

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

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

The meeting was chaired by John Slater.

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report. Current campaigns included Right to Ask (Domestic Violence), Beat the Housebreakers, Speeding (high visibility road checks), Drugs, and Rural Thefts. Two incidents had been reported in Ayton in September: an assault in the High Street and RTA resulting in the issuing of an ASBO.

2 Open Forum

No items for discussion.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Joan Campbell {SBC} (**JL**), Michael Cook {SBC} (**MC**), Rob Weatherson (**RW**) and Ian Logan (**IL**)

Co-option of Community Councillors

- 4** • All were in favour of a proposal to co-opt to the Council PAUL WILSON of 27 Lawfield Drive, Ayton, under 4.2b of the constitution. Proposed by JS and seconded by GD.
- All were in favour of a proposal to co-opt to the Council IAN LOGAN of Alemill under 4.2a of the constitution. Proposed by JS and seconded by GD.

5 Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September were approved as a true record. Proposed by DN seconded by MCa.

6 Matters Arising

- **Automatic Defibrillator** - training dates to be confirmed. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities Plan** - JS would ask Susan McLuckie if any progress had been made on the shed. **JS**
- **Village Christmas Lights** - JS would ask Brian Chisholm to undertake electrical work re power outlets at the shop and pub and would liaise with Ian Logan re placement of the lights. The alternative of hiring a cherry picker would cost in the order of £150 to place the same again and remove. **JS**
- **Play Park** - see saw still to be purchased and erected by SBC.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** - RB advised that verbal approval had now been given by BHA. Floodlighting would be reinstated with the flagpole. **RB/DN**
- **A1 Action Group** - JS would contact Transport Scotland (George Henry) to clarify proposed improvements to the north and south junctions. **JS**

Champion of Champions section. Melrose was the overall winner.

- **Lawfied Drive Car Park** - MC had confirmed that the area of carriageway next to the garages is maintained by BHA who have been asked to carry out the necessary repairs.
- **War Memorial information Board** - Ayton Local History Society was to assist with the design of the board. Once agreed, SBC would be asked to release trust funding to support this initiative. JS to chase the matter of a fingerpost sign. JS/MC JS
- **Saltire Flag** - can now be purchased. GD
- **Peelwalls Meadow** - noted that building control issues had stopped work on site. It was understood that the path link to Beanburn had not progressed. JS would contact the developers for clarification. JS
- **Solar Panels at Ayton Castle** - no planning objections so far
- **Domestic Solar Panels (Conservation Area)** - noted that retrospective planning application would be required for the BHA installed domestic solar panels. None received to date.
- **NHS Access Strategy** - patient's postcode seemed to be determining factor for emergency admission location. A definitive report was awaited from the Ambulance Service.
- **SBC Core Path Maintenance Grant** - noted that no works were likely to be undertaken during the remainder of the current financial year.
- **School Access at Shearlaw Road** - MC had advised that, although not adopted, it was likely that SBC would be responsible for any maintenance issues. Advice sought re adoption of the path. In the meantime, arrangements made for control of vegetation, weeds etc and reinstatement of gaps between fence and footpath.
- **Litter on Post Road** - KC reported little litter found. Not a major issue.
- **Dog Fouling** - MC had advised that a forward strategy is being worked up and should be presented for discussion by members in late October.
- **Code of Conduct** - all ACC members present signed a document agreeing to adhere to the SBC's Code of Conduct for Community Councils.

7 Area Councillor's Report

- **Great Tapestry of Scotland** - despite opposition and lack of parking space, SBC had approved plans to house the tapestry at Tweedbank.
- **EBDA** - looking for suitable community enhancement projects for an award. Contact: Mr Cawthorne, Berwick.
- **RAGES AGM** - JF confirmed that the reinstatement of Reston station was looking positive despite a perceived shortage of running stock.

8 Treasurer's Report

- NR reported £3175.17 in the Treasurer's Account of which £2238.62 was earmarked for Christmas lights.
- NR reported £1000.5 in the Project Account of which £383.19 was earmarked for the village defibrillator.
- Agreed that a wreath would be purchased for Remembrance Day. NR
- Agreed that RB would quantify the number and cost of hedge plants to fill the gaps in hedging at the north of the village. RB

9 Correspondence

No particular correspondence has been received.

AOCB

- 10 **Millennium Oak Tree** - NR to investigate growth problems. NR
- RBS Branch Closure** - noted that Ayton Golf Club trophies would transfer to RBS Eyemouth branch. Mobile bank would be coming to the village on the same days as

11 Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 3rd November 2015 in Ayton Community Hall.