

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

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

The meeting was chaired by RW.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

CPO Kirsty Nash attended the meeting. There had been 5 calls for service and 1 recordable driving crime in the past month.

Several 4x4 vehicles and quad bikes have been stolen recently from insecure sheds in rural locations.

The public is reminded to report any suspicious vehicles by phoning 101 or the Crimestoppers number.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Margaret Carey (MCa) and John Slater (JS)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd September were approved. Proposed by PW seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Resilient Communities Plan** Over 300 questionnaires were distributed in the village and surrounding area and just over 30 were returned. GD to contact SBC to organise a public meeting so that the plan can be shared with residents. There is a need to find a suitable storage area for emergency equipment. **GD**
- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque is ready to be installed. **RB**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** JS had contacted Enertrag suggesting that they abandon the project. They had replied that they were keeping their options open.
- **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines** The planning application is to be reviewed and has still to be considered.
- **Foulden Hill Turbines** The application is now under consideration by SBC.
- **A1 Junctions** It was noted that road markings at the south end slip road were now barely visible. It was not clear whether re-marking was BEAR’s or SBC’s responsibility. It was also pointed out that the main sign at the north junction when approaching from the south erroneously showed the Littledean junction on the right as coming after Ayton junction on the left. MC agreed to take these points forward. **MC**
- **Black Bull Pub** It was noted that the applicant had now withdrawn the planning application for change of use.
- **Village Christmas Lights** The lights sub-committee has still to meet. **Lights SC**
- **War Memorial** A sub committee met with tree contractors and church representatives on site. It was agreed which trees to fell to open the site more. GD to contact SBC regarding a War Memorial direction sign. It was hoped that railings inside the church entrance gates could be painted. GD to contact Ayton Church Board. **GD**

- **Village Website** It was agreed that NE1 Website Design should develop a new village website at a cost of around £350. A sample page would be available soon. **KC**
- **Play Park** Ayton Enhancement Group had negotiated £5000 from the SBC Small Grants Scheme for repairs to the play park. It was not clear what repairs were planned. RB to liaise with Douglas Mallin of SBC regarding the repairs. **RB**
- **Automatic Defibrillator** GD is to meet with the resident who suggested that the village should consider a defibrillator considering that the BGH is 35 miles away. **GD**
- **Battle of Flodden Commemorative Service** MCa provided a full report on the event.
- **Floral Gateway Competition** The CC wished to thank all residents who had helped in any way to smarten up the village prior to the judging.
- **Collapsed Drain Cover in Lawfield Drive** This has now been repaired.
- **Possible Strimmer Purchase** RB is currently in contact with SB Local and is investigating training and insurance issues. **RB**
- **Safer Route to School Path** The fence at the side of the path is still in need of repair. The question of whether it could be lit was raised, but this is unlikely in the current financial climate.
- **Jubilee Bridge Area Bench** There was no further information.
- **Berwickshire Area Forum** JS attended the meeting on 5/9. The minutes for this meeting had been distributed.

6 Area Councillors' Report

MC reported on proposed SBC Planning Committee changes and the provision of a £250,000 Seafood Technology Park at Eyemouth.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £1154.86

Project Account: £616.67

8 Relevant Correspondence and eMails

BCCF AGM – (Thursday 3/10)

SBC – Sources of possible grant funding for communities.

Tell Me Scotland – Update

SBCC Network AGM. The CC selected two candidates from a list of three. **GD**

SES Plan – Strategic Development Planning Authority

SBC – Scottish Civic Trust Conference – Linlithgow – Protecting local Heritage

SBC – Consultation on Review of Licensing Policy Statement

9 AOCB

- **Remembrance Day** NR agreed to purchase a wreath and RW agreed to lay it on the CC's behalf. **NR**
RW
- **Hedge Cutting** The hedge adjacent to the footpath to Peelwalls needs to be cut. RA had contacted the land owner. **RA**
- **Bus Service 253** No reply had been received regarding the CC's letter to Perryman's in November asking if an earlier bus from Edinburgh could call into Ayton. **GD**

10 Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.