

# Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 3 April 2018  
at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	<b>CH</b>
	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>	Helen Laing (SBC)	<b>HL</b>
	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	John Slater	<b>JS</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>
	Paul Wilson	<b>PW</b>		

The Meeting was Chaired by John Slater. CPO Drew Young was in attendance for Item 1.

## Items

## Action

### 1. Police Report

The CPO presented the Police Report for March. Information was given on the recently launched Banking Protocol to raise awareness of financial fraud and its prevention; Your View Counts (Policing Survey) results had now been published; recent initiatives included tips for protecting home and personal property; and a Social Media campaign to raise awareness of hate crime. Ward priorities were unchanged – a report had been received of dangerous driving in the Ayton area but no trace of the vehicle was found on search. It was noted that two ‘Pop Up Jim’ figures representing Police Officers with speed guns had been purchased for Berwickshire – these figures had a proven effectiveness in speed control. **RW** reported concerns raised by a resident of Lawfield Drive that vehicles were driving at excessive speeds in this residential area. The CPO noted this information with a view to undertaking spot checks.

**PW** advised of personal experience with a recent BT scam – the CPO confirmed that such scams were on the increase and urged heightened vigilance in relation to suspect calls.

### 2. Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boyd, Margaret Carey, Graham Dolan, Jim Fullarton, Helen Postle and Trevor Smith.

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2018 were approved. Proposed by **RW** and seconded by **DN**.

### 5. Matters Arising

- **Footpath to Peelwalls** – traffic lights had recently been evident on this stretch of the B6355. Confirmation was awaited that the work to the footpath had now been undertaken.
- **Planning Application, Sawmill House** – nothing to report.
- **Footpath at the Crofts** – **JS** to follow up with **JF**. **JS**
- **Beanburn Development** – nothing to report.
- **Defibrillator** – **IK** had made contact with Martin Galloway but his availability for defibrillator training was very limited. Another suggested contact was Gail Coates, Eyemouth Fire Station. **IK**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** - nothing to report.
- **War Memorial Information Boards** – monies had been lodged in the Treasurer’s Account for the purchase and erection of the Boards. To this end, **JS** was meeting with Fantasy Prints within the next few days. **JS**

- **Summer Concert** – the working group had met on 17 March. **TS** had since provided an update on progress with arrangements. Three main areas of concern had been identified: Dave Jones, Reston Concert Band, had advised that they would not be able to work with the Summer Concert this year due to many other bookings. Dave Jones was a major player in co-ordinating the music on the day; the contact for St Abbs Market stallholders is not free this year and many of the stall holders are already committed elsewhere; no funding to support the event (insurance, licences, marquee etc) has yet been identified. **JS** would contact **TS** to clarify the position in terms of funding; **CH** agreed to speak with Linda Cornwell, SBC, re possible help with a funding application. **JS/CH**
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – nothing to report.
- **Bleachfield Water Meadow** – **CH** had contacted Mr Niven regarding the proposed enhancements to this popular walk but had been advised that he was too busy to respond at this time.
- **Hedge Plants** – the planting was still awaiting an improvement in the weather!
- **Housing Development off B6355** – **JS** would contact Paul Duncan, SBC, regarding the outstanding corner road works associated with the development. **JS**
- **Resilient Communities** – **JS** had still to speak with Susan McLuckie. **JS**

## 6. Planning Application

- **Summerhill Cottage, Beanburn** – Erection of Summerhouse/Tool Shed. No comment.

## 7. Area Councillors' Report

- Comments were invited on the current consultation taking place on the future of Libraries.
- There was a competition to find the best new Borders building.
- Two 'young mums' (Alice Fisher and Tracy Dick) were interested in hearing from people who might wish to join an Eyemouth Running Group.
- A physical disabilities draft strategy (carers and users) was being developed.
- A meeting of Berwickshire Area Partnership, focussing on health and wellbeing, would be held on June 7 – time and venue to be confirmed.
- It was accepted that improvements had to be made in the weighting of the voting process for the next tranche of Localities Funding. The bulk of funds in the first round had been allocated to Duns, based only on the number of votes cast.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

**JS** presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of **MA**. The Project Account stood at £1430.55, net of earmarked flagpole expenditure; the Treasurer's Account stood at £519.71 net of earmarked expenditure on the War Memorial Information Boards.

## 9. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

## 10. Any Other Competent Business

The Ayton Walk It Group was asking the CC for support in their application for Paths For All funding. It was agreed that, should the Group confirm a requirement for Public Liability Insurance over and above that already provided by the SBC Paths to Health Project, the CC would be likely to favourably consider a request for financial help. **IK**

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 1 May 2018** in Ayton Community Hall.