

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2018
at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Margaret Carey	MC	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Daren Hall	DH
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Dick Noble	DN
	Paul Priestman	PP	Rob Weatherston	RW

One member of the public was present. CPO Suzanne Young attended to present the Police Report.

In the absence of the Returning Officer to Chair the first part of the meeting, nominations for Chair of the newly elected Community Council were sought by **IK**. On proposal, Kenny Combe (previously Vice Chair) agreed to step up to the role of Chair on the understanding that his appointment be reviewed after one year. **KC** Chaired the remainder of the business of the Meeting and welcomed two new members, Darren Hall and Paul Priestman.

ITEMS

ACTION

1. Appointment of Office Bearers

Office	Appointee	Proposer	Seconded
Chair	Kenny Combe	Rob Weatherston	Dick Noble
Vice Chair	Isabel Kellie	Graham Dolan	Rob Weatherston
Secretary	Graham Dolan	Isabel Kellie	Margaret Carey
Treasurer	Graham Dolan	Margaret Carey	Dick Noble
Minute Secretary	Isabel Kellie	Graham Dolan	Rob Weatherston

The appointments were agreed unanimously.

2. Police Report

CPO Suzanne Young was in attendance and presented the Police Report (previously circulated) for August. Current campaigns included Student Safety 2018 and the relaunch of the Little Book of Scams to help communities stay safe in the virtual and the real world. Although there had been no noted incidents of speeding, concern was still being expressed that vehicles were speeding in the High Street. The CPO would investigate the possibility of arranging a speed survey in the near future. Herbal cannabis was confiscated from a vehicle stopped during a routine Road Check on the B6355: the driver was issued with a Recorded Police Warning. Two incidents of antisocial behaviour were noted. Other incidents of note included reports of children on the roof of Ayton Primary School, damage to flowers in tubs next to the bus stop opposite the old bank and report of damage to a bike.

3. Beanburn Housing Development

Kieron McSherry (Smith Scott Mullen Architects) and Colin Young (BHA) presented updated proposals for the housing development on land off the Beanburn and Lawfield Drive, in advance of a public meeting to be held in Ayton Primary School between 4 and 8pm on Monday 17 September 2018. The current proposal would see 49 units (2/3 bedded semi-detached and terraced houses and bungalows) built in two phases with 30 – 31 in phase 1. There was a wide-ranging discussion on the impact of the development, covering areas such as

- Traffic – a traffic survey is still to be undertaken. However, at the moment, Beanburn has been designated as the primary access route. It was acknowledged that BHA does not own land to the north of the site which might have provided the safest, least disruptive and most acceptable access point to the development.

- Drainage and Sewage – it was stated that risks of flooding from the current site had been mitigated by the recently installed flood retention basin. Concerns over future flooding and sewage system capacity would be addressed through the civil infrastructure design. The architect was reminded of the existing soakaway running behind the houses in Beanburn/Summerhill Park and confirmed that the design team was aware of this.
- School Capacity – SBC (Education) is a statutory consultee within the planning process and will comment on the proposals.
- Health and Social Services - concerns had been raised about the current capacity of local health services to deal with any increase in population in Eyemouth, Ayton and the surrounding district in view of the recently publicised difficulty in recruiting GPs to Eyemouth Medical Centre and the perceived long waiting times for a GP appointment. It was appreciated that this was outwith the remit of the architect but it was hoped that, at some point before the proposals were finalised, there might be some collaborative thinking to ensure basic services were in place to cope with increased residents.
- Archaeological Heritage – a letter from SBC's Archaeology Officer contained within the Planning papers had indicated the probability of two Neolithic burial chambers at the Beanburn end of the field. If confirmed, on further investigation, as sites of national significance, this would likely affect the design of the development.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Carol Hamilton (SBC).

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2018 were approved. Proposed by **DN** and seconded by **RW**.

6. Matters Arising

- **Footpath at the Crofts** – to be pursued with the commencement of the new CC. **IK**
- **Defibrillator** – during a successful training session held in July, it was suggested that at least one additional defibrillator would be of use given the walking distances between, say, Welltower Park, the far end of Lawfield Drive and the top of the Beanburn from the Community Hall. It was agreed to enquire about costs etc. **IK**
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** – outstanding minor works had been completed.
- **3 and 8 Old Town** – solar panels had been removed from 3 Old Town. The panels installed at 8 Old Town were required to be framed in black paint.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – improvements to the sight line had still to be effected. It was understood that Daren Silcock (SBC) was in discussion with the developers.
- **Resilient Communities** – John Slater had been unable to contact Susan McLuckie before his departure from the CC. **RW** undertook to speak with Susan about key availability for the Resilient Communities store etc **RW**
- **100 Year Commemoration of the End of WW1** – **KC** was organising the purchase of the 42 crosses. Support was also given to his proposal to open a JustGiving page to raise funds to buy an outline metal sculpture of a WW1 soldier. **KC**
- **Speed Limit Sign** – pending the promised extension of the speed limit past Old Town, information had been received about solar powered real time traffic speed signs. **DH** agreed to explore costs and funding options.
- **Bus Timetable Information** – in collaboration with John Dellow, **GD** had secured the production and installation of new, understandable bus timetable information boards at five of Ayton's six designated bus stops.

7. Code of Conduct

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

8. Christmas Lights 2018

Concern was expressed about the now limited time left (3 months) to prepare for the installation of lights and Christmas tree in the village. The lights and their 'switch on' were a popular feature of Ayton's festive season and required a lot of hands on work. John Slater had prepared a useful checklist of tasks to be undertaken. **DN** and **DH** agreed to collaborate in identifying people within the village whose assistance to help with the Christmas lights could be assured and would report back to the next meeting on progress/problems/help needed.

DN/DH

9. Planning Applications

The undernoted planning applications were supported:

- Stratheye, High Street, Ayton – extension to dwelling house
- Sawmill House, High Street, Ayton – replacement windows.

GD

10. Area Councillors' Report

None present.

11. Treasurer's Report

GD reported £3683.41 in the Project Account (including monies ringfenced for the flagpole) and £232.88 in the Treasurer's Account.

12. Correspondence

- Disabled Parking Space (in situ)
- RAGES newsletter

13. Any Other Competent Business

- **Jubilee Oak Tree** – it would appear that weed killer had been applied to the base of the oak tree planted last year in the playing field resulting in the death of the 7' sapling. Preliminary enquiries would be made at SBC to see if workmen had been spraying weed killer in that area during August. **IK**
- **Reston/Ayton Back Road** – it was agreed to write to SBC in support of a letter from Reston and Auchencrow CC deploring the condition of the back road between Ayton and Reston and asking either for its closure or erection of warning signs. **GD**
- **Peelwalls Meadow** – Rob Boyd and **GD** had written a useful history of the development at Peelwalls which was being delivered to every house on that site in view of the many questions asked by its new residents.
- **Community Council Co-Option of Members** – this item would be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ayton Community Council would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 2 October 2018 in Ayton Community Hall.**