

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

PRESENT	John Slater	JS	Dick Noble	DN
	Norman Robertson	NR	Graham Dolan	GD
	Paul Wilson	PW	Rob Boyd	RB
	Kenny Combe	KC	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Ian Logan	IL

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

ITEMS

Action

- 1 Police Report**
The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report.
Current ward priorities in East Berwickshire continue to be: speeding, drugs misuse, rural thefts and antisocial behaviour. There were no incidents to report in the last month.
- 2 Open Forum**
There was a request that the stumps of the recently felled trees near the war memorial be cut further down to more or less ground level and poisoned. It was agreed to check the situation with the Ayton Castle factor. There were already plans to poison the ivy there, but it was not known whether any action had been taken yet.

JS
RW
- 3 Apologies for Absence**
Helen Postle (**HP**), Paul Priestman (**PP**), Michael Cook {SBC} (**MC**)
- 4 Approval of Previous Minutes**
The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd March were approved. Proposed by DN seconded by RW.
- 5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

 - **Automatic Defibrillator** A further Heartstart training session is to be organised by the Scottish Ambulance Service, probably in September. A names list is currently placed in the village shop. **GD**
 - **Resilient Communities Plan** There was no new information.
 - **Village Christmas Lights** JS reported that two properties had agreed to have external outlet boxes fitted to their property. RB to arrange estimates. HP to be asked to organise another fund raising coffee morning in the autumn. **JS**
RB
HP
 - **Play Park** SBC had submitted details of three play items to choose one from. It was agreed that the small see saw was the best option. **RB**
 - **Commemorative Bench** This has still not been located. It was possible that contractors had removed it. RB to check with SB Local regarding a replacement. MCa to contact the donor's family regarding wording on the plaque. **RB**
MCa
 - **Clock Tower Flagpole** RB and DN had inspected the clock tower for the best fixing. DN offered to erect the pole. RB to seek final permission from BHA, the owner of the building. **RB**
DN
 - **A1 Action Group** A meeting of the group was held on 23/6. A draft plan of action has been drawn up. Improvements to the A1 junctions in Berwickshire would be implemented to provide both consistency along the route and safer traffic movement. Fuller details of the plans will be available at the next SBC Berwickshire Area Forum. There was a general view that progress is being made.
 - **CC Elections** The organisation is well in hand with nomination for the new CC due to **GD**

close on 31st July. GD to organise a copy of the electoral roll for Returning Officer, Bill Black.

- **Reston Station** A response had been received from Transport Scotland that reasserted the ministers support for the project, subject to cost, funding and access to the rail network. The timescale for implementation was subject to a number of partners' actions. The price for running the service was guaranteed to 1 December 2018.

6 **Area Councillor's Report**

No SBC councillors were available to attend the meeting.

7 **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Account: £2248.17 (including £1296.00 ring-fenced for Christmas lights) and Project Account: £1000.41 (including £383.19 ring-fenced for defibrillator maintenance).

8 **Relevant Correspondence and Emails**

- **Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** Details for the judging had been received (Wednesday 29th July in the afternoon). It was agreed to organise another litter pick and village tidy up on Sunday 26th at 10.00am. GD to organise. **GD**
- **Berwickshire Civic Society** The 2015 Keep Berwickshire Tidy award was won by St Abbs.

9 **Planning**

- **Peelwalls Meadow** – construction of roads and footpaths. Support
- **21 The Crofts** – extension to dwelling house. Support. The question of access to the site was raised, but it was decided that was a private matter.

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- **Lawfield Drive Car Park** Concern was expressed regarding the surface in the car park in Lawfield Drive. It is not known if the car park is SBC or BHA's responsibility. GD to contact SBC **GD**
 - **War Memorial Information Board** The possibility of erecting a board was left over to the next CC.
 - **Floral Gateway Permanent Signs** The current Floral Gateway winner signs are due to be removed shortly. The idea of the CC organising permanent Floral Gateway signs was left over to the next CC.
 - **Hedge on Peelwalls Pavement** There had been complaints that the hedge adjacent to the footpath to Peelwalls was overgrown causing pedestrians to step on the road. GD agreed to contact the owner. **GD**
 - **Saltire Flag** It was agreed that a new saltire be purchased for the clock tower. **GD**

11 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 1st September 2105 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall. First meeting of the new Community Council.