

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>
	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Paul Priestman	<b>PP</b>
	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>		

The meeting was chaired by RW.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

A written report was presented showing 1 call to Ayton regarding concern for a resident. 2 routine stops near Reston and Granthouse resulted in the discovery of substantial quantities of cannabis. A number of road checks on the A1 near Ayton resulting in 4 motorists being reported for various offences

**2 Open Forum**

No business

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Graham Dolan (GD), Margaret Carey (MCa), Michael Cook (MC) {SBC} and Sharon Lackenby (CPO)

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December were approved. Proposed by PW seconded by DN.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Resilient Communities Plan** A draft Resilient Communities Plan had been received. Members were asked to submit any comments on the plan to KC by 15 February. A meeting for those involved in the scheme was still to be arranged. **All  
KC**
- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque is still to be installed. **RB**
- **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines.** Contact has been made by the developers to progress the arrangements for the Community Fund. JS was to meet with Tony Fowler on 5th February to confirm whether or not BAVS would act as fund holder. **RB  
JS**
- **Foulden Hill Turbines** An alternative location for the 2 turbines had been proposed to SBC by the developers
- **Whiterig Turbines.** This application has been refused by SBC
- **A1 North Junction** Bear has approved the design for the missing signs on the A1 which were to be replaced
- **Village Christmas Lights** It was agreed to gift a bottle of whisky to the Littledean Farm for the donation of the village Christmas tree and to pay £25 for the power supply to the lights. RB was discussing with a contractor the provision of a new connection and timer for the lights next year. **NR  
RB**  
The sub group looking at a street light display was to meet to consider options.
- **War Memorial** The cost of tree felling would be in the order of £421. JS with RA would explore the requirements and potential grant funders for the project **RA  
JS**
- **Village Website** The new village website is now fully operational. GD has administrative control of the site for the meantime. <http://.ayton-village.org>
- **Play Park** Work is in hand to replace the climbing frame and repair/repaint the remaining equipment by the end of March. RB was to discuss with SBC possible **RB**

improvements to surfacing. Additional equipment may be provided in the next financial year through the small grants scheme.

- **Automatic Defibrillator** Resident Neil Simpson had contacted local businesses with a request to provide financial support for the defibrillator. Pearsons of Duns had donated £100 and Tesco had offered a date for 'bagging'. It was agreed to suggest approaching Eyemouth Health Centre League of friends for support.
- **Safer Route to School Path Fence Repair** The fence had now been repaired
- **Bus Service 253** There has still been no reply from Perrymans.
- **New Development in High Street** A meeting was to be held the following week with a view to tidying up the development and requesting a donation to Ayton Enhancement Group.

## 6 Area Councillor's Report

There was no report

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £698.03. Payment of £350 for the web site

Project Account: ££716.79. Receipt of £100 for defibrillator

It was agreed to replace the signatories – William Black and Paul Wheelhouse with Norman Robertson and Rob Weatherston

## 8 Correspondence and Emails

Invitation from Eyemouth Scouts to attend presentation on Feb 12. NR to attend if available

**NR**

Veterans' Handbook

Berwickshire Safety Forum

Consultation on Fire and rescue 3 year plan

Customer Forum Review of water charges

Consultation on changes to school week

Withdrawal of Traffic warden service

WOOFS campaign – Pooh bags now available at the Drop in morning.

SBCCN agenda

Clean up Scotland update

Changes to road closure notifications

BHA Stakeholder event

Community Grant scheme

Plunkett Foundation/Community Retailing Network merger

Land use strategy

Referendum debate Kelso

## 9 AOCB

**Rats at Skip.** Noted that the skip had now been removed.

**Street Lights.** A resident had complained about the number of street lights out of action.

Members were asked to advise GD of the street and lamp number of any inoperable lights.

**All**

**Right of Way.** A resident had reported that the path from the top of Tower Road to the bypass had been ploughed. RB to contact SBC

**RB**

**Dog Fouling.** It was noted that there had been an increase in dog fouling since the withdrawal of community wardens. JS to check on the possibility of signs, posters or leaflets to advertise the availability of pooh bags and the requirement for owners to collect dog excrement.

**Solar Floodlight for Flag.** A solar floodlight was available at a cost of £150. It was agreed to contact SBC in the first instance to determine whether or not approval was required. RW to liaise with GD.

**RW**

## 10 Next Meeting

**Tuesday, 4th March** at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.