

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 in Ayton Community Hall

Present:	Rob Boyd	RB	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Kenny Combe	KC	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Dick Noble	DN
	Helen Postle	HP	Norman Robertson	NR
	John Slater	JS	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Paul Wilson	PW		

Bill Black (Returning Officer) chaired the first part of the inaugural meeting of the newly elected Community Council and invited nominations for office bearers. The undernoted appointments were made:

Office	Appointee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	John Slater	Rob Weatherston	Margaret Carey
Vice Chairman	Kenny Combe	Rob Boyd	Dick Noble
Secretary	Graham Dolan		
Treasurer	Norman Robertson	Rob Weatherston	Margaret Carey
Minute Secretary	Isabel Kellie		

Note: it was agreed that the role of Secretary be split in two – Business Secretary and Minute Secretary. The appointees were unanimously agreed.

Following the election of office bearers, the normal meeting took place. JS welcomed all present.

ITEMS

ACTION

- 1 Police Report**
 The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report. Current campaigns include Road Safety, Hate Crime and Doorstep Crime. A report of erratic driving on the A1 north of Ayton had been received. The alleged vehicle had not been traced.
- 2 Open Forum**
 No items for discussion.
- 3 Apologies for Absence**
 Apologies for absence were received from Joan Campbell (SBC)
- 4 Approval of Previous Minutes**
 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2015 were approved, subject to the following amendments:
 - 7 Treasurer’s Account: £2248.17 (including £1296.62 ring- fenced etc)
 - 10 Hedge on Peelwalls Pavement:the hedge adjacent **to** etc
- 5 Co-option of Community Councillor**
 The co-option of Paul Wilson (full member) and Ian Logan (non voting member) would be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

IK

6 Matters Arising

- **Open Forum** – the tree stumps were to be sprayed twice. RB
- **Defibrillator** – training session date(s) to be confirmed. GD
- **Resilient Communities Plan** – Susan McLuckie to be asked about any developments. GD
- **Village Christmas Lights** – cost of street and tree lights was estimated at £1336; power outlets (pub and shop) c. £200 each. £1350 was currently available in CC funds and the October coffee morning was anticipated to raise approximately £250. Private donations would be taken by **NR**. It was accepted that preparations should begin earlier this year, aiming to have the lights checked and in situ before the end of November. GD
DN would check on provision of Christmas Tree. DN
- **Play Park** – see saw should be in place by the end of September. RB
- **Commemorative Bench** – following contact with the family, the potential replacement of the bench was not being pursued.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – a drawing showing the proposed fixing of the flagpole to the roof of the clock tower would be submitted to BHA by the end of this week for approval to proceed. RB
- **A1 Action Group** – JS advised that proposed junction improvements would be presented to the Berwickshire Area Forum meeting on Thursday 10 September. Unfortunately, no CC members were able to attend. Any submissions should be made to JS as soon as possible.
- **Floral Gateway Competition** – the presentations to this year's winners would take place on Monday 14 September. Anyone interested in attending should contact GD. It was agreed to pay expenses to representative from Enhancement Group.
- **Berwickshire Civic Society** – the Annual General Meeting of BCS would take place at Ayton Castle.
- **Lawfield Drive Car Park** – MC would advise re responsibility for tarmac repairs to car park and to Tower Road junction with The Crofts. MC
- **War Memorial Information Board** – It was agreed to ask the History Society to assist with designing an Ayton Memorial Cross Information Board. SBC's Chief Finance Officer would be asked to support funding the Board as an enhancement to the Memorial. MC
JS would pursue the matter of a fingerpost sign. JS
- **Peelwalls Pavement Hedge** - GD reported that the hedge had been cut.
- **Saltire Flag** – purchase of the new flag would await erection of flagpole. GD
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – there was no information on the proposed new path and bridge. RB would pursue with SBC planning officer this week. RB
- **Ayton Bridge Works** – scaffolding had been in place since the end of June. MC would pursue progress report. MC

7 Planning Applications

- **Solar Panels north of Ayton Castle** – some concern was expressed re the visual impact of the proposed installation of 188 solar panels on ground to the north of the Castle. It was agreed to support the application subject to receipt of reassurance on the relationship between the panels and the Grade 1 listed Castle. JS/GD
- **Southbank Extension** – extension to dwelling house. Supported.

(It was noted that BHA had installed solar panels on a house at the

crossroads, with frontage on the conservation area. No planning application had been seen. JF would seek clarification from the Chief Executive.)

JF

8 Area Councillor's Report

- **A Songs of Praise** celebration would be held on 13 September at Duns Parish Church marking The Queen becoming Britain's longest reigning monarch.
- **NHS Access Strategy** paper discussed cross border Ambulance services and dental services in NHS Borders. MC would report.

MC

9 Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Account : £2323.17
- Project Account : £1000.51

Noted that £175 had been collected in the Christmas Lights box in the village shop since April. It was agreed that expenditure proposals would be considered at the next meeting.

All

10 Correspondence

A copy of the RAGES newsletter was available.

11 AOCB

- **Local Access Strategy** – a meeting would take place in Eyemouth on 5 October between 1000 and 1500. All interested parties welcome. All
- **SBC Core Path Maintenance Grant** – a grant of £420 was available to CCs to maintain core paths within their areas. JS would identify costs with Ian Logan in the first instance. JS
- **School Access at Shearlaw Road** – MC would clarify responsibility for grass cutting at the boundary fences between two new houses on the school/playing field access path. MC
- **Litter on Post Road** – DN had noted that significant litter was lying along the Post Road. KC offered to quantify before getting together a collection gang. KC
- **Dog Fouling** – there seemed to have been an increase in dog fouling on the School playing field. Noted that no action appeared to have been taken following previous identification of a persistent perpetrator. MC to confirm policy of reporting to police on receipt of signed witness statement. MC
- **SBC Code of Conduct** – Code needed to be signed by new Community Council. GD would circulate prior to next meeting when it would be an agenda item. GD/IK

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 October 2015 in Ayton Community Hall.

