

# AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 2017  
at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Maureen Anton	<b>MA</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MC</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	<b>CH</b>
	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>	Helen Laing (SBC)	<b>HL</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>
	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>		

Three members of the public were also present. The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater (**JS**).

## ITEMS

## ACTION

### 1. Police Report

The CPO was unable to attend but had submitted a report which had been circulated previously to members. A current campaign centred on the public consultation exercise – Your View Counts – which sought public opinion on policing to inform the future shape of the service. The survey could be accessed via the Police Scotland website. Ward Priorities included road safety (speeding), misuse of drugs, rural thefts (it appeared that a motocross bike had been stolen from a garage off the Crofts, Ayton, at some point overnight 27/28 August) and antisocial behaviour. In addition, a concern for safety call had been received regarding youths climbing on to the flat roof of the main hall at Ayton Primary School. No trace of the youngsters had been found on police arrival.

### 2. Open Forum

A resident at Cocklaw Farm attended to voice concern about proposals to house pigs in close proximity to the farm cottages. It was understood that the farmer intended to site the pig arks in a field at the back of the resident's house. It was not known whether planning permission had been sought or was even required. Peter Green, Planning Enforcement Officer at SBC, had been contacted by the resident and was understood to have agreed to write to the farmer but no feedback had been received. **CH** undertook to speak with Mr Green and **JS** would explore rules and regulations regarding the siting of pig enclosures. **CH/JS**

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boyd, Graham Dolan, Jim Fullarton (SBC) and Trevor Smith.

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed by **KC** and seconded by **DN**.

### 5. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator** – two Scottish Ambulance Service personnel were present at the meeting. They agreed to pass on contact details of Colin Baxter (Duns) and Martin Galloway (Coldingham) to **JS**. Trainers' and hall availability could then be co-ordinated. **JS/GD**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – **JS** had been corresponding with Jean Gray, Operational Director, BHA, regarding reinstatement of the flagpole. Apologies had been given for the delays in reaching a satisfactory solution. Ms Gray would speak to Colin Young (BHA) on his return to the office in two days' time and would contact **JS** immediately thereafter.
- **War Memorial Information Board** – **JS** reported on progress made since the last meeting with the site plan, listed building and planning application. Some difficulty had been experienced with the on-line application in removing John Slater as the name of the applicant. **JS** would speak with Paul Duncan, SBC Planning Officer, in this regard. **JS**

- **Peelwalls Meadows – JS** had been in touch with Keith Williams (Roads Department) who had since communicated with the Developer to expedite the works at the bottom end of the public footpath.
- **Summer Concert** – the concert/picnic had had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, leaving costs of £723 (marquee and licences) to be recouped. To this end, a coffee morning with tombola, raffle etc would be held on Saturday 16 September in the Community Hall. The matter of next year's concert would be discussed at the October meeting. **ALL**
- **Old Town Speeding** – a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit to round the bend at the top end of Old Town was welcomed. **JS** would write in support of the proposal. The impact of this change would be reviewed over the coming months to determine whether further measures were still required. **JS**
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – it was understood that the solar panels were to be removed and the roofs reinstated.
- **Beanburn Development** – **JS** would write to BHA to ask for an update on progress with the proposed housing development. It was noted that various drop-in sessions and workshops had been organised throughout the region to identify main issues of relevance to the preparation of the next Local Development Plan. This was not, however, concerned with new housing stock. The drop-in sessions (2pm – 5pm) were freely available but names were required for anyone wishing to attend a workshop. The two local sessions were in Eyemouth on Thursday 21 September and Duns on 5 October, from 6pm – 8pm. **JS/GD**
- **Bleachfield Water Meadow** – no response had been received from Doug Niven, Factor of Ayton Estate. **CH** offered to contact him regarding the proposed enhancements to the dog walking field. **CH**
- **Floral Gateway** – Ayton had been highly commended in the Champion of Champions group. The remaining members of the Enhancement Group (particularly Ann Dolan and Vic Swain), together with those individuals and groups who cared for the permanent flower beds were accorded sincere thanks for all their hard work. It was agreed that, next year, early representation would be made to interested parties such as the School and BHA etc to tidy up before the judging. **GD**

## 6. Code of Conduct

The members of the Community Council agreed unanimously to adopt SBC's Code of Conduct for Community Councils. **ALL**

## 7. Planning Applications

- **The White House, 39 High Street, Ayton** – support was given to an application for replacement windows, door and external render.
- **5 Peelwalls Meadows** – no comment was made on an application for an extension to dwelling house.
- **Kirklands, Beanburn, Ayton** – support was given to an application (retrospective) for a workshop extension. **GD**

## 8. Area Councillors' Report

**HL** reported on agreements reached about extra allowances for school uniforms; extra funding for repairs to the Chain Bridge; and Localities Participating Funding.

Concerns had been raised about overcrowding on the 236 School Bus service such that Ayton children were forced to stand on journeys to and from Eyemouth. It was felt that the growing numbers of Berwick children attending Eyemouth High School were the major factor in the overcrowding. **HL** agreed to have discussions with the school personnel to encourage Berwick children to use the alternative 253 bus service. **HL**

## 9. Treasurer's Report

**IK** presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of **MA** who had left the meeting. The Project Account stood at £618.87 (hire of the marquee for the summer concert cost £623.70) and the Treasurer's Account at £331.01.

## 10. Correspondence

- **What Matters:SBC Berwickshire Hub. Access to Social Care and Healthcare** – a workshop was to be held in Eyemouth on Wednesday 6 September, of which previous notification had been circulated to members. **JS** took the opportunity to remind all Community Council members of the need to get involved in local issues such as this.
- **Berwickshire CC Forum : Introduction to CCs for Community Councillors** – copies of this 2015 booklet had been received from Logan Inglis and were distributed to all present.

## 11. AOCB

- **Rothesglen, 1 Beanburn, Ayton** – it was noted that external paintwork of a different colour had been applied to this property. As it was included in the village's Conservation area, it was expected that Planning Permission would have been sought. **JS** would clarify the position with the Planning Department . **JS**
- **Scottish Ambulance Service** – two members of SAS had attended the meeting to ask if a decision had been made by ACHA on their request to have use of accommodation in the Hall during their periods of social standby. Although the CC was not the forum to address this question, it was agreed that the well used Hall would not be appropriate to meet the needs of Ambulance personnel during their standby periods.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3 October 2017 in Ayton Community Hall.