

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	Kenny Combe	KC	Helen Postle	HP
	John Slater	JS	Raymond Allan	RA
	Norman Robertson	NR	Graham Dolan	GD
	Paul Priestman	PP	Rob Boyd	RB
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Dick Noble	DN	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC

The meeting was chaired by JS.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

No police officers were available to attend. A printed report had been received. Current priorities in East Berwickshire are, speeding, drugs use, youths & alcohol and rural thefts. In Ayton, reports included a tree blocking the bridge over the Eye Water, an intruder in a garden and a driver with no MOT.

2 Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

3 Apologies for Absence

None

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting in July were approved without comment. Proposed by PP seconded by NR.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Automatic Defibrillator** The defibrillator is now in place in the community hall vennel. Training sessions are to be organised in the next few weeks. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities Plan** A clash of dates meant that the last meeting had had to be cancelled. Another is being organised in the near future. **KC**
- **Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Oak Tree** The plaque has now been fitted to the wall near the tree.
- **Village Christmas Lights** A letter was sent to residents in properties in the vicinity of the clock tower seeking permission to erect lights. At the time of the meeting 6 from 20 replies had been received. It was hoped that some funding would be available for lights to be purchased for this Christmas. KC to investigate SBC Local Small Grants Scheme. **KC**
- **War Memorial** The memorial has been professionally cleaned and a quotation for painting the railings has been passed to SBC. SBC will lay fresh gravel before Remembrance Sunday. The trees surrounding the monument have still to be felled. It was agreed to explore the possibility of painting the roadside railings using the SBC Local Small Schemes funding. **RA/JS**
- **Play Park** There was still no further information about the high bars on the equipment or the flooding problem. SB Local had been contacted regarding the bank on the north side which needs to be grassed. RB agreed to pursue this. **RB**
- **Bus Service 253** Perrymans indicated that a revised service commenced on 1st September. The bus to Edinburgh leaves at 0906 M-F and returns to the village at 1709. A later bus from Edinburgh will call into Ayton by request.
- **New Development in High Street** SBC had been contracted to reinstate the pavement and the work is now complete. An existing lamp post is now situated towards the centre of the pavement and could cause an obstruction. It was agreed to wait until the houses were occupied before considering this further.

- **Clock Tower Spotlights** No progress. RB to contact electrician. **RB**
 - **A1 Signs** GD and JS met with MSP Paul Wheelhouse regarding the possibility of service signs on the A1. It was agreed to wait until the future of Ayton Castle as a visitor venue was known before proceeding.
 - **Extra Litter Bin** SB Local are not keen to move the litter bin from the cattery back to the crossroads. It was noted that the bin at the crossroads catered for Eyemouth High School pupils waiting for buses.
 - **Floral Gateway Competition** During the meeting news arrived that Ayton had been placed first in the Small Village section. It was agreed that those travelling to the presentation should claim petrol expenses from the CC.
 - **Ayton Law to Jubilee Bridge Right of Way** SBC had coordinated the reopening of the path which has recently been cleared. Signs are still to be erected and some drainage work carried out.
 - **Safer Route to School Path.** Some of the tarmac has broken up and is need of minor repair. MC agreed to pursue this. **MC**
- 6 Area Councillor's Report**
MC mentioned the Berwickshire Area Forum due to be held on 4th September. JS agreed to attend. **JS**
- 7 Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer's Account: £989.89
Project Account: £1125.11 (including £408.19 in the defibrillator fund)
- 8 Planning Applications**
- Alterations and extension to reinstate dwelling house and erection of garage at 1 Prendergust Farm Cottages. It was agreed to support this.
 - Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 3 Lawfield Drive Ayton. It was agreed to support this.
 - Erection of 26 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure on Land North East of Peelwalls House. It was agreed in principle to support the application; however, it was felt that further information on integration with village and traffic management was needed before coming to a decision. JS agreed to pursue this further. **JS**
 - Road Construction Consent Application for proposed housing development on Land Adjacent Peelwalls House. This will be considered with the above application. **JS**
- 9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails**
- A request was received seeking support for Eyemouth Storytelling Festival. It was agreed to donate £30. (RB, PP) **NR**
 - Letter from the new Factor at Ayton Castle explaining that the new owners wish to support the village as much as possible.
 - Letter from John Lamont MSP with application pack for Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal Programme.
- AOCB**
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- It was agreed to purchase a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. **NR**
 - A request was received asking that the footpath at the north end of the village be swept following recent hedge cutting.
 - Overgrown clematis and honeysuckle are now encroaching on the path next to Ayton Primary School on the field side. MC agreed to pursue this. **MC**
 - Concern was expressed at large tractors speeding in the High Street and Beanburn.
- 11 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.