

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	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 (JS).

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report. Campaigns and priorities remained unchanged. Four incidents of note had been reported: a complaint of noise/antisocial behaviour from an address in Lawfield Drive (reported to Berwickshire Housing Association); a vehicle stopped by the police was found to be uninsured (vehicle seized and driver reported for summons); two single vehicle accidents near the Prendergest junction of the B6355 (no offences, one report of minor injuries). The CPO would be contacted to determine if the B6355 accidents would have any bearing on concerns about foot traffic on the path from the new Peelwalls Meadow development.

JS

2. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Michael Cook (SBC), Jim Fullarton (SBC) and Trevor Smith (TS).

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 October 2016 were approved. Proposed by GD and seconded by RW.

5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – dates for training were under negotiation. **GD**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – RB confirmed that BHA had approved the method of flagpole reinstatement recommended by the Consultant Engineer. It was noted that there was some disquiet in the village about the perceived delay in progressing this modest scheme.
- **A1 Action Group** – no progress had been made on outstanding signage concerns.
- **War Memorial Information Board** – a response was awaited from the Church about the proposed siting of the two A0 boards. It was noted that submission of the Planning Application would incur a charge of £130. **JS/RB**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – vegetation on the footpath had yet to be scraped back. **MC**
IL advised that all attempts to contact David Liddell-Granger direct had been stymied. It was now considered unrealistic to further pursue purchase of the tract of land which might have enabled construction of a safer footpath to the village.
- **Bottle Bank** – it was noted with concern that a response was still outstanding from the owner of the land adjacent to the Cattery (David Allan).
- **Ayton Castle Summer Concert** – JS and TS had met. At this stage, it was intended that the 2017 concert would take place on the penultimate Sunday in July. Arrangements would be progressed in the new year. **TS/JS**
- **Solar Panels** – Lucy Hoad/Ian Aikman would be asked to respond to the CC's enquiry about retrospective planning permission for solar panels installed at 3 Old Town. **JS**

- **BT Phonebox** – no response had yet been received regarding the proposed removal of the public phonebox in the village.
- **Christmas Lights** – it was agreed that the lights would be installed sometime during the week commencing 19/20 November. JS would drop a note to High Street households to this effect. GD had dug out the Christmas Tree site – advice was needed on improving the stability of the base. **JS**
- **Ayton Bus Service** – Perryman's had confirmed that, as from 12 December 2016, Ayton would be serviced with two return journeys from Edinburgh: one at 1510 and the other at 1715. This news was welcomed.
- **Remembrance Day Wreath** – JS agreed to lay the Community Council wreath at the Remembrance Day service. **JS**

6. Planning Applications

None noted.

7. Area Councillor's Report

No Councillors were present at the meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Maureen Anton. The Treasurer's Account stood at £1044.11 and the Project Account at £1242.12. It was accepted that there was a need for both accounts to be scrutinised in the near future with a view to considering rationalising the two. IK and HP would undertake this exercise in the new year. **IK/HP**

9. Correspondence

GD had information about the SES Strategic Development Plan – available for perusal.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Jubilee Oak Tree** - IK had received two representations from residents in the village about the Jubilee oak tree in the playing field. It was felt that the tree had not grown and was showing little signs of life. A suggestion to replace the tree with an evergreen oak (no autumn leaf drop) was noted. IK agreed to obtain comparative costs in the first instance. **IK**
- **Hens in the High Street** – JS would speak to one of the village's newer residents about reports of chickens wandering the High Street and causing some concern for their safety. **JS**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 December 2016 in Ayton Community Hall.