

# AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

<b>Present</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	<b>JF</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Trevor Smith	<b>TS</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>
	Helen Postle	<b>HP</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MCa</b>

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

## ITEMS

## ACTION

### 1. Police Report

A new CPO, Drew Young, had recently been appointed. He was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report which had been circulated previously to members. The current main campaigns are *After Dark* (regarding home security) and *Livestock Worrying* and, in East Berwickshire, Road Safety (Speeding), involving high visibility road checks. Locally, incidents included a crashed car in Old Town resulting in a drink driving charge, cannabis possession in a vehicle near Peelwalls, a report of vandalism on Ayton Castle drive and a report of possible hare coursing near Prendergust.

### 2. Open Forum

No members of the public attended.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boyd, Isabel Kellie and Carol Hamilton (SBC)

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2017 were approved as a true record. Proposed by **HP** and seconded by **DN**.

### 5. Matters Arising

- **Footpath at The Crofts** - no action has been taken yet. JF agreed to contact the residents who raised the subject as soon as possible. **JF**
- **Beanburn Development** – no further information.
- **Cocklaw Farm Pig Arks** – no further information.
- **Defibrillator** – Bill Halley, Area Service Manager, SAS had contacted IK regarding training, but nothing further has been arranged. **IK**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – Colin Young (BHA) had indicated that, for safety reasons, a new access ladder and hatch were required on the tower before other work can commence. Once these are fitted, the flagpole can be erected. A date of mid December was given for the job to be completed. **JS**
- **War Memorial Information Boards** – Planning permission for the boards has now been granted. Accurate costs are to be ascertained for the boards and their fixing, after which funding should be secured from SBC (Ayton Memorial Fund). **JS**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – no further information regarding the footpath to Ayton. It was noted that the erroneous Peelwalls Meadows street signs had not yet been corrected. GD to contact Jim McQuillan (SBC) about this. **GD**
- **Summer Concert** – two significant donations to offset the 2017 loss has been received for which the CC was most grateful. The sub group set up to consider options for 2018 had not yet met. Various options for next year were discussed, including staging the event earlier in the summer and including other events organised on the Saturday in the village involving other village

organisations. It was left to the sub group to investigate whether these options were viable.

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- **Old Town Speeding** – no further information
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – no further information (see AOCB)
- **Bleachfield Water Meadow** - JF agreed to contact Doug Niven of Ayton Estate. JF
- **Rothesglen, 1 Beanburn, Ayton** – no further information (see AOCB)
- **History Project: St Dionysius Church** - no further information

## 6. Planning Applications

- **Mini Mart, High Street** - Installation of new signage. It was agreed to support this application.
- **29 High Street** - Partial demolition of shop and residential flat and change of use of retail premises and alterations to incorporate into existing residential first-floor flat to form dwelling house. It was agreed to support this application but to note that as the building was prime frontage in the conservation area and that careful consideration should be given regarding the finish and windows. (See AOCB) GD

## 7. Area Councillors' Report

JF recommended the Eyemouth High School open night on 13/12. He reported about the SBC budget which is in the final stages of preparation and about the voting system for the new Berwickshire Area Partnership grants. The SBC councillors have divided opinions regarding the National Parks Report and this is still being considered.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of MA, Treasurer. The Project Account stood at £1646.58 and the Treasurer's Account at £801.66.

## 9. Correspondence

None which had not been already circulated.

## 10 AOCB

- **Christmas Lights** - the village Christmas lights Switch On had been very successful. The CC wished to thank Ian Logan, Jamie Lindsay, Ayton Minimart, the Hemelvaart Bier Cafe and Little Dane Farms for their help and support. This year the lights were extended to reach Shearlaw Road at a cost of £279.94 which the CC approved. There had been a request for lights from Shearlaw Road to Lawfield Drive. This will be considered for next year. It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made to the Reston Concert Band for playing at this year's Switch On.
- **Conservation Area** - It was brought to the CC's attention that new windows had been fitted at Springbank which is within the conservation area. There appeared to be no planning application for these. It was noted that many residents are not clear about exactly which properties are within the conservation area and what implications there are regarding changes to the buildings such as painting, new windows and doors etc. Some debate is needed regarding how the CC and SBC can better publicise about the conservation area and how this affects improvements and planning applications. JS agreed to take this forward. JS
- **Damaged Sign** - It was noted the 'Flemington' sign on the road to the A1 had been damaged and was lying at the side of the road. JS agreed to contact Daren Silcock (SBC Local). JS

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th February 2018 in Ayton Community Hall. Please note: there is no meeting in January.