

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on **Tuesday 5 February 2019**

At 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Catherine Chisholm	CC	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	CH
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Paul Priestman	PP
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Sarah Woodbury	SW

In Attendance Susan McLuckie, Resilient Communities Co-ordinator (Item 2)
24 Members of the Public (Item 3)

The Meeting was chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

As the CPOs were unable to attend, **KC** presented the January Police Report which had previously been circulated. Current campaigns included Vehicle Safety, and one launched by the Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime highlighting the impact of dog worrying on livestock. Ward priorities remained unchanged: road safety (speeding), misuse of drugs, rural thefts and antisocial behaviour. On 30 January 2019, Police had been called to a local farm following a report that several sheds had been broken into. Tractor keys had been stolen. This incident had been linked to further reports of theft and break-ins in the Coldingham area – enquiries were continuing.

2. Resilient Communities

Susan McLuckie had accepted the role of Ayton Co-ordinator for the Resilient Communities initiative when it was first introduced over 5 years ago and was happy to continue with this responsibility. However, the list of volunteers drawn up 5 years ago was now out of date. Susan had obtained supplies of the leaflet and contact information form and was seeking support from the Community Council to encourage new volunteers to come forward. It was agreed to arrange an early public meeting to take this forward. (Subsequently agreed for 19 February 2019.)

GD

3. Planning Application 18/01804/FUL

Erection of 51 no Dwelling houses with Associated Infrastructure on Land South West and South of Ayton Primary School

KC summarised the Community Council's position on the proposed development, following two meetings with the Architects and Developers and having regard to comments made at the Public Consultations. In essence, the CC supported the introduction of new houses to the village as a positive influence in securing a healthy future for Ayton. However, there was no point in encouraging new people to live in Ayton without an infrastructure robust enough to support what could be an increase in population of more than 40% from this development alone. Infrastructure issues of concern were:

- drainage/flood prevention/sewage proposals
- increased traffic, especially on Beanburn and, to a lesser extent, Lawfield Drive.
- the impact on already stretched health and social care provision, together with limited employment opportunities
- education - the capacity of the Primary School to cope with an influx of new pupils.

Those issues were discussed in detail with the first two causing considerable concern amongst residents. Beanburn residents spoke of increasing numbers of very heavy vehicles accessing East Reston, especially since the introduction of a biomass plant, and the impact

of this traffic on the Jubilee Bridge. All were mindful of child safety concerns as Beanburn provides the only vehicle access to the Primary School. In addition, there was a lack of clarity about how the number of houses had been determined at 51 – an increase of 11 on SBC's published Local Development Plan. Clarification was also sought on BHA's allocation process.

It was agreed that an early meeting would be sought with BHA in the first instance to inform the CC response to the planning application. If required, further discussions would be sought with SBC's Planning and Roads officers. **KC/IK**

4. Open Forum

Nothing to report

5. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey, Helen Laing (SBC) and Dick Noble.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 December 2018 were approved. Proposed by **PP** and seconded by **GD**.

7. Matters Arising

- **Footpath at the Crofts** – nothing to report. **IK** would pursue. **IK**
- **Defibrillator** – **HL** had reported on advice received from Daren Silcock that a funding application for a defibrillator would be considered from SBC's Quality of Life fund. No funding was left in this year's allocation. An application should therefore be submitted after 1 April 2019.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing to report.
- **Speed Limit Signs** – it was noted that there were restrictions on the placement of the *30 Means You* signs.
- **Christmas Lights** – the Christmas lights had been taken down for another year. It was agreed that a special meeting would be organised in September 2019 to start planning for this year's lights etc. **GD**
- **Castle View** – no information had yet been received about the cost of the sign. **JF**
- **Safer Route to School** – **IK** had still to contact Daren Silcock re markings. **IK**

8. Planning Applications

- **Works to Trees, Ayton Castle** – no comment
- **Extension to Dwelling House, 6 The Crofts, Ayton** – supported. **GD**

9. Area Councillor's Report

CH reported on current issues including consultation on works to the Union Chain Bridge, Health and Social Care consultative paper (comments by 8 February), and a forthcoming seminar for older people 'Living it Up, Not Giving it Up'.

10. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £454.40 and the Project Account at £1337.99 (ring fenced).

11. Correspondence

The CC's annual insurance renewal was due. **GD** would complete the required documentation. **GD**

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on **5 March 2019** in Ayton Community Hall.