

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>
	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Paul Priestman	<b>PP</b>
	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>
	Sharon Lackenby (CPO)	<b>SL</b>	Neil Simpson	<b>NS</b>
	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>		

The meeting was chaired by RW.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

CPO Sharon Lackenby attended the meeting and presented the East Berwickshire report. Of note locally there had been bogus workmen in Foulden and residents were asked to keep a watch out for suspicious callers noting registration numbers of vehicles, descriptions and reporting to the police. 2 Farms had been targeted in Coldingham by thieves. Speeding was reported as an issue at the southern end of the village. Sharon reported that the speed gun had been unavailable for a time and that on return speed checks would be an ongoing task. The snares reported in March were an ongoing issue

**2 Open Forum**

NS reported that there had been developments with the defibrillator. RB had received a phone call from Scottish Ambulance Service offering a defibrillator, awareness training and CPR training. Proposed by RB and seconded by PP it was agreed to take up the offer and that NS should contact donors and potential donors with a view to contributions being used for running costs and publicity. It was further agreed that the equipment be located at either the Crofts or the Community Hall as appropriate.

**RB  
NS**

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Graham Dolan (GD) and Margaret Carey (MC)

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th March were approved. Proposed by RB seconded by RA.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Resilient Communities Plan** A meeting for those involved in the scheme was still to be progressed. It was suggested that KC should contact the co-ordinators requesting that they progress the meeting of volunteers
- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** RB had arranged to renew the oak mount for the plaque and was to arrange completion.
- **Ayton Mains Wind Turbines** JS reported Ayton Castle Estate had changed their decision to award the benefit monies for the use of the Ayton community at large and were now donating the funds to the Reston and District Junior Agricultural Club for the education and travel costs of local youngsters.
- **Foulden Hill Turbines** These had been approved.
- **Whiterig turbines** These had been refused.
- **A1 North Junction** The outstanding work had now been completed.
- **Village Christmas Lights** The sub group has not met yet.
- **War Memorial** JS had submitted a written report on progress with the renovation of the war memorial. SBC were to cover the costs of refreshing the lettering, painting the surrounding fence and cleaning up the base. Other work proposed includes some tree

**KC**

**RB**

**Lights  
S/C**

clearance, replenishing the gravel around the monument, light clean of the monument, providing benches, plant hedging around the monument and provision of an information board. Members suggested exploring kerbing around the monument and curved or stone seating. A meeting was to be held with David Robertson with a view to funding the work through the Ayton War Memorial Fund held by SBC. RA, JS and GD to meet with SBC regarding release of the fund.

JS  
RA  
GD

- **Play Park** The old play frame had been removed and it was anticipated that the new equipment would be erected shortly.
- **Bus Service 253** There has still been no reply from Perrymans.
- **New Development in High Street** Development work appeared to have slowed down and there had been no progress on the adjacent garden.
- **WOOFs and Dog Fouling** JS agreed to check on the progress of the promised posters. Members were asked to let MC know of any hot spots in the area that were susceptible to dog fouling. The provision of a bin around the cattery be followed up with SB Local..
- **Clock Tower Spotlights** RB was checking on the cost of fitting a new spotlight along with the time switch for the Christmas Tree
- **Ayton Enhancement Group** NR reported that he had paid for 500 flyers advertising the 'Bootiful Ayton' project and questioned whether the cost was to be shared with the Enhancement group and the Horticultural Society. It was agreed to ask these groups for a contribution of £12 each (one third of the cost)
- **Trees at North End** A replacement tree had been planted.

JS  
GD

RB

GD

## 6 Area Councillor's Report

MC reported SBC had agreed to progress the alcohol byelaws; a number of items relating to Ayton was included in the Roads Asset Management Plan – resurfacing B6355, surface dressing to the Little Dean road and renovating the footpaths at Lawfield and the Reston station had been discussed in 'Private Business'.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £496.26.

Project Account: £716.79 (including £100 donation for the defibrillator)

## 8 Correspondence and Emails

- Scotland Clean Up – It was agreed to organise a litter pick for **Saturday 10th May** at 10 am. Meet in The Crofts car park. IL agreed to speak with Cheviot Trees about removing the hedge supports and ongoing spraying
- Floral Gateway – an entry application had been submitted
- SBC Local Licensing Forum – 7 vacancies were being advertised
- Jim Clark Rally – there appeared to be no routes including Ayton in this year's competition.

IL

## 10 AOCB

**Village Shop** Concern had been voiced that fewer people were now using the shop and the CC was asked to consider if they could help to encourage more use. It was agreed that members consider how the CC could help and that there be an agenda item at the next meeting when it was hoped the store owner could attend.

GD

## 11 Next Meeting

**Tuesday 6 May** at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall for the Annual General Meeting with the normal meeting following at 7.30pm.