

# AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2016  
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	John Slater	<b>JS</b>
	Trevor Smith	<b>TS</b>		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater (JS). One member of the public attended.

## ITEMS

## ACTION

### 1. Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report. The report had previously been circulated to all CC members. Current campaigns included an online stalking reporting form; counter terrorism week to raise awareness of the threat of terrorism; festive safety message; air weapon applications; child rescue alert mobile text notifications; results of the policing survey April – September 2016; and public policing consultation campaign. Ward priorities remained unchanged – road safety (speeding), drugs misuse, rural thefts and antisocial behaviour. Incidents of note for the Ayton area included 3 reports of hare coursing, a report of excessive mud on the road between Cocklaw farm and the railway bridge, a fallen tree on the A1 just north of Ayton, a fire at the new Peelwalls Meadow development, damage to a parked vehicle on Ayton High Street and a fallen tree at Milbank.

### 2. Open Forum

John Atkinson, Hemelvaart Bier Café, attended to seek support for an initiative “The Pub is the Hub”. Funding is available from SBC to promote activities of mutual benefit to the pub and the local community. John was interested in any suggestions the CC might have in this regard and also to secure support from the CC in the form of a letter to accompany a funding application. Suggestions included better facilities for cyclists (bike stand, stirrup pump etc), tourist information point and book exchange. It was agreed to offer general support for this initiative in terms of publicity (Berwickshire News, EBLiving) and through contact with appropriate SBC officers. It was noted that **TS** could source reconditioned laptop computers should the introduction of an internet café be supported.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Margaret Carey (MCa), Michael Cook (SBC), Jim Fullarton (SBC), Ian Logan (IL) and Rob Weatherston (RW).

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2016 were approved. Proposed by **GD** and seconded by **RB**.

### 5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – before exploring alternative options for training, **RB** would contact Colin Baxter (SAS) in a final attempt to secure training dates from the Ambulance Service. **RB**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – **GD** was to contact BHA re repairs to the clock and would use that opportunity to issue a reminder about the flagpole. In the meantime, it was noted that Colin Young (BHA) was yet to confirm a date for remedial works to the tower although the reinstatement of the flagpole was not dependent upon those works being completed. **GD/RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – it was agreed that John Lamont and Paul Wheelhouse should be appraised of on-going concerns about delays in resolving signage issues. **JS** would coordinate the communication to the MSPs. **JS**
- **War Memorial Information Board** – Church approval had been given for the siting of the boards. Planning permission would be sought early 2017.

- **Peelwalls Meadow** – it was intended to write to David Liddell-Grainger in person regarding the abortive footpath proposal. **IK** would contact Daren Silcock re scraping the footpath clear of vegetation. **JS/IK**
- **Bottle Bank** – it was noted that the land at the Cattery was now earmarked for housing.
- **Ayton Castle Summer Concert** – it was noted that **TS** had had a preliminary meeting with the Castle owners regarding the 2017 Summer Concert. **TS**
- **Solar Panels** – **JS** would include SBC councillors in a written reminder to Lucy Hoad/ Ian Aikman about the lack of their response to the vexed issue of retrospective planning permission for the solar panels. **JS**
- **BT Phonebox** - it was understood that SBC was responding to BT's proposals.
- **Christmas Lights** – thanks were recorded to Ian Logan and all who helped with the installation of the tree and Christmas lights and with the 'switching on' ceremony, which had been well attended. £170 had been spent on additional tree lights and on selection boxes for the school children who sang that afternoon. £50 was also donated to the Reston Concert Band. Any potential changes to the existing provision of the lights would be reviewed in the new year.
- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – **JS** would confirm the offer of a free oak tree with Reston Community Company. **JS**
- **Hens in the High Street** – it was reported that the hens had now been secured.

## 6. Planning Applications

Applications for the undernoted proposals were supported:

- Works to trees at the Old School House and at Grianan, both High Street, Ayton;
- (Retrospective) 1 – 4 Ayton Mains, Eyemouth – internal and external alterations; and alterations to form two dwelling houses from four; and installation of oil storage tanks. In confirming the CC's support for these proposals at Ayton Mains, **GD** would ask the Planning Department to be mindful of traffic safety issues with regard to site access and egress. **GD**

## 7. Area Councillor's Report

Nothing to report.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

**GD** presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Maureen Anton (**MA**). The Treasurer's Account stood at £1141.32 and the Project Account at £1405.31. It was agreed that **MA** would be asked to present a proposal for consolidation of the accounts, together with the financial report, at the March meeting of the CC. **IK/MA**

## 9. Correspondence

SBC had issued a Public Consultation document on Draft Supplementary Guidance: Housing.

## 10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Traffic speeding in Old Town** - following complaints, a site meeting had been arranged, attended by **JS, DN, MC** and a representative from the Roads Department. Various proposals were considered: relocation of flashing speed and 30 mph signs; making the entrance to the village more prominent (flower bed, tidier verges, better name sign to include Please Drive Carefully etc); improving the parking bay markings. Affected residents would be asked if they were able to assist with any of the proposals such as flower bed and verge maintenance. **JS/DN**
- **Abundant Borders** - funding had been approved to begin work on the Community Garden at Summerhill Park in January 2017. A public presentation was planned before then.
- **Safer Routes to School** - **PW** advised that repairs had been completed.
- **Fly Tipping at Tree** - **HP** agreed to have a word with the suspected perpetrator. **HP**

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

There was no January meeting of the Community Council. The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 February 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.