

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Kenny Combe	KC
	Michael Cook(SBC)	MC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Ian Logan	IL
	Dick Noble	DN	Norman Robertson	NR
	John Slater	JS	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Paul Wilson	PW		

The Meeting was chaired by John Slater.

ITEMS

Action

1. Police Report

CPO Richard Toward attended the meeting. Current priorities included Road Safety, Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts and Antisocial Behaviour. Two incidents in the village had been recorded in October – a money laundering scam had been reported; and a vehicle had been stopped in the High Street smelling of cannabis. A quantity of drugs had been seized.

Other matters raised with the CPO at the meeting included the justifiable use of front fog lights; perceived early morning speeding by tractors with potato trailers; car parking on pavements.

2. Open Forum

No items for discussion.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Joan Campbell (SBC), Margaret Carey, Jim Fullarton (SBC) and Helen Postle.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 October were approved as a true record. Proposed by PW and seconded by DN.

5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – GD was awaiting contact from D Dickson (Scottish Ambulance Service) re training dates. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities** – No progress to report on the shed. JS to check with SBC. **JS**
- **Christmas Lights** – Weather permitting, it was agreed that the lights would be installed over the weekend of 21/22 November (approx two half days' work). Ian Logan had agreed to help and would have his costs reimbursed. The Hall would be booked for the morning of Friday 20 November to assemble the lights. It was intended to have the tree in place early December before the switch on of the lights on 11 December. Reston Concert Band had been booked for the event. **All**
- **Play Park** – See saw was now in place.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – Colin Young (BHA) had identified possible safety issues with the positioning of the pole on the parapet and had recommended it be bolted instead to outside of the tower. As this would involved the erection of scaffolding, RB would take advice from potential contractors in the first instance. **RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – JS would contact George Henry re Ayton Castle signs which had been removed and directional signage at Littledean. Other road markings were in progress. **JS**
- **Lawfield Drive Car Park** – repairs were awaited. **MC**

- **War Memorial Information Board** – HP would liaise with Bill Black re information content to support funding application. **HP**
- **Saltire Flag** – flag had been purchased at a cost of £84.95.
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – no response had been received from the developer. JS would ensure the architect was made aware of issue re path link. **JS**
- **Domestic Solar Panels (no 3, Old Town)** – no retrospective planning application had yet been noted, despite being raised with the enforcement officer. MC to discuss with SBC Planning Dept as the panels were on a property with prime frontage in the Conservation area. **MC**
- **NHS Access Strategy** – Scottish Ambulance Service report awaited.
- **Core Path Maintenance Grant** – correspondence had been received from the SBC Access Ranger regarding the strimming of a path east of Tower Road to make it more accessible for a walking group. JS would contact the Ranger re any grant availability. IL would speak to the farmer whose land it was. **JS**
IL
- **Shearlaw Road** – it was felt that the gaps between the fencing and school access path continued to present a hazard. MC to investigate. **MC**
- **Dog Fouling** – MC advised that the strategy presented to the Admin Policy Working Group needed some refinement, including clarification of the enforcement approach. The revised strategy should be available early in the New Year. In the meantime, reports of dog fouling should be made to the Police. GD would take further advice from CPO. **GD**
- **Millenium Oak Tree** – advice from Cheviot Trees indicated that the tree should recover after two years. No further action would be taken in the meantime.
- **Remembrance Day** – NR would lay the wreath on behalf of the Community Council. **NR**
- **Hedge Plants** – RB confirmed the need for fill-in hedge plants to the north of the village. A person from Cheviot Trees had advised on suitable mature plants, together with canes and easy wraps. Vic Swain thought the Enhancement Group might help. RB would work up costings for funding approval. **RB**
GD had also drawn attention to the unsightly under hedge growth on the pavements to the north of and opposite the cattery. IL agreed to spray the weeds twice a year. **IL**

6. **Planning Application**

An application to erect a plant room and install a biomass boiler system on land to the north east of Rose Cottage, Ayton Castle was noted and supported.

7. **Area Councillor's Report**

Nothing to report.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

NR reported £1689.84 in the Treasurer's Account of which £803.01 was earmarked for Christmas lights; the Project Account stood at £1000.61 including £383.19 for the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Community Council would give some thought to account expenditure proposals. **All**

9. **Correspondence**

No particular correspondence had been received.

10. **AOCB**

Nil.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 December 2015 in Ayton Community Hall.