

Ayton Community Council

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

Present	Rob Boyd	RB	Margaret Carey	MC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Dick Noble	DN
	John Slater	JS	Rob Weatherston	RW

The meeting was Chaired by John Slater.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

In the absence of the CPO, **JS** summarised the Police Report for June (previously circulated). Police Scotland has thrown its support behind a child protection initiative which urges everyone in Scotland to keep their eyes open for children at risk during the school holidays. Ward priorities were unchanged: in mid-June, a number of reports had been received regarding a neighbour dispute. Advice was given (no criminality involved). There had also been a report of vandalism to a door – a person was issued with a recorded police warning. During the month, 39 police incidents were created in respect of the Beat area covering Auchencrow, Reston, Ayton and Burnmouth.

2. Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Kenny Combe, Carol Hamilton (SBC), Helen Laing (SBC), Ian Logan, Helen Postle, Paul Wilson and Trevor Smith.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 June 2018 were approved. Proposed by **DN** and seconded by **RB**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Footpath to Peelwalls** – nothing new to report.
- **Footpath at the Crofts** – noted that Paul Mathieson (SBC) might be able to give indicative costs. **IK**
- **Defibrillator** – The Community Hall was booked between 7 and 9pm on Monday 30 July for Heartstart/defibrillator training (Martin Galloway). An attendance list would be held in the shop.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – the Community Council was pleased to record that the flagpole and flag had been reinstated the previous week. Minor works (a chain ring weight around the base) to secure the flag were outstanding. This would be ordered. **GD**
- **War Memorial Information Boards** – the boards were in situ.
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – nothing new to report.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing new to report.
- **Resilient Communities** – it was known that Susan McLuckie had family commitments away from the village at the moment. **JS** would still try to contact her before his term of office ended. **JS**
- **SBC Grass Cutting Frequencies** – despite well documented concerns raised throughout the region about the reduction in grass cutting frequencies, SBC's position on this cost cutting measure remained unchanged. It was noted that **JF** had forwarded the list of

potential respiratory complications for vulnerable children exposed to cut grass to Daren Silcock.

- **Community Council Elections** – nomination forms would be available from 10 July from the Village Shop, Pauline Bolson, Democratic Services Officer (SBC) and on-line. Forms had to be returned to Pauline Bolson by Tuesday 24 July 2018. If required, elections would be held in August with the first meeting of the new Council scheduled for 4 September.
- **100 Year Commemoration of the End of WW1** – Ayton Primary School had been asked if they would be like to have involvement in the commemoration activities and would respond to the CC in due course. **JS** had asked Rev Norman Whyte for Church approval to lay the 42 crosses at the War Memorial – in hand. Bill Black had agreed to ring the bell at 7.05pm on the day.
- **Ayton Village Sign** – **RB** confirmed that he had been pursuing the erection of a pillar (similar to that on the north access road) on the Eyemouth road verge because funding might be available at the moment. It was noted that nothing should be finalised until the speed limit extension had been confirmed.

6. Planning Applications

All of the undernoted planning applications were supported:

- 17 High Street, Ayton – replacement windows and doors
- Stratheye, High Street, Ayton – erection of detached garage/gym
- Land SE of 3 Hazel Court, Old Town Ayton – works to trees
- Garden House, Ayton Castle – work to conifer tree
- Hawthorn Cottage, High Street, Ayton – external decoration.

7. Area Councillor's Report

- **JF** reported that the second round of SBC's Localities Bid fund was open. Significant changes had been made to the voting process in the light of comments received about the perceived bias in favour of Duns resulting from the methodology employed in the first round.
- A review was being undertaken of current bus routes serving East Berwickshire with a view to rescheduling some of the least well used services.
- SBC's decision to consider privatising the region's public conveniences would not affect Ayton as there were none in the village.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of **MA**. The Treasurer's Account stood at £492.35. It was noted that this year's SBC grant would be released on receipt of a Minute showing that the Code of Conduct had been signed. As this was the last meeting of the current CC, it was deemed appropriate that this matter be deferred to the September meeting of the new CC. The Project Account stood at £3683.41 (including monies for the recently reinstated flagpole).

9. Correspondence

- **Local Community Path Maintenance Grant** – a letter from SBC's Access Ranger, Mike Marsh, confirmed the annual £450 maintenance grant to reimburse local expenditure on path maintenance/improvements etc. The application deadline was 28 February 2019. This was referred to the Ayton Walk It Group. **IK**

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Bus Timetable Information** – following representation from residents, **GD** asked **JF** if steps could be taken to simplify and rationalise the bus timetable information currently displayed at the three stops in the village. **JF** agreed to take this up with John Dellow. **JF**

- **Floral Gateway Competition** – printing costs of approximately £35 for a letter reminding Ayton residents of this year's Floral Gateway competition was approved.
GD
- **CC Interim Arrangements** – two months would elapse before the first meeting of the new Ayton Community Council. During that period, it was confirmed that current members would remain on email lists for any matters requiring their attention and that **GD** would hold the cheque books for any transactions in July and August.
- **Thanks** – votes of thanks were made to those Council members who had indicated they would not be standing for election to the new CC and especially to John Slater, retiring Chairman, whose hard work and resilience during his years in office had been very much appreciated.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the new Ayton Community Council would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 4 September 2018 in Ayton Community Hall.**