

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 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>	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>
	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>
	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>		

The meeting was chaired by JS.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

- 1 Police Report**  
 No CPO was available to attend. PC Richard Toward had submitted a report by email. In addition to the general East Berwickshire report it was noted that there had been 1 call about a dog worrying sheep locally. NR commented on a local press report relating to archery club activities in the area mimicking hunting, with the use of animal posters. As these activities were legal it was agreed not to pursue the matter.
- 2 Open Forum**  
 There were no items for discussion.
- 3 Apologies for Absence**  
 Paul Priestman (PP), Helen Postle (HP), Ian Logan (IL), Paul Wilson (PW), Rob Boyd (RB) and Councillor Jim Fullarton (JF)
- 4 Approval of Previous Minutes**  
 The minutes of the previous meeting in May were approved. Proposed by NR seconded by RW. The minutes should have noted that the cost of a hedge around the war memorial would be met by the Ayton War Memorial Fund held by SBC and that there was concern that the height of the bars on the new play park equipment were generally too high for younger children.
- 5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

  - **Automatic Defibrillator** The defibrillator had been received and is being kept in the community hall until such time as a wall cabinet has been sourced and fitted. Advice had been taken and a new battery was not required at the moment. NR reported that there is £125 in the defibrillator fund. It is expected that around £338 will be forthcoming from the recent fundraiser organised by the ladies of the village. An application had been made to BHA Thriving Communities grant scheme for additional funding. It was noted that the cost of a heated cabinet was in excess of £400 and a replacement battery around £150. ACHA had agreed to organise and to meet the cost of the electrical supply to the cabinet. Neil Simpson is to organise training once the defibrillator is in place. **NS**
  - **Resilient Communities Plan** KC and Susan McLuckie, who has agreed to be RCP co-ordinator, have a meeting planned for Thursday 5th June. **KC**
  - **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque is now ready for fixing. It was suggested that the plaque be fixed to the fence which surrounds the tree rather than the nearby wall. **RB/  
RA**
  - **Whiterig Wind Turbines** An appeal will be considered by the Local Review Body on 16th June.
  - **Village Christmas Lights** The sub group met and are investigating funding for lights on both sides of the High Street in the area around the clock tower. **Lights  
S/C**
  - **War Memorial** There were no new developments. It was hoped that the trees around the memorial would be felled in the very near future.
  - **Play Park** As noted at the last meeting it was felt that the bars on the new equipment **RB**

were too high for young children. There was still an issue with water lying after heavy rain and the banks adjacent still have to be grassed.

- **Bus Service 253** There has still been no response from Perrymans. JS agreed to raise the matter at the Area Forum on 5th June. **JS**
- **New Development in High Street** MC had no news regarding the reinstatement of the pavement. He agreed to pursue this further. **MC**
- **WOOFs and Dog Fouling** Dog fouling posters had been delivered and were available for distribution. WOOFs bags would be supplied soon. There may need to be a charge for these in future. Members commented that the collection of a subscription and the distribution of bags would be burdensome and that a new approach needed to be adopted towards the campaign. JS to advise BASP. **JS**  
**RB**
- **Clock Tower Spotlights** No progress.
- **A1 Signs** It seemed that there was little hope of brown information signs on the A1. It was decided to wait until Ayton Castle changed hands and its future was known regarding visitors. GD to contact MSP Paul Wheelhouse regarding the possibility of service signs on the A1. **GD**
- **Village Shop** The CC reiterated its support for the village shop and recognised its value to the village. Various suggestions were made regarding attracting more customers, especially from the village: a flyer campaign, a press article etc. JS agreed to contact Camelot in support of a National Lottery application. **GD/JS**
- **Church Main Gates** These had been repaired by RA.
- **Extra Litter Bin** SB local had moved an existing bin from the cross roads to the cattery rather than organise a new one. There had been a few complaints about there being none at the crossroads. GD to contact SB Local. **GD**
- **Disabled Parking Places** GD had forwarded an email from SBC explaining why the CC was being consulted about existing parking places.

## 6 Area Councillor's Report

MC reminded members about the Area Forum meeting and explained about a project called The Great Tapestry of Scotland which may be permanently displayed at Tweedbank.

## 7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £436.33

Project Account: £741.85 (including £125 donation for the defibrillator)

## 8 Planning Application

- Dairy Cottage, Tower Road – alterations to driveway and entrance gates. It was agreed that the CC support this application.

## 9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

- **Red Lions** Ayton Enhancement Group has initiated a new project to raise funds to replace the two red lions which were stolen from the village some time ago. A letter seeking support for the project was received. It was agreed to support the project and that a donation of £100 be made to the new fund. (Prop: NR, Sec: KC)

## AOCB

- 10 **Floral Gateway** It was agreed that letters would be distributed to all households seeking their support again this year. **GD**

## 11 Next Meeting

**Tuesday 1st July** at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.