

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Helen Postle	HP	Dick Noble	DN
	John Slater	JS	Margaret Carey	MCa
	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 had submitted a report to meeting. It was in the new Police Scotland format and covered all East Berwickshire rather than only the Ayton area. Over the past month there had been 9 calls for service in Ayton, no doorstep callers reported and no recorded crime.

2 Open Forum

No business

3 Apologies for Absence

Rob Boyd (**RB**)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

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

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Resilient Communities Plan** KC reported that Mr and Mrs A McLuckie had offered to be co-coordinators for the scheme on behalf of the CC. A meeting of all those who offered to help with the plan is to be organised soon. Essential equipment had been delivered to Ayton Mill for temporary storage. **KC**
- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque is ready to be installed and should be in place for Christmas. **RB**
- **Blackmains Wind Farm** The proposed project has now been cancelled.
- **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines** Two turbines were approved at the SBC planning review.
- **Foulden Hill Turbines** No further information was available.
- **A1 North Junction** BEAR had agreed to replace and repair missing and damaged signs.
- **Village Christmas Lights** The village Christmas tree, donated by Little Dane Farms, has been erected and lights fitted. Thanks were given to IL for organising the tree. The clock tower lights were ready for installation. **DN**
- **War Memorial** JS reported that good quality information boards would cost around £1,100. RA and JS to liaise and organise a grant application to SBC for tree felling and provision of information boards. RA to supply relevant information for the boards. The work to be done well before Remembrance Day 2014. **RA JS**
- **Village Website** The new village website is scheduled to go live within the next couple of weeks. **www.ayton-village.org** **KC**
- **Play Park** No action is likely until February. **RB**
- **Automatic Defibrillator** Resident Neil Simpson has offered to perform feasibility study on behalf of the CC to investigate options of sourcing and funding an automatic defibrillator placed centrally in the village. The expected initial cost is around £2000,

with an ongoing annual cost of around £50. The CC agreed to support this.

- **Safer Route to School Path Fence Repair** There was no further news. **MC**
- **Jubilee Bridge Area Bench** No meeting had taken place and there was no further information.
- **Bus Service 253** No reply had been received from Perrymans regarding the request for an earlier bus from Edinburgh to call at Ayton. GD to contact Perrymans again. **GD**
- **New Development in High Street** GD had contacted SBC about the possibility of naming the new development Mennon Court, after the Ayton Bard, Robert Mennon (1797-1885), but the name Castle View had already been registered with the Post Office.
- **Peelwalls House** A recent planning application referred to the removing of the care home obligation. This will have no impact on the remainder of the site.

6 Area Councillor's Report

MC mentioned the next Berwickshire Forum meeting on 5th December and in particular the proposed alcohol byelaw.

It was brought to MC's attention that street lights near the RBS were not working. MC agreed to pursue this. **MC**

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £1047.92

Project Account: £616.73

8 Planning Applications

- Arrabury, Beanburn – Erection of Canopy. There was no comment.

9 Correspondence and Emails

SES Plan – Supplementary Guidance

SBC – Berwickshire Area Forum – Agenda etc

Keep Scotland Beautiful – Single Use Carrier Bags – Consultation

SBC – Resilient Communities Video and other Information

Berwickshire Community Safety Panel – Agenda etc for meeting on 4/12

SB Youth Voice Bulletin

Police Scotland – Housebreaking – Request for Information

Home Energy Scotland – Update

Tell Me Scotland – Update

SE Plan – Poor response to Supplementary Guidance consultation

Scotland's People N/L

Wealth Gap Study – Looking for 18-35 year old people in the Scottish Borders for consultation

Glasgow University – Survey re Review of Strategic Development Plan Process

SB – Inspire Awards – Looking for Inspirational Youngsters aged 12-25

SBC - Local Development Plan – Neighbourhood Notification

Commonwealth Games – Opportunity to be Baton Bearers

JS

10 AOCB

Beanburn Noise Complaint A complaint regarding agricultural vehicles travelling along the Beanburn late at night and early morning had been passed to the police. The police confirmed that there was no time restriction regarding agricultural vehicle movement and that it was not a police matter.

High Street RB is arranging a meeting with the developers and Berwickshire Housing Association regarding the area between the Castle View development and 1 Old Town. **RB**

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4th February at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall. There is no meeting in January.