

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2017
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Margaret Carey	MCa	Graham Dolan	GD
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL	Ian Logan	IL
	Helen Postle	HP	Dick Noble	DN
	John Slater	JS	Trevor Smith	TS
	Rob Weatherston	RW		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater (**JS**) who welcomed our newly elected SBC colleagues, Jim Fullarton and Helen Laing.

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Police Report

No report had been received. It was possible that, despite notifying the police of his new email address, the report had been sent to **GD's** old address which was now closed.

GD

2. Open forum

Nothing to report.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boyd (**RB**), Kenny Combe (**KC**) and Carol Hamilton (SBC) (**CH**). It was noted that work pressures would preclude **RB's** attendance at CC meetings for the next few months.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 May 2017 were approved. Proposed by **RW** and seconded by **GD**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator – TS** confirmed that the Reston paramedic contact was happy to lead a training session in Ayton. It was suggested that a drop-in session at the Bowling Club would be appropriate – a Wednesday between 4pm and 8pm was agreed. **TS** would advise of a date in due course. It was suggested that all CC members should attend. **TS**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole – RB** had advised by email that the flagpole would be installed in July. **JS** and **RB** were to attend a meeting with BHA representatives to conclude funding discussions. **JS/RB**
- **A1 Action Group –** grass at the south junction of the A1 was restricting visibility. **JF** gave contact numbers for Steven Kitt of AMEY who were responsible for highway maintenance. **GD** would contact him to ask that the grass be cut. **GD**
- **War Memorial Information Board –** in view of **RB's** time constraints, it was agreed to see whether the planning application could be supported by an already existing site map. One may be available on line. **JS**
- **Peelwalls Meadow – JS** had met with Henry Liddell-Grainger and Doug Niven. Mr Liddell-Grainger said he had been unaware of any proposal to create an alternative safer footpath linking the new development with Bleachfield and the Beanburn. (A subsequent trawl of records suggested that Mr Niven had refused permission for the creation of the path. **JS** has written to Mr Niven to this effect but no response had been received so far.) Notwithstanding this, Mr Liddell-Grainger expressed an unwillingness to open a footpath on his land without fencing and hard standing funded by the Developer. However, it was felt that

the route suggested by Mr Liddell-Grainger was unacceptable. Under these circumstances, it was agreed that every effort should be made to improve the Chirnside road footpath. **JS** would forward relevant documentation to **JF** to inform discussions with SBC's Ian Aikman. **JF**

- **Summer Concert – TS** gave an update on preparations for this year's Summer Concert at Ayton Castle on Sunday 23 July. It was suggested that BHA and /or Live Borders might be approached for hire of their sound system. Income from the Castle Tours and Tea Room would be split 60:40 – the Community Council would receive 40% to boost preparations for next year's event. Free pedestrian entry was agreed as was free disabled parking. Other vehicles would require to park in paddock 3 adjacent to the cattle grid entry at a cost of £4.00. Volunteers were needed for the afternoon. Last year's successful Tombola would be repeated. Children's activities would be organised by school mums. **TS** would confirm any associated permission/insurance requirements. **TS**

- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – an evergreen oak tree had been purchased and would be planted shortly. The plaque needed to be redeemed and restored. **JS**

- **Old Town Speeding** – a response was awaited on the availability of funding to support the various agreed traffic calming measures.

- **Bottle Bank** - nothing to report.

- **Pot Holes** – remedial works had been carried out on the Beanburn road but were still awaited at the Church junction.

- **3 and 8 Old Town** – retrospective planning permission for the solar panel installation had been refused. Any appeal would be heard by SBC's Planning Committee.

- **Beanburn Development** – notification was expected shortly of the date of the open session to discuss proposals for a housing development at Beanburn.

- **Abundant Borders Garden** – in view of BHA's funding support for this initiative, it was agreed that **JF** would invite BHA's CEO, Helen Forsyth, to visit the garden. **JF**

- **Spring Litter Pick-Up** - a good response to the request for helpers had been received.

Daren Silcock's help was appreciated. **GD**

6. Planning Applications

- **RBS, High Street, Ayton** – support was given to an application for change of use from bank to incorporate additional accommodation for dwelling house;

- **The Arches, Beanburn, Ayton** – support was given to an application for a single storey extension to dwelling house;

- **Lynnfield House, Tower Road, Ayton** – support was given to an application for alterations and first floor extension to dwelling house and new front porch. **GD**

7. Area Councillors' Report

It was noted that both **JF** and **HL** were members of the Planning Committee. Other areas with input from our Councillors included Health and Social Care, Children and the Berwickshire Area Forum.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of **MA**. The Treasurer's Account stood at £455.95 and the Project Account at £1242.42.

9. Correspondence

- **Charging for Public Toilets** – it was noted that Coldingham, Coldstream, Duns, Eyemouth and St Abbs were charging for the use of their Public Toilets. This facility was free in Burnmouth, Chirnside, Co'path and Greenlaw.

- **RAGES** – it was agreed to renew the CC's annual subscription of £10. **MA**

- **Seafarers UK** – it was agreed to support a request to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, 3 September 2017. The cost of the flag was £35.00. **GD**

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Pavement Weeds** – it was noted that the weeds had now been treated.
- **Playing Field Benches** – it was reported that three of the public benches at the playing fields needed to be repaired or replaced. **IK** would contact Daren Silcock. **IK**
- **Hemelvaart Extractor Fan** – a complaint had been received about cooking smells coming from the extractor fan sited on the pub wall adjacent to the Community Hall entrance path. The matter was referred to the Hall Committee. **GD**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4 July 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.