

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 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
	Ian Logan	IL		

4 Members of the public attended.
The meeting was chaired by JS.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

CPO Sharon Lackenby attended the meeting. Current priorities in East Berwickshire are: speeding, drugs use, youth and alcohol and rural thefts. The public are reminded that the number for non-emergencies is 101.

Local issues in the past month included a suspicious vehicle in Ayton Castle grounds, a break in when money and other items were stolen, two males stopped and searched and found to be in possession of drugs and alarm activations at Ayton Primary School, probably due to a fault. CPO Lackenby reiterated the need to keep houses and out buildings locked at all times and to report any suspicious vehicles by phoning 101.

2 Open Forum

Residents from Whitfield raised the matter of litter and fly tipping problems along the Whitfield road. It was agreed they could borrow the CC's litter pickers and bags and that SB Local should be contacted to uplift larger items.

It was also noted that there is a litter problem at the north end of Ayton where vehicles often park. JS agreed to discuss options with SB Local.

JS

Item 8 on the agenda, *Planning Application for a dwelling house at Whitfield* was brought forward as the residents wished to make some points to the CC. JS declared an interest in this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion which was chaired by KC. After discussion it was agreed that RB would contact SBC to request a longer consultation period and that he would prepare a response for the other CC members to consider. There are issues with the current water supply, the scale of the proposed house and its relationship with adjacent properties. Overgrown lay-bys on the Whitfield road need to be cleared and reinstated before any construction commenced.

RB

3 Apologies for Absence

Margaret Carey (MCA)

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd February were approved. Proposed by RB seconded by DN.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Automatic Defibrillator** A further Heartstart training session is to be organised. GD agreed to make arrangements. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities Plan** A shed is to be erected in the ground of Ayton PS to store items of equipment. There was no further information.
- **Village Christmas Lights** A coffee morning is planned for Saturday 28th March. HP agreed to coordinate this. CC members were asked to publicise it as much as possible and to seek raffle prizes. It is hoped this will raise the profile of the lights project. **HP All**

- **War Memorial** There was no further information regarding provision of gravel and kerbing. JS to contact SBC. The contractor who felled the trees will tidy the site. JS
- **Play Park** There was no further information. RB to pursue. RB
- **Peelwalls Meadow Development** JS, RB and GD met with the developers for a progress update. It is likely work will start later in the spring.
- **Commemorative Bench** The missing bench which was removed from Clock Tower House for refurbishment has still not been located. RB to pursue this. RB
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** SB Local has agreed to supply the flagpole which should be erected in the near future. RB
- **Village Website** David McAskill and GD were thanked for their work redeveloping the village web site so that it functions properly. GD agreed to develop it further and to act as webmaster. GD

6 Area Councillor's Report

MC spoke about the forthcoming Berwickshire Area Forum at which there would be a presentation by NHS Borders. He also explained various aspects of the SBC budget for 2015-2016.

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Account: £664.08, which includes £293.59 in the Christmas lights fund.
Project Account: £1000.31, which includes £383.46 in the defibrillator fund.

8 Planning Application

- Land East Of Northwood House Whitfield – Erection of Dwelling House RB
This was discussed in the Open Forum part of the meeting. See 2 above.

9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails

CC Insurance The new CC insurance proposal issued by SBC highlighted some issues regarding public liability cover and risk assessment. JS agreed to liaise with SBC. JS

AOCB

- 10 • **Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** It was agreed that Ayton take part in the 2015 competition and as winners in 2014; this will be in the Champion of Champions section. It was agreed that the 'Bootiful' Ayton theme be continued in 2015 and that water containers (watering cans, kettles, teapots etc) be added as suggested by Ayton Enhancement Group. GD
- **A1 Action Group** A meeting of the group had taken place to discuss the Ayton and Reston junctions. A report will be produced by Amey indicating what further action is required.

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th April 2105 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall.