

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2018
at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Kenny Combe	KC	Margaret Carey	MC
	Catherine Chisholm	CC	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL	Paul Priestman	PP
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Sarah Woodbury	SW

In Attendance Tracey Dick, Chair of the Parent Council, Ayton Primary School

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe (**KC**).

Items

Action

1. Police Report

CPOs Suzanne Jacobs and Drew Young attended the meeting to present the October Police Report. Current campaigns focussed on the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland; Home Security in the winter months; and high visibility bags and vests for paper delivery staff. Ward priorities remained unchanged. One incident of note on 1 October 2018 involved a report of two males selling goods door to door from a backpack on Ayton High Street. Both males were stopped – neither had a Pedlar's Licence. They were issued with a Recorded Police Warning and informed to cease selling any goods.

2. Co-option of Members

Having been proposed and seconded, Catherine Chisholm (**CC**) and Sarah Woodbury (**SW**) were welcomed on to the Community Council as co-opted members under paragraph 4.2(b) of the CC's constitution. It was noted that their voting rights would apply after 3 months ie by the meeting to be held in February 2019.

3. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Graham Dolan and Dick Noble.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2018 were approved. Proposed by **PP** and seconded by **KC**.

6. Matters Arising

- **Beanburn Housing Development** - exploratory work was underway to determine the presence or otherwise of Neolithic Burial Chambers on the BHA site.
- **Footpath at the Crofts** – it was noted that £10,000 had been allocated for 'Footway Works' in SBC's Asset Programme of Revenue and Capital Works 2018/19. The programmed works should be undertaken between November 2018 and January 2019.
- **Defibrillator** – advice had been received from Martin Galloway that a defibrillator would cost approximately £1300, excluding any installation costs (including an electrical supply). **HL** would explore the possibility of funding under SBC's Small Grants Scheme. A location was still to be determined. **HL**
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing to report.
- **Resilient Communities** – **RW** had spoken with Susan McLuckie who had confirmed her willingness to continue as co-ordinator. However, as only one key to the store appeared to

be in existence, it was agreed that a replacement padlock with three keys be purchased in the first instance. Further discussion would be needed on the location of the keys. **KC**

- **100 Year Commemoration of the end of WW1 – KC** reported that the 42 crosses and the wreath had been purchased. The success of the JustGiving fundraising page had allowed the purchase of the Tommy sculpture which would be delivered within the next day or so and would be temporarily sited next to the War Memorial. At the remembrance ceremony, attendees would be asked if they wished to place a cross in the tubs to be provided (**KC**). **KC** would lay the wreath on behalf of Ayton CC and would contact **DN** regarding the hoisting of the Union Flag on the Clock Tower (the tenant had already been advised of access requirements).
- **Speed Limit Signs –** a quote for 6 signs reading **30 Means You** had been received from Fantasy Prints. The cost of £21.38 was approved. **GD**
- **Christmas Lights 2018 – KC** advised that Reston Concert Band had been booked to play at the Switch On ceremony on Sunday 2 December; **SW** confirmed that the Parents Council would provide teas and cakes in the Community Hall for the event; **IK** would check with the Village Store about the availability of mulled wine; children from the Primary School would sing, accompanied by CD music (**SW**). In this regard **KC** would liaise with the band and with Tracey Dick regarding timings; advice had been received that not all of the residents of properties between Shearlaw Road and Lawfield Drive were happy to house the proposed extension to the Christmas lights: this would not now go ahead; the Castle owners would not be available to officiate at the Switch On. CC Chairman **KC** would therefore oversee the switching on of the lights.
- **Jubilee Oak Tree –** nothing to report.
- **Reston/Ayton Back Road – HL** had asked Brian Young (SBC) about plans for the resurfacing of the back road between Ayton and Reston. A response was awaited.
- **Castle View – GD** had contacted **JF** and **HL** regarding the provision of a sign reading **1 – 4 Castle View** to be affixed to the front of the block. **JF/HL**
- **RBS Mobile Branch – IK** had contacted RBS Customer Services and had been given an unqualified assurance that there was no intention to remove the Mobile service from the village.
- **20mph Limit – GD** had informed the resident of SBC's policy, as described at the last meeting of ACC.
- **Garden Ground of the Old School, High Street, Ayton – MC** advised that she had been able to speak with two of the SBC Councillors involved with hearing the original planning application and had received confirmation from them that a cap had been placed on the number of residents' vehicles accessing the houses from the High Street at three. **MC** had also submitted a Freedom of Information request to determine the grounds upon which the previous application had been approved. It was not known whether Fire and Safety concerns had been taken into account in view of access problems for emergency vehicles. It was therefore determined that this renewal of previous planning permission be **not supported**, citing SBC Policy HD3: Protection of Residential Amenity, according to the Local Development Plan (2016). **GD/IK**

7. Planning Application

- **Residential Development** comprising 12 units and associated access on the site of former garage showroom and adjoining land north and east of Hardwicke, High Street, Ayton. It was agreed to invite the Architect and Landowner to the next meeting of the CC to discuss this development in more detail. **PP**
- **Dog Hotel – Alan Jess, Shearlaw Road, Ayton –** some recent concerns had been noted about this facility. It was not known whether a planning application had been submitted. **KC** would investigate and report back. **KC**

8. Area Councillor's Report

HL reported on Re-Tweed who were currently recruiting for new courses to be run in January 2019; Anti-Social Driving Campaign - young drivers attending the 17 – 25 age limited courses would have their fees refunded on completion of the course; Main Issues Report (Eyemouth Workshop); SBC initiative: Shape the Next Budget; Peelwalls Play Park – closed following Health and Safety inspection. No more progress had been made with improvements to the pathway leading to the Peelwalls houses.

9. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of **GD**, the Treasurer's Report was presented by **KC**. The Treasurer's Account stood at £950.73 (including £200 prize money from the Floral Gateway competition, to be passed on to Ayton Enhancement Group). £1337.73 was reported in the Project Account, including monies ring-fenced for Christmas lights and defibrillator battery.

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Dog Fouling** – with the onset of longer nights and more dog walking in the dark, there had been a noted increase in dog fouling in the village. **HL** would draw this to the attention of the Police Community Action Team. **HL**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ayton Community Council would be held at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 4 December 2018 in Ayton Community Hall.**