

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Joan Campbell (SBC)	<b>JC</b>	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>
	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>

1 member of the public attended.  
The meeting was chaired by JS.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**In Memoriam**

Members observed a short period of silence in remembrance of Raymond Allan who passed away on 10 December 2014

**1 Police Report**

There was no police representative present.  
(A report had reached the Secretary who was unable to attend the meeting – details below).  
Current Priorities – speeding, drugs use, youths & alcohol and rural thefts. In December only two incidents were noted – a report of a slip in to insecure property with nothing apparently taken and a report of a family dispute.

**2 Open Forum**

There were no items for discussion.

**3 Apologies for Absence**

Margaret Carey (**MCa**), Graham Dolan (**GD**), Paul Priestman (**PP**) and Michael Cook {SBC} (**MC**)

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd December were approved subject to the inclusion of Paul Wilson in those present and the correction of the date of the next meeting to read 3rd February 2015.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Automatic Defibrillator** The defibrillator cabinet had now been connected to the power supply to enable it to be maintained at a constant temperature. It was to be clarified whether or not the Hall Committee was to fund the connection. **RB**
- **Resilient Communities Plan** The village co-ordinator, Susan McLuckie, was unable to be present to submit a report.
- **Village Christmas Lights** The village lights had received favourable comments. Organisers were asked to consider alternative colours for the lights next year. It was agreed that John Slater and Kenny Coombe would co-ordinate fund raising activities and plans for extending the lights in 2015. Ian Logan was thanked for providing a cage to erect and dismantle the lights and tree. It was agreed to present Little Dane Farms with a suitable gift as thanks for providing the tree. **JS**
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Lloyd Bates to verify what further work was in place to clear the trees and a volunteer squad from the CC would assist in the clearance work if required. **IL**

- **Play Park** RB had met with SB Local regarding repairs and improvements to the play park. SB Local would instigate the work required and check with the suppliers of the equipment whether or not adaptations were available to lower the height of the climbing bar.
- **Peelwalls Meadow Development** The development had been approved subject to conditions at the previous day's meeting of the Planning Committee. It was agreed to seek a meeting with the developers to progress the Community Council interests in the proposed footpath to the village. Checks were to be instigated by SBC on the possibility of a bus stop/lay-by and the extension of the 30 mph speed limit in the vicinity of the development.
- **Commemorative Bench** SB Local had no knowledge of the removal of the bench. They would investigate further.
- **Garden Area to South of New Castle View Development** The necessary work had now been completed.
- **Clock Tower** A quote of £165 + vat had been obtained to replace the flag pole. It was hoped the pole could be erected at the time of the roof repairs without cost. To assist in the consideration of this item the Treasurer's report was considered first. **The Project Account** held a balance of £1000.31 from which £383.46 is ring fenced to the defibrillator.

**The Treasurer's Account** had a balance of £882 with a sum of £263.59 reserved for Christmas lights. **RB**

Following discussion it was agreed nem com to purchase the flag pole.

- **Ivy on Walls** Ayton Castle Estate had declined to clear the walls of ivy; however the work had been carried out by SBC.
- **Village Website** The decision of officers to pay for the new host for the web site in advance of the meeting was ratified. It was however reported that difficulties were still being experienced in managing the site. It was agreed to seek assistance from around the village to make the necessary adjustments to the site **DN**

## 6 Area Councillor's Report

JC reported that there was optimism that sufficient monies would be made available to fund the capital cost of a new station at Reston. The A1 action group were continuing to seek improvements to junctions along the A1, including both the north and south Ayton junctions. The current focus was seeking to get a representative of Transport Scotland to visit the area.

## 7 Planning Applications

- **Disabled Persons Parking.** It was noted that additional disabled parking bays were to be provided at Lawfield Drive and The Crofts (2 bays)

## 8 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

A letter from a resident asking for the minutes of the Council to be placed on Facebook had been acted upon.

## 9 AOCB

- **Defibrillator.** It was noted that the police had been unaware of the presence of the defibrillator at a recent incident. It was suggested that all members should take every opportunity to raise awareness of the defibrillator around the village. **ALL**
- **Quiz Night.** Members were reminded a quiz night was to be held at the school on Friday 6 February to raise monies for the SWRI and School Parent Council.

## 10 Next Meeting

**Tuesday 3rd March 2015** at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.