

# AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2016  
at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>
	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>

The Meeting was chaired by John Slater.

## ITEMS

## Action

### 1 Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report. National priorities included Child Rescue Alert, the Recorded Police Warning Scheme (minor crimes), Winter Road Safety Campaign and Victim Support Week. Road Safety, Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts and Antisocial Behaviour continued to be Ward priorities. In February, an incident was noted relating to damage to the bridge at Millbank. The driver of the vehicle had been identified.

### 2 Open Forum

No items for discussion.

### 3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Joan Campbell (SBC), Jim Fullarton (SBC) and Rob Weatherston.

### 4 Approval of Previous Minutes

Subject to the undernoted amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2016 were proposed as a true record by GD and seconded by KC:

**Item 8 Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer's Account should read £1654.56 of which £826.92 was earmarked for the Christmas Lights.

### 5 Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – GD would make a further attempt to set up a training session with SAS. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities** – SBC had confirmed that they would repair the shed roof.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – a meeting had been held on site between various members of the Community Council and a representative (C Blyth) from BHA. A number of options had been identified to support the reinstatement of the flagpole on the clock tower. All options were predicated on Ayton CC indemnifying BHA against all possible damage and associated costs. Mid roof options included laying a waterproof base on top of the roof with supporting lead work; or erecting a steel frame above the roof, bolted to the parapet, to hold the flagpole. Both of these options would incur significant structural engineering costs. Alternative and less costly options saw the flagpole bolted to the inside of the parapet wall but at a corner; or fixed to one of the outer faces of the tower although this would lead to access difficulties when the rope/flag needed to be replaced. Strong feelings were expressed about the positioning of the flagpole – some members felt that anything other than reinstatement in mid roof would be unacceptable. HP would research the listed status of the building to see if the flagpole was included in the original listing. JS would take advice on whether the CC insurance would be sufficient to cover BHA's concerns and, with DN, would assess the risks of the project. RB would prepare a costed report on the less expensive options. **HP/JS/DN/RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – still no response had been received from George Henry. MC offered to intervene to try and expedite a reply. **MC**

- **Lawfield Drive Car Park** – JS was reminded to contact BHA. JS
- **War Memorial Information Board** – in progress.
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – JS had replied to Lucy Hoad’s communication. A response was awaited, especially concerning a proposed upgrade of the existing footpath from the new development into the village.
- **Domestic Solar Panels (no 3, Old Town)** - it was understood that a retrospective planning application had still not been received.
- **Dog Fouling** – MC reported that SBC was to work alongside a private company for the enforcement of dog fouling offence penalties. It was hoped that the new arrangements would be in place in line with the doubling of the fixed penalty fine – to £80 – on April 1 this year. In addition, reporting known offenders to the Police was still appropriate.
- **Hedge Plants** – RB confirmed that the invoice for the plants had been passed to NR for payment. Planting would take place when the weather improved. RB
- **Garden Rubbish** – inappropriate dumping of garden rubbish had stopped.
- **Road Surfaces** - MC would raise issues of outstanding works at Shearlaw Road and the Church junction. Works to repair a damaged surface water drain on the road south of Ayton Church had been delayed until week commencing 21 March 2016. MC

## 6. Planning Applications

Two retrospective planning applications were noted:

- installation of 18 No solar panels at Jesmond, Old Town, Ayton. No further information was available;
- installation of 14 No photovoltaic panels at the Hall, High Street, Ayton. (Two CC members who were also members of ACHA declared an interest and left the meeting at this point.) Members noted that the Conservation officer had commented on the neutral impact of this installation and accordingly did not object to the application. However, it was felt apposite to remind members of ACHA that such work was better undertaken with planning permission in place.

## 7. Area Councillor’s Report

Nothing to report. No Community Councillors were available to attend the Area Forum meeting on Thursday 3 March 2016.

## 8. Treasurer’s Report

NR reported £1084.56 in the Treasurer’s account of which £276.92 was earmarked for the Christmas lights. The Project account stood at £1000.71 of which £383.19 related to the defibrillator.

## 9. Correspondence

A letter received from SBC’s Waste and Recycling Advisor indicated that the bottle bank in Ayton was temporarily unavailable for use with immediate effect because of safety reasons. The collection vehicle came too close to overhead electrical power cables to meet Health and Safety standards. It was understood that an alternative location for the bottle bank would be identified soon. In the meantime, alternative sites were available at Eyemouth, Burnmouth and Reston.

## 10. AOCB

A proposal to explore the possibility of staging a summer concert and picnic within Ayton Castle grounds was approved. JS

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 April 2016 in Ayton Communtiy Hall.