

## AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2016  
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>
	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>

Bill Black (**BB**) attended to report on progress with the War Memorial Information Board.  
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 the Air Weapon and Licensing Act: details were given of arrangements for the safe disposal of unwanted air weapons ; Road Safety Campaign (Speeding issues remained a ward priority). Other ward priorities were Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts and Antisocial Behaviour. Three local incidents had been reported – loud drum noise from an address on High St (none noted on police arrival); theft of iPad from Bier Café (no witnesses); damage to lock on car door whilst parked on High St overnight (crime report taken).

#### 2 Open Forum

No items for discussion.

#### 3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Margaret Carey and Jim Fullarton (SBC).

#### 4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2016 were proposed as a true record by NR and seconded by HP.

#### 5 Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** - no progress to report. **GD**
- **Resilient Communities** – JS would ask Susan McLuckie about the shed roof repairs. **JS**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – various work strands had been undertaken since the last meeting but had yielded little in terms of positive progress: the 1999 Listing of the Clock Tower did not include the flagpole; the contractor appointed to undertake repairs to the building was still to finalise costings for the flagpole enabling works; advice on insurance indicated that the CC would have to fund Personal Accident insurance and that property insurance would be difficult to secure other than through BHA. After lengthy discussion it was felt that support for the re-establishment of the flagpole might usefully be demonstrated by a petition. This, in conjunction with detailed costings and a risk assessment, would best inform direct discussions with BHA senior officers. **JS/RB/GD**
- **A1 Action Group** – although George Henry had advised MC that the CC's concerns re signage etc had been reported to the operating company, no apparent action had been taken. It was felt that an overall review of road markings and signages would be useful. **MC**
- **Lawfield Drive Car Park** - conflicting reports had been received on the current condition of the car park. JS and RW would report back to the next meeting. **JS/RW**

- **War Memorial Information Board** – BB presented illustrative boards showing the information gathered so far. Bill was thanked for the huge amount of research undertaken. It was agreed that two A2 sized displays would be set up in the Hall in the meantime for comment. **JS/BB**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – JS had circulated correspondence with SBC's roads manager, Paul Grigor, which seemed to suggest the adequacy of the existing footpath from the development into the village despite previous and prolonged representations to the contrary. Pedestrian safety was still a real concern for the CC. To this end, it was agreed that a site meeting be requested to examine speed related issues and pedestrian safety, especially for children and parents. **MC**
- **Dog Fouling** – if anything, dog fouling appeared to have increased. It was acknowledged that the new arrangements should be in place by June. Reporting known offenders to the Police should continue in the meantime.
- **Hedge Plants** – plants were ready for collection. RB would enlist help from Vic Swain to identify willing volunteers to help with the minor earthworks and planting. **RB**
- **Road Surface Works** – it was noted that work had started today (5 April) to repair the damaged surface water drain south of Ayton Church.
- **Planning Applications** – retrospective approval had been given for the Community Hall solar Panels; JS would remind SBC's Planning Department that further information was awaited on the solar panel installation at Jesmond, Old Town. **JS**
- **Bottle Bank** – JS would contact Viridor to ask for a timescale for replacement of the village Bottle Bank and reinstatement of the stockade. **JS**
- **Ayton Castle Summer Concert** – JS was to meet with representatives of the Castle this week. It was noted that Live Borders was happy to engage with the organisation of the event. There would be no tea tent. **JS**

## 6 Planning Applications

None noted.

## 7 Area Councillor's Report

MC advised that SBC had let its ICT contract which was worth £22m over the next five years. It was noted that collaborative working was being entered into with other Local Authorities on road condition issues.

## 8 Treasurer's Report

NR reported funds of £337.11 in the Treasurer's Account and £1241.71 in the Project Account. The latter included sums of £383.19 for the defibrillator and £241.00 for the Christmas Lights.

## 9 Correspondence

GD had circulated correspondence regarding the Floral Gateway Competition 2016. Subject to agreement from the Enhancement Group, it was agreed to support Ayton's entry. A date for the annual village clear up would be agreed at the next meeting.

JS had received a request for financial support from a school pupil who lives in the village and who wishes to travel to Cambodia with Camps International. He needed to raise £3000 for inclusion on the venture. It was believed that he was not the only pupil trying to raise funds for this and that it would be appropriate to encourage joint fund raising events for which Ayton Community Hall fees would be paid by the CC, up to a maximum of £50. This proposal was moved by RB and seconded by IK.

## 10 Date of Next Meeting

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of Ayton Community Council would be held at **6.45pm** on Tuesday 3 May 2016 in Ayton Community Hall, and would be followed by the normal Community Council meeting at 7.00pm.