

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

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

The meeting was chaired by JS.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

CPO Richard Toward attended the meeting. Current priorities in East Berwickshire are: keeping safe over the festive period, the reduction of the drink drive limit, targeting of known housebreakers, speeding, drugs use, youth and alcohol and rural thefts. The public are reminded that the number for non-emergencies is 101.

2 Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

3 Apologies for Absence

Margaret Carey (MCa), Ian Logan (IL)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 4th November were approved. Proposed by DN seconded by RW.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Automatic Defibrillator** Two Heartstart training sessions organised by a Scottish Ambulance Service Trainer have taken place, attended by over 20 residents. Another session is planned early next year. The defibrillator cabinet has still to be wired for temperature control. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities Plan** The village co-ordinator, Susan McLuckie, submitted a report. A shed is to be supplied by SBC for storage of equipment which it is hoped can be sited in the school grounds. There are currently no listed volunteers with up to date first aid training. More volunteers under the age of 40 are needed.
- **Village Christmas Lights** JS reported that 70m of blue and white icicle lights had been purchased using £400 received in donations and a £400 SBC grant. These will be fitted on the High Street from the clock tower northwards and on the opposite side from Dalgetty House. A new connection box for the Christmas tree and street lights on the east side has been fitted. When more funding is available it is planned to extend the lights southwards. It was suggested that some village fund raising initiatives should be organised in 2015. It was agreed that the lights would be erected on Sunday 6th December, weather permitting. **JS**
- **War Memorial** The trees surrounding the monument have been felled. SBC still have to provide kerbing, new gravel and a finger post. **JS**
- **Play Park** RB was due to meet with SB Local regarding repairs and improvements to the play park. **RB**
- **Safer Route to School Path.** This is has now been repaired by SBC.
- **Peelwalls Meadow Development** JS, RB and GD met with the developers for a progress update. The application to build 26 new houses is due to be discussed at the planning meeting on 12/01/15.
- **Village Christmas Tree** Little Dane Farms were thanked for providing the village tree as was Ian Logan for transporting and erecting it.

- **Red Lions** The new lions were successfully unveiled on Saturday 15th November. The CC wished to congratulate Ayton Enhancement Group on the Red Lion project. **RB**
- **Commemorative Bench** SB Local has removed the bench for refurbishing before re-siting. **RB**
- **Garden Area to South of New Castle View Development** RB was due to meet BHA and SBC about cutting trees and tidying the area. **RB**

6 Area Councillor's Report

MC spoke about the A1 junctions. A reply had been received from the Scottish Government stating that no major changes were possible at this time. MC will raise the issue again at the next A1 Action Group meeting. It was noted that the A1 south junction needs repainting. The damage to Ayton bridge caused by a falling tree will be repaired properly in the next financial year. In the meantime the temporary barrier will be made more secure. There had been complaints from another CC about there being three flags all the same at the Scottish border. MC sought the views of the CC. **MC**

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £442.59

Project Account: £1000.21, which includes the defibrillator fund.

8 Planning Applications

- Formation of Vehicular Access – Springbank, Beanburn. It was agreed to support this application. **GD**

9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

SBC – Update regarding the Proposed Scottish Borders Local Development Plan

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- **Clock Tower** The clock tower, which at one time was owned by SBC, is now owned by Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) which has full responsibility for it. The tower roof has been leaking and will require permanent repairs. This will necessitate the removal of the flagpole which is no longer fit for purpose. BHA is happy for a new flagpole to be erected but is unable to fund this. Periodic access by the CC is permitted for flag maintenance etc. Connection of the Christmas lights will need to be negotiated with the next tenant. The clock mechanism will be maintained by SBC. **RB**
 - **Ivy on Walls** The new owners of Ayton Castle were commended for removing the ivy from the perimeter walls on the Eyemouth road. A request to remove the ivy on the opposite side of the road is to be made to Ayton Castle Estate. **GD**
 - **Village Website** KC reported that the NE1 Webdesign who designed and helped with the website is no longer developing or hosting websites. If the website is to continue as it is, it will need to be transferred to a new host at a cost of £5 per month. It was decided to leave a decision on this until the next meeting. **GD**

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2105 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.