

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2016
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Dick Noble	DN
	Helen Postle	HP	John Slater	JS
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Paul Wilson	PW

Two members of the public were in attendance. 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 launch of a campaign to remind people of the appropriate use for 101 and 999 numbers and a reminder of the current Air Weapon Surrender campaign. SBC and 3GS had teamed up to put Wardens on the streets to deal with dog fouling and litter offences. Ward priorities were unchanged ie Road Safety (Speeding), Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts and Antisocial Behaviour. One local incident had been reported – a male was stopped whilst driving along Ayton High Street. The vehicle appeared to be smelling of cannabis and a personal amount of the drug was recovered. A formal Police warning was issued.

2 Open Forum

Two members of the public attended to express concern about SBC's criteria for entitlement to subsidised transport for Ayton children attending Eyemouth High School and, especially, about the designated 'safe' pedestrian route which SBC had described to parents affected by the criteria. The 'safe' route appeared to involve crossing the A1. It was acknowledged that similar issues had been raised in previous years but that SBC had not wavered in application of their criteria. However, JF agreed to pursue the matter with John Dellow, SBC, in the first instance. **JF**

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Margaret Carey and Michael Cook (SBC).

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

Subject to the undernoted amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2016 were approved as a true record by GD, seconded by RB:

Clock Tower Flagpole – RB had met with Colin Dumma (not Turner, as minuted).

5 Treasurer

The meeting noted the resignation of the Treasurer, Norman Robertson, with immediate effect. JS reminded the meeting of a constitutional requirement for each Community Council to appoint a Treasurer who did not necessarily have to be a full member of the Council. No nominations were received. Members were asked to consider the matter carefully for resolution at or before the July meeting. **ALL**

6 Matters Arising

- **Beanburn Traffic Speed** – in view of complaints received about the speed of traffic, especially farm vehicles, up and down Beanburn, the CPO had been asked to advise on the implications of 20 mph advisory notice.
- **Defibrillator** – no training date(s) had yet been identified. Up to 20 people were awaiting training.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** - RB reported that the BHA-commissioned structural inspection had recommended against fixing the flagpole to an external wall. A preferred solution was to attach

the pole through the roof to an internal wall. RB had been asked to undertake a detailed survey and report back to Alex Forrest at BHA. It was also confirmed that any associated funding could be sought on application to BHA. The Meeting was pleased to wholeheartedly support this solution to see the flagpole reinstated on the Clock Tower roof. It was noted that JS had written to the CEO of BHA but had received no reply to date. RB was thanked for his considerable input. **RB**

- **A1 Action Group** – no apparent progress had been yet made on any of the outstanding issues.
- **War Memorial Information Board** – following receipt of some favourable comments, final adjustments were being made to the information boards. Advice would then be taken on siting options and costings to support access to funding. **Bill Black/HP**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – following discussion at the last meeting, MC had contacted appropriate SBC officers about a site meeting to look at speeding issues along the Peelwalls section of the B6355 but had received no meaningful response. It was agreed to ask MC to pursue this matter especially in the context of Safe Routes to school: in the absence of a service bus, children living in Peelwalls Meadow would have to walk along this road. Consideration should be given to making the footpath safer and to extending the current speed limit boundary. **MC**
- **Hedge Plants** – progress with planting remained slow. More volunteers were needed. **ALL**
- **Bottle Bank** – JS was meeting later this week with Christina Falconer, SBC, to review two options for resiting the bottle bank: the cul de sac at the end of the Crofts and a piece of wasteland off Lawfield Drive. Other options might include RBS car park and the bottom end of Station Road (Cocklaw). RB agreed to contact the Allan family regarding the possible use of part of the disused site at the Cattery. **JS/RB**
- **Ayton Castle Summer Concert** – JS advised that he was awaiting approval of a grant from SBC to support the summer concert. In the meantime, it was noted that the St Abbs Market Craft stalls were interested in setting up at the concert and that four bands had been secured. The church would allow use of the car park for overspill traffic and would also be open for access to visitors. **JS**
- **Floral Gateway Competition** – GD confirmed that Ayton's application had been submitted and that an informative newsletter would be distributed to all households. A litter pick would be organised nearer the time. **GD**
- **Play Park Goal Area** – IK agreed to email Daren Silcock regarding concerns about the ground surface at the goal area. **IK**
- **Resilient Communities** – it was noted that repairs to the shed roof had not yet been undertaken. JS would contact Susan McLuckie. **JS**
- **Solar Panels** – it was noted that retrospective planning permission for the solar panels installed at No 3 Old Town would be sought by the Contractor.

7 Planning Applications

None noted.

8 Area Councillor's Report

JF reported on SBC's continuing support for the reopening of Reston Station (subject to funding); an investigation into the possibility of a Berwickshire flag; waste management strategy; an alternative site for the housing of the Tapestry (old Post Office building in Galashiels).

9 Treasurer's Report

None available for this meeting. See item 5 above.

10 Correspondence

None to report.

11 RAGES Membership

It was agreed to support the CC's continued affiliation to RAGES. A membership fee of £10.00 would be submitted on the appointment of a new treasurer.

12 Date of Next Meeting

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