

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2013 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Rob Boyd	RB	Dick Noble	DN
	John Slater	JS	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 8 calls for service and 1 recordable crime- a housebreaking - in the past month. If anyone has information on the housebreaking they should contact PC Anderson at Eyemouth police station.

A company called Done 'n' Dusted from Glasgow decided to descend on mass in Ayton, Reston and Coldingham and call door to door in contravention of the NCCZ. The owners of this company have been spoken to but will continue to call in areas covered by the red zone. CPO Nash indicated that the tailored police report for each CC area is about to change. In future, a more general report will be produced which will cover East Berwickshire as a whole.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Margaret Carey (MCa) and Helen Postle (HP)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st October were approved. Proposed by PP seconded by PW.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Resilient Communities Plan** A public meeting had been held. No one was willing to take on the job of village co-ordinator, although some people were prepared to assist in the task. KC agreed to contact all known interested residents and organise a meeting in the hope that someone would volunteer. The question of storage for equipment was discussed. A central site for a storage shed would need to be found. DN agreed that equipment could be delivered to his workshop and stored there in the meantime until such times as a proper store is organised. **DN**
GD
- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque is ready to be installed. **RB**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** No further information was available.
- **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines** The review is to be held shortly.
- **Foulden Hill Turbines** No further information was available.
- **A1 North Junction** There was no information from BEAR regarding the missing HGV sign. Correspondence had been received from Paul Wheelhouse MSP regarding a request to BEAR seeking an upgraded junction. This was unlikely and depended on a certain number of reported accidents. PWh is pursuing the matter with the Transport Minister. **MC**
- **Black Bull Pub** It was noted that the pub is currently advertised as for sale.
- **Village Christmas Lights** The lights sub-committee has still to meet. IL agreed to ask Littledane Farms for a village Christmas tree. **Lights**
SC
IL
- **War Memorial** After discussion it was agreed that the CC would make an application to the SBC Small Grants Fund for a grant to cover the cost of felling some trees around **RA**

the memorial and the provision of an interpretation board. RA to ascertain the cost of tree felling and JS the cost of an interpretation board. There had been no response from SBC regarding the provision of a direction sign.

JS

- **Village Website** The new village website is under development and members had been sent a sample page for comments.
- **Play Park** RB reported that Douglas Mallin of SBC was seeking quotes to replace some of the equipment. It would be late February before a decision could be made.
- **Automatic Defibrillator** GD met with the resident whose idea it was. It was agreed that the project would need someone or an action group to 'drive' it forward. As yet, none can be found.
- **Strimmer** A strimmer has been donated to the CC. There are still insurance issues to be clarified before it can be used for CC projects.
- **Safer Route to School Path** The fence at the side of the path is still in need of repair. MC agreed to follow this up..
- **Jubilee Bridge Area Bench** No meeting had taken place and there was no further information.
- **Peelwalls Meadow Houses** A planned public meeting had been postponed. It was noted that the five houses were now advertised as for sale.
- **Hedge Cutting** The hedge adjacent to the Peelwalls footpath had been cut as requested.
- **Bus Service 253** No reply had been received from Perrymans regarding the request for an earlier bus from Edinburgh to call at Ayton.

RB

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MC

6 Area Councillor's Report

MC mentioned the next Berwickshire Forum meeting on 5th December and the setting up of fuel groups in the area to bulk buy heating oil.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £1097.92

Project Account: £616.73

8 Planning Applications

- Disused Smithy, Old Town - change of use from storage/workshop, alterations and extension to form dwelling house. No comment.
- Moffat House, High Street – extension to dwelling house. No comment.
- Peelwalls House - discharge of planning obligation pursuant to planning permission reference 13/00036/FUL. Some aspects of this application needed to be clarified. JS agreed to contact SBC for further information.

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9 Correspondence and Emails

SBC - proposed Local Development Plan. This is to be discussed at the next Area Forum meeting.

SBC – Neighbourhood Briefing

SBC - National Planning Framework – Consultation

SBC - Election of 2 Berwickshire representatives on SBCCN – A Affleck and L Inglis

SBC – Winter Service Plan

SBC – Review of Polling Districts. Request that SBC investigate whether Alemill would be better served in the Ayton district rather than Coldingham.

SBC – Data Protection Act and CCs' responsibilities

SBC – CC Review. It was agreed that Ayton CC should have a maximum of 12 members rather than 10 which had been suggested.

SUP Newsletter

Police Scotland – Questionnaire – What do we want from our police in the local area next year?

SB Elder Voice Newsletter

10 AOCB

- A request had been received via SB Local asking if a memorial bench could be placed by the clock tower. It was agreed that this could go ahead.
- A suggestion was put forward that the new houses on the High Street be named *Mennon Court* after the Ayton Bard, Robert Mennon (1797-1885). GD to contact SBC to enquire if this would be possible. **GD**
- A request was received from EHS pupil, James Postle, Ayton, for financial support for a youth project he is involved in – a jungle project in Brunei. PP moved that £50 be granted.

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.