

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Ian Logan	IL	Dick Noble	DN
	Helen Postle	HP	John Slater	JS
	Rob Weatherston	RW		

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 the Public Policing Campaign to promote and engage the public in the new consultation process and the Festival Safety Campaign with timely information for the public on attending summer festivals. Ward priorities were unchanged: Road Safety (speeding), Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts and Antisocial behaviour. No reports of local incidents had been received.

2 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Michael Cook (SBC).

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 2016 were approved as a true record by RW, seconded by RB.

5 Matters Arising

- **School Transport** – JF (SBC) had been in contact with various Council officers regarding the school transport issues raised previously by two members of the public. Discussions were on-going but JF was hopeful that progress would be made before the start of the new school year. It was noted that an open Bus Transport question and answer session had been arranged for a Wednesday 'Drop In' (21 July) which might also be a useful forum for concerned parents to attend. **JF**
- **Treasurer** – Maureen Anton had agreed to undertake the role of Treasurer, following the resignation of the previous incumbent. Mrs Anton would not be a full member of the Community Council but would be added to the list of authorised signatories. The Council approved this arrangement. **GD**
- **Beanburn Traffic Speed** – JS would pursue concerns with the CPO. **JS**
- **Defibrillator** – as the Ambulance Service had not yet been able to provide any training dates, it was agreed that Dr Cooksey would be approached to see if he could help. **GD**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – RB was progressing the agreed positioning of the pole with the structural engineers. It was agreed that information regarding the reinstatement of the flagpole would be placed in the Berwickshire News and the Ayton Village Facebook page to ensure the cessation of supporting letters being sent to the CEO of BHA. **GD**
- **A1 Action Group** – unfortunately, no notification had been received about the latest meeting which was understood to have taken place in Haddington. JS would contact the Convenor for an update. **JS**
- **War Memorial Information Board** – JS had had approval of the basic designs. Costings

- **Peelwalls Meadow** – JS would remind MC (SBC) to pursue the option of a site meeting to consider on-going concerns about safety issues on this stretch of the B6355. **JS**
- **Hedge Plants** – as previously reported, progress was slow with more volunteers needed. **ALL**
- **Bottle Bank** – communication from the SBC Waste Operations Assistant advised that Ayton Castle estates had not approved the suggested site (at 30mph sign to the south of the village) for the replacement Bottle Bank. A map showing other possible options had been requested by Christina Falconer, SBC. RB would provide. **RB**
- **Ayton Castle Summer Concert** – JS reported on final arrangements for the concert. It was noted that Reston CC had contributed £100 to the event. St Abbs Friday Market stall holders would set up in one of the marquees with an ice cream stall outside from Eyemouth. MCa and IK agreed to organise a Tombola. **JS/MCa/IK**
- **Floral Gateway** – a newsletter about this year's competition had been distributed to all households in the village. The date of the judging day had not yet been announced. **GD**
- **Play Park Goal Area** – IK would pursue this matter. **IK**
- **Resilient Communities** – JS would endeavour to undertake the required repairs to the roof of the shed. **JS**
- **Solar Panels** – no progress had been noted with the anticipated retrospective planning application. JS would write to SBC's Director of Planning for clarification on enforcement of the current planning rules. **JS**

6 Planning Applications

Two Planning Applications were noted and supported:

- External alterations to no 33 High Street, Ayton;
- Former Garden Centre, Ayton Castle Estate: change of use, reinstatement and alteration to form artisan butchery and smoke house with retail and training facilities.

7 Code of Conduct

Adoption of the Code of Conduct for Community Councils was proposed by GD and seconded by HP.

8 Area Councillor's Report

JF reported on discussions re high speed Broadband, parking issues (to be monitored following the withdrawal of the wardens), household glass collection, progress with road repairs and a reduction in the number of new houses to be built under the local development plan. Concern was expressed about resettlement of a repaired culvert between Prendergest and the Whiterig road end. JF would pursue with Paul Mathieson. **JF**

9 Treasurer's Report

Statements were available covering the short period prior to the adoption of the arrangement for the new Treasurer. Reports would be made at the next meeting. **GD**

10 Correspondence

None to report.

11 Any Other Competent Business

None raised.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 September 2016 in Ayton Community Hall.