

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Margaret Carey	MCa
	Kenny Combe	KC	Michael Cook (SBC)	MC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Postle	HP	Dick Noble	DN
	Trevor Smith	TS	Rob Weatherston	RW

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe (**KC**).

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report which had been circulated previously to all CC members. Current campaigns related to Action Counter Terrorism, launched following the recent tragic events in London; and the results of the Your View Counts survey which identified local divisional priorities as anti-social behaviour and disorder, homes being broken into, drug dealing/misuse/, violent crime. Ward priorities remained unchanged. There were no reported local incidents.

2. Open forum

Nothing to report.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Fullarton (**JF**) and John Slater (**JS**).

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Item 10 – change Prendergest to Prenderquest. With that amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2017 were approved. Proposed by **HP** and seconded by **MCa**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – SAS had indicated that they were exploring dates in April/May for training. **GD**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – costs for fabrication (£570) and installation (£1100) of the flagpole had been submitted to BHA for approval. **RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – nothing to report.
- **Wall Memorial Information Board** – **RB** advised that he had done preliminary work for a drawing to support the planning application. **RB**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – other than pursuing a response from the Ayton Estate Factor, it was noted that works to improve the footpath were still to be undertaken - SBC (scraping back of vegetation) and works to the path from Peelwalls Cottage to the Old Manse which had been agreed with the Developer. **GD/IK/JS**
- **Summer Concert** – it was agreed to retain the provisional date of 23 July for the Castle Concert even though this was also Herring Queen Sunday. It was reiterated that this was essentially a village concert. **TS** had met with St Abbs Market stallholders who confirmed that nine stalls would be manned at the event. It was considered that expenditure from CC funds should be capped at £750 and that other sources of funding might be explored: **TS** would discuss applying for an SBC grant (less than £500 could be processed by officers with delegated powers) with **JS** and also pursue other sources of funding. **TS/JS**
The quotation received from Cheviot Marquees was approved. **TS** to place order.
- **Solar Panels** – no retrospective planning application had yet been seen. It was noted, however, that the tenant of no 3 Old Town was aware that the panels would have to be

removed if approval was not forthcoming.

- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – **KC** would ask Logan Inglis for a progress report. **KC**
- **Old Town Speeding** – **MC** commented that a 'Welcome to Ayton' stone pillar would help raise awareness of entering the 30mph zone at the Old Town entrance to the village and there seemed to be sufficient verge space to accommodate a pillar. It was considered that Berwickshire Area Forum would support this proposal as long as the siting of the pillar did not cause any obstruction. **RB** agreed to contact D Silcock for SBC approval and also the Castle as owner of the verge land. **RB**

6. Planning Application

- Gal Oya, Old Town, Ayton – support was given to an application for alterations and dormer extension to workshop to form additional residential accommodation and dormer extensions to dwelling house. **GD**

7. Area Councillor's Report

MC confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election to SBC in the forthcoming May elections. Members of the Community Council expressed their sincere gratitude for the support and hard work **MC** has given to the community during his 15 years as Councillor and as a representative on the CC. We wish him well for his future endeavours.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Maureen Anton (**MA**). The Treasurer's Account stood at £546.74 and the Project Account at £1241.81 (cheques totally £80.79 still to be processed/ presented). **MA, JS** and **GD** were in discussion regarding the implications of consolidating the two accounts and would report back at the next meeting. **MA/JS/GD**

9. Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from Eyemouth Scout Group for the donation made in support of their forthcoming Jamboree.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- In the continued absence of Ayton's Bottle Bank, it was noted that some facilities were refusing to accept bottles from the Bowling Club on the grounds that they were generated from a commercial source.
- Pot Holes on the Millerton road had caused significant damage to a vehicle of one of the CC members, who was awaiting recompense for £300 costs associated with a new alloy wheel. **MC** would pursue. **MC**
- A Neighbourhood Watch road sign needed to be reinstated at the top (Reston) end of Beanburn. **KC** would be in touch with the CPO on this matter. **KC**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 May 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED BY THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6.45PM THAT EVENING. ALL WELCOME.