

## AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2017  
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	<b>JF</b>
	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>
	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Trevor Smith	<b>TS</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater (JS). CPO Richard Toward (RT) was in attendance.

### ITEMS

### ACTION

#### 1. Police Report

RT spoke to the CPO's report which had previously been circulated to all CC members. The focus of the current campaign was a crack down on uninsured drivers. Ward priorities remained unchanged – road safety (speeding); misuse of drugs; rural thefts; and anti social behaviour. The problem of hare coursing in the Berwickshire area was on-going: reports of any known sightings were welcomed by the Police, especially if advice could be given regarding the car and registration no., the number of people involved and the type of dog. The only other incident of note concerned the removal of a fallen tree which had been blocking the B6355 Ayton to Chirnside road.

#### 2. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

#### 3. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

#### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was noted that DN's apologies for absence had been omitted from Item 3. With that amendment the Minutes were approved. Proposed by GD and seconded by KC.

#### 5. Matters Arising

- **'The Pub is the Hub'** - MC would advise on SBC contacts for this initiative. **MC**
- **Defibrillator** – there was general discussion around the continued lack of formal training on use of the defibrillator although it was noted that the box itself contained comprehensive instructions. However, it was thought useful if other East Berwickshire CCs could be contacted to find out if and how they had secured training. **GD**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – RB had met with BHA's Colin Young who confirmed that they were happy that the flagpole be reinstated ahead of any remedial works to the building and that the cost would be met either in part or in full by BHA. RB was in the process of obtaining costs. **RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – JS advised that the next meeting of the group would take place on 27 March. John Lamont and Paul Wheehouse had agreed to help resolve the CCs outstanding issues and concerns.
- **War Memorial Information Board** – JS would pursue planning permission for the installation of the boards. **JS**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – GD had been unable to find an address for David Liddell-Grainger, owner of Ayton Estate. It was agreed that personal letters be sent c/o his mother (whose address was known) and to the Estate factor asking if he would reconsider his decision such that a direct pedestrian link to the village would be created. As no response had been received, it was agreed to further pursue information about the most appropriate address to write to Mr Liddell-Grainger

direct. In the meantime, **IK** would pursue the issue of the path vegetation with Daren Silcock.

**JS/IK**

- **Summer Concert** – **TS** advised that Sunday 23 July had been earmarked for the Summer Concert at Ayton Castle. He and **JS** would be discussing arrangements with the Castle factor, Simon Jones. Cheviot Marquees had already been approached. **TS** would suggest a budget for consideration at the next meeting in order that project funds could be allocated. **TS/JS**
- **Solar Panels** – this matter (3 Old Town) had now been referred to the Enforcement Officer at SBC following Lucy Hoad's confirmation that no planning application (retrospective or otherwise) had been submitted. A response to Ms Hoad's email, giving some reassurance of appropriate action, was awaited from Alan Gueldner/Peter Green. **MC** would ensure that he was copied in to this correspondence. It was noted with concern that solar panels had now been installed at no 8 Old Town (a BHA-owned property), again apparently without recourse to planning regulations. **JF** would pursue with BHA. **JF**
- **BT Phonebox** – it was reported that calls from the phone box in the village can be made using a normal Credit Card. **JS** would ask for a progress report on BT's proposals. **JS**
- **Christmas Lights** – **JS** reported on expenditure associated with the 2016 display, including electricity/power point costs and a gift for the supplier of the tree. Ian Logan was thanked again for his enabling works. Any proposals for increasing/extending the current lights display should be submitted to **JS** in the first instance.
- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – confirmation was awaited from Reston Community Company on the release of funding for the Penmanshiel replanting scheme.
- **Traffic Speeding (Old Town)** - **MC** and **JS** reported disappointing responses from residents to the proposals raised following the site meeting. No further action would therefore be taken at this time.
- **Abundant Borders** – it was understood that 24 trainees had been recruited for this project. Skilled trainers were also sought.

## 6. Planning Applications

Applications for the erection of Dwelling Houses in Tower Road (on land south of Lynnfield House and north east of Rokeby) were discussed. It was noted that these were lapsed approved applications whose renewal was now being sought. Any construction at Tower Road would involve access, parking and turning restrictions. Drainage and utilities issues also had to be considered. It was agreed, therefore, that qualified support be offered for these applications.

Applications for work at Peelwalls North Lodge, now downgraded to change of windows/door, were supported. **GD**

## 7. Area Councillors' Report

**JF** reported on significant progress with Reston Station proposals. SBC had now committed £2.8m to the development with a start date of 2021.

**MC** reported on SBC budgetary pressures. None of the Scottish Government's capital/revenue increases had been passed on to councils/local authorities. This pressure would be reflected in the forthcoming budget which would include Council Tax increases for the first time in many years.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

**GD** presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Maureen Anton (**MA**). The Treasurer's Account stood at £788.63 and the Project Account at £1242.27. Ringfenced monies and their purpose would be identified at the March meeting. **MA**

## 9. Correspondence

Correspondence received included

- SBC – Draft Supplementary Guidance on Renewable Energy
- RAGES Information Leaflet
- CC Insurance Cover – Proposals had been accepted. Insurance cover for the Summer Concert would need to be added once details were finalised

- Community Fundraising – a request to raise support for some local fundraising projects by attendance at a CC meeting was considered. It was agreed that a more appropriate outlet might be a stall (at no cost) at the Summer Concert.

**10. Any Other Competent Business**

- Complaints had been received about the road surface at the B6355 junction and north towards Ayton Castle South Lodge. **IK** would write to Daren Silcock. **IK**

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 March 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.