ayton Castle Estate land. **RB**
- **Shearlaw Road** Ayton Enhancement Group reported that they had been successful in securing funding to replace all the Ayton street signs with new red and white ones. A new sign for Shearlaw Road is to be included in this project.
- **Perryman’s Bus Service to Edinburgh** MC reported that Perrymans are actively considering the request to have a bus return from Edinburgh via Ayton.
- **Potential Small Wind Turbine Development in CC Area** JS, RB and GD met with the potential developer’s agent. Two turbines are planned. The developer is GFW Renewables and the site is at Ayton Mains. A further meeting is planned with the

developers before a planning application is submitted.

- **Berwickshire Area Forum** RB had attended the meeting on 26/2 and reported back to the CC. Minutes will be circulated soon.
- **Bowling Green Direction Sign** SBC is still dealing with this. **MC**
- **A1 Junctions** The north junction has recently been resurfaced and is due to be re-lined soon.
- **Street Lights** The lights, which have been out of action for a couple of months, have recently been repaired, but are on constantly now. **JC**
- **Bowling Green Drain Problems** MC has contacted Scottish Water. No action has been taken yet. **MC**
- **Village Shop Closure** The CC is very concerned that the village now has no shop. The idea of a community buy out was discussed. MCA had attended a meeting organised by BAVS regarding community ownership businesses. It was agreed that a sub committee consisting of MCA, HP, JS and RW consult with the current owner and consider possible ways forward. It was agreed to organise a survey of residents to ascertain people's needs and how much a shop would be used. **MCA  
JS  
RW  
HP**
- **Black Bull Pub** There was no further information regarding the planning application for change of use.
- **Village Christmas Lights** A sub committee consisting of KC, DN, RB and PW was appointed to look into how the village could organise Christmas lights and from where funding might be sought. **KC  
DN  
RB  
PW  
MC**
- **Potholes in Lawfield Drive** MC has referred this to Paul Matthewson at SBC to follow up.
- **Welltower Park** There was nothing to add.
- **War Memorial** SBC is responsible for upkeep and maintenance. NR and RA agreed to take this forward with Stuart Mawson SBC Property Manager. **NR  
RA**

## 6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Fullerton reported that an SBC paper regarding specific planning advice for wind turbines and wind farms was due to be published shortly. This would help CCs respond to applications.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £834.29

Project Account: £616.55

## 8 Planning Applications

- Demolition of flat roof extension. Borders Nursing Home Peelwalls. Supported
- Replacement windows and alterations to garage to provide additional accommodation. Summerhill Cottage, Beanburn. Supported **GD**

Berwickshire Civic Society had offered to advise with certain planning applications if the CC wished. JS agreed to respond. **JS**

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

RAGES N/L

SB Elder Voice

Eyemouth High School – Resilient Communities Presentation – 7/3

LBP Newsletter

SBCCN – Notice of New Office Bearers

Low Carbon Economic Strategy for SB

SBC – Safer Borders N/L

SOS Broadband Project

SBC – Support for Greenlaw Town Hall

SBC – Taxi to Healthcare

SB Warden's N/L

**10 AOCB**

**Beanburn Road Potholes** Several complaints had been received regarding the poor state of the road between the last house and the Jubilee bridge. There was special concern because a Jim Clark Rally stage is scheduled to start on this part of the Beanburn. **MC**

**Ayton Website** GD reported that the village website was based on a now out of date and unsupported design program. The website needs to be reorganised using the more common Content Management System (CMS). GD is investigating the best way forward. **GD**

**Expenses for Meetings** It was agreed that CC members who travel to meetings etc should receive reasonable fuel expenses.

**11 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall