

AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 6 March 2018

at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Ian Logan	IL
	Helen Postle	HP	Dick Noble	DN
	John Slater	JS	Rob Weatherston	RW

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater.

Items Action

1. Police Report

Neither CPO was able to attend the meeting. The Police Report for February had previously been circulated. Two campaign launches were noted: We Can Stop It (anti rape) and Cyber Fraud. Ward priorities were unchanged – under Rural Thefts, it was noted that there had been reports of several thefts, including quad bikes, from both insecure and secure premises in East Berwickshire. There were no other incidents of note for the Ayton area.

2. Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance. It was noted that CAB Manager, Annette McGrath, would attend the May meeting

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey, Rob Boyd, Helen Laing, Carole Hamilton and Trevor Smith.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Under Item 1 Police Report, Suzanne Young should read Suzanne Jacobs. With that amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2018 were approved. Proposed by **DN** seconded by **RW**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Footpath to Peelwalls** – Keith Patterson, SBC, had advised that every endeavour was being made to have the footpath work undertaken asap.
- **Planning Application, Sawmill House** – it was understood that Paul Duncan, SBC, had had discussions with the householder regarding planning requirements to support any resubmission of his application (no charge, if submitted within 12 months of the previous application). It was also noted that John Heywood, SBC, offered a pre-application advisory service for properties within conservation areas. The issue of general advice to householders in the village who might be affected by listed building/conservation area restrictions was being pursued at the next Planning Forum by **HL**. **HL**
- **Footpath at the Crofts** – it was agreed that **JS** would write to Keith Patterson to ask that funding for these works be included in next year's financial allocations. All three SBC councillors would be copied in to this correspondence. **JS**
- **Beanburn Development** – nothing to report.
- **Defibrillator** – in the absence of any response from SAS re training, it was agreed that **IK** would contact Martin Galloway, Coldingham, on receipt of his contact details from **RW**.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – monies associated with the replacement flagpole had now been lodged in the Project Account. The replacement finial had been purchased by the CC. **RB** had confirmed that Wood's of Berwick were fabricating the flagpole bracket.

- **War Memorial Information Boards** – an order would be placed with Fantasy Prints on receipt of monies for the Boards. **JS**
- **Summer Concert** – it was hoped that the working group would meet next week. **TS/KC/IK**
A local band, Borderline, had offered to play at the event.
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – Paul Duncan, SBC, had advised that an amended planning application for the solar panels at 8 Old Town was expected shortly and was likely to be approved. The panels on 3 Old Town were to be removed.
- **Bleachfield Water Meadow** – **IL** offered to speak with **CH** about pursuing the proposed enhancements to this popular dog walking area with Mr Niven. **IL/CH**
- **Hedge Plants** – a squad would be organised to undertake this work on a Saturday or Sunday morning once the weather improved. **IL/JS**

6. Planning Applications

- **Rosevale, Tower Road, Ayton** – works to trees. Supported. **GD**
- **17 High Street, Ayton** – replacement windows and doors. Supported, subject to there being no detriment to the Conservation Area. **GD**

7. Area Councillors' Report

No Councillors were present.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of **MA**, Treasurer. The Project Account stood at £3682.70 and the Treasurer's Account at £569.62. **JS** would speak with **MA** regarding any outstanding payments due before the end of the financial year. **JS**

9. Correspondence

- **Housing Development off B6355** – the Community Council had been asked to comment on the street name of the 4 new houses to be built on the land next to Peelwalls Cottage/Stravaig. 'Old Manse Field' had been suggested by the Architect and Hillburn Properties. After some discussion, it was agreed to favour 'The Glebe' (1–4 The Glebe). **GD**
- **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Off Street Parking Places** – it was proposed that The Crofts should continue to offer unlimited parking for motor cars, motor cycles and commercial vehicles not exceeding 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Housing Development off B6355** – **IL** reminded the meeting that a condition of Planning Approval (2008) for this development was that visibility be improved by removal of the corner opposite Peelwalls Cottage. It was noted that work had started without any of the enabling works to improve visibility being carried out. Paul Duncan had asked the SBC roads section to investigate.
- **Resilient Communities** – the recent severe weather conditions had highlighted the need to review arrangements for the implementation of the Resilient Communities plan. **JS** agreed to discuss with Susan McLuckie, Co-ordinator, Resilient Communities, in the first instance.

JS

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 3 April 2018** in Ayton Community Hall.

