

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 in Ayton Community Hall

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| PRESENT | Kenny Combe | KC | Graham Dolan | GD |
| | John Slater | JS | Dick Noble | DN |
| | Norman Robertson | NR | Margaret Carey | MCa |
| | Paul Wilson | PW | Paul Priestman | PP |
| | Michael Cook (SBC) | MC | | |

The meeting was chaired by KC.

ITEMS

Action

- 1 Police Report**
CPO Kirsty Nash attended. There had been 7 calls for service and no recorded crime over the past two months. Some haulage companies had been advised that the High Street is for access only. There was a reminder that the police should be contacted immediately if vehicles or people are seen acting suspiciously around property. Registration numbers should be noted where possible.
- 2 Open Forum**
No business
- 3 Apologies for Absence**
Rob Weatherston (**RW**), Rob Boyd (**RB**), Helen Postle (**HP**)
- 4 Approval of Previous Minutes**
The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd July were approved. Proposed by JS seconded by MCa.
- 5 Matters Arising from Minutes**
 - **Resilient Communities** Leaflets for all householders had been received from SBC. GD will arrange distribution to houses within the next fortnight. **GD**
 - **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The commemorative plaque has been received. RB to arrange fixing. **RB**
 - **Horn Burn Wind Farm** The application had been rejected by the Scottish Government Reporter. JS was thanked for all his work connected with the joint CCs’ response.
 - **Blackmains Wind Farm** No information. It was agreed that JS would contact Enertag to suggest, in the light of the Horn Burn decision, to suggest withdrawal of the application.
 - **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines** SBC had refused the planning application.
 - **Foulden Hill Turbines** This application is still under consideration by SBC.
 - **A1 Junctions** No meeting with BEAR and SBC had taken place. MC explained about a recently formed group, the A1 Action Group, which brought together various interested parties to push for dualling and improvements from Edinburgh to Newcastle. This group is pushing for lighting at the Berwickshire junctions. It was suggested that Berwickshire CCs should send representatives to A1AG meetings.
 - **Village Shop** The shop had been purchased and reopened in early August. The CC, as were all villagers, is delighted. The CC wished to offer its support to the new owner.
 - **Black Bull Pub** The planning application for change of use is still being considered by SBC.
 - **Christmas Lights** The sub-committee had not met.
 - **War Memorial** Permission has been granted by Ayton Castle Estate, on whose ground the memorial sits, to remove several trees so that the memorial will be clearly **RA**

visible from the road. A sub-committee (RA, RB and HP) is to organise a site visit. It is hoped SBC will provide a direction sign and that the CC, in conjunction with Ayton Local History Society, will be able to organise an interpretive sign explaining why the memorial was moved from its original position etc.

- **Village Website** GD's contact was now unable to develop a new website. The CC is looking for someone to develop a new website using the WordPress CMS system. Quotes had been received varying from £400 to £2,000. KC offered to check a possible contact. **KC**
- **Playpark** No further information.
- **Automatic Defibrillator** GD to follow up with resident whose idea it was. **GD**
- **Flodden Memorial Service** MCA to attend (9th Sept)
- **New Street Signs** These were all in place apart from two in the Old Town where the older cast signs were retained. There had been a request to change one of these to the new design.
- **Floral Gateway Competition** News reached the meeting that Ayton had come second to Coldingham in the small village section.
- **Collapsed Drain Cover in Lawfield Drive** No further information.
- **Strimmer** The situation regarding insurance had not been clarified. The CC had been offered two second hand petrol trimmers.
- **Safer Route to School** The damaged fence had still not been repaired.

6 Councillor's Report

Councillor Cook had nothing to report which had not been covered under other matters.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £1154.86

Project Account: £616.67

8 Planning Applications

- Ash Villa, High Street – replacement windows. The CC agreed to support this application. **GD**

9 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

SBC - Local Community Paths – Maintenance Grant Scheme

SBC Elder Voice N/L

Tweed Forum N/L

RAGES Rag

M Moore MP – Community Fuel Buying Groups

Berwickshire Area Forum (5/9) JS agreed to attend if free **JS**

Berwickshire Community Safety Panel – AGM Notice (9/10)

SBC – Tales from Tweed

SoS Broadband – Quarterly Report

SBC - CC Scheme Review – various .pdfs

SBC – Community News – Home Energy, Scotland

SBC – Keep Scotland Beautiful – Dog Fouling Campaign

SBC – Scottish Government – Towards a Litter Free Scotland

Reston and Auchencrow CC – SBC CC Network Conference (18/9) Request for attendance

SUP N/L

Scottish Ambulance Service – Invitation for people to join SAS Borders Involving People Group

SBC – Marine Scotland

10 AOCB

- **RAGES** NR pointed out that RAGES was essentially an East Lothian organisation with the reopening of Reston station only one small part of its aims. It was agreed to retain membership.

- **Bench Offer** The owners of land south of the Jubilee Bridge had offered a site for a bench near a newly planted wooded area. This would involve the building of a stile and a footbridge over the Horn/Steel Burn and should provide a pleasant picnic area for residents. The owner asked if the CC would provide the bench and materials for the stile and bridge. It was agreed that a site meeting with the land owner should be arranged. (KC, GD, JS).

GD

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st October 2013 at **7.00pm** in Ayton Community Hall