

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Margaret Carey	MCa	Graham Dolan	GD
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Postle	HP	John Slater	JS
	Trevor Smith	TS	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Paul Wilson	PW		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater (**JS**).

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Police Report

No report had been received.

2. Open forum

Nothing to report.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boyd (**RB**), Kenny Combe (**KC**), Michael Cook (**MC**), Ian Logan (**IL**) and Dick Noble (**DN**).

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Item 3 – include Ian Logan (**IL**). With that amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2017 were approved. Proposed by **HP** and seconded by **MCa**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – no response had been received from SAS regarding available dates for training. It was agreed, therefore, that **TS** should approach a paramedic contact in Auchencrow to see if he was willing to lead training sessions in Ayton. **TS**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – nothing to report. **RB**
- **A1 Action Group** – nothing to report.
- **War Memorial Information Board** – it was noted that a cost of £102 was associated with submission of the Planning Application. **JS** was awaiting a site plan from **RB** and would approach David Robertson (SBC) for funding once the final costs of the boards had been established. **RB/JS**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – no response had been forthcoming from the factor of Ayton Estate. **JF** proposed writing direct to Mr Liddell-Grainger. If there was no positive outcome to this final attempt at communication, it was agreed that the Council's concerns would be highlighted in a letter to the Berwickshire News. **JF**
- **Summer Concert** – **TS** had had preliminary discussions with David Jones (Reston Band). It was noted that Jenny Craig and Darren Silcock were appropriate contacts at SBC for advice re funding availability. In the meantime, **TS** advised that the main marquee had been ordered and that smaller marquees should be available on request from Reston. **TS** would also pursue the availability of parking space on ground at the stables.
- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – in view of delays in funding availability for the Reston trees, it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of the Ayton oak tree at the earliest opportunity. **JS** would consult with Camilla Bailley regarding the tree and advise Logan Inglis accordingly.
- **Old Town Speeding** – it was agreed to pursue the stone pillar option mentioned previously. **JS** would approach Darren Silcock for funding to support this traffic calming measure. **JS**
- **Bottle Bank** – two proposals (moving the contentious overhead cables; siting a bank at

the entrance to the Bowling Club) had to be discounted. No further suggestions were noted.

- **Pot Holes** – in view of continuing concerns about the condition of the Beanburn road surface, and a perceived lack of action in dealing with the potholes at the Church junction with the B6355, it was agreed that **IK** would write to Paul Mathewson at SBC to this effect. **IK**
- **Neighbourhood Watch Road Sign** – progress report awaited. **IK**

6. Planning Applications

- **The Old School House, High Street** – support was given to proposals for external alterations to the Old School House, including replacement skylight and rooflights and reinstatement of railings and gate to front garden wall; **GD**
- **3 and 8 Old Town** - a retrospective application for the installation of 10 no Solar Panels was discussed. These properties, owned by Berwickshire Housing Association, were within the designated Conservation area of the village. In view of this, and the frontage position of the panels, it was unanimously agreed to submit a **strong objection** to this application with the inference that the panels should be removed in keeping with the necessary restrictions placed upon all buildings in that area. **JS**

7. Area Councillor's Report

It was noted that Council elections would be held on Thursday 4 May with results expected the following day. It was hoped that the work undertaken by retiring Councillor Michael Cook in keeping open communication channels with CCs would continue with his successors.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of **MA**. The Treasurer's Account stood at £480.95 (cheque passed since AGM statement.) and the Project Account at £1242.42.

9. Correspondence

A letter from Jenny Craig (SBC Neighbourhood Services) regarding ease of access to public 'comfort' facilities would be forwarded to the Hemelvaart Bier Café. **GD**

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Housing Development at Beanburn** – a first meeting had been held with Architects appointed by BHA to undertake a feasibility study of land owned by BHA at Beanburn. Although the project was just at the appraisal stage, concerns had been raised about access to, and drainage of the proposed housing site. The next stage would see an exhibition mounted in the Community Hall with representatives of BHA and the Architect attending to answer questions. This should take place within the next two to three months.

- **Abundant Borders** – it was understood that the community garden created (with BHA funding support) by Abundant Borders had been handed over to the village for further development and maintenance. Some concern was expressed about the condition of the garden on handover and it was agreed that a communication to this effect be sent to BHS/Abundant Borders in the first instance. **IK/JS**

- **Village Spring Litter Pick-Up** – it was proposed that the Spring litter pick up would take place on Sunday 28 May. Wider notification would be made through the usual social media and local press. **GD**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.