

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

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

In Attendance Two members of the public.

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

As the CPOs were unable to attend, **KC** presented the February Police Report which had previously been circulated. Hate Crime and Third Party Reporting was highlighted as a current campaign. Eyemouth Contact Centre in the Old High School building in Coldingham Road was the nearest facility for third party reporting. Police Scotland were also currently conducting an online survey on the quality of police resources available to young people. Ward priorities remained unchanged: road safety (speeding), misuse of drugs, rural thefts and antisocial behaviour. It was noted that there had been several incidents of items (including quad bikes) having been stolen from both secure and insecure premises in East Berwickshire. Residents were reminded to secure their valuables out of sight under lock and key.

2. Open Forum

Barrie Forrest (RAGES) gave an update on progress with the reopening of Reston and East Linton stations. Responsibility had now been passed to Network Rail to finalise station designs and timescale. 2020 remained the target date.

3. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were noted.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 February 2019 were approved. Proposed by **RW** and seconded by **PP**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Resilient Communities** – a meeting had taken place on 19 February 2019 to discuss how best to update the Resilient Communities arrangements which had now been in place for 5 years. Some residents who had previously been helpers were now identified as themselves needing assistance should the need arise. It was agreed to arrange a leaflet drop to all households by the end of March to update this information. **CC** would clarify the Peelwalls residents position at a forthcoming meeting with their new factors. **HL** would explore the availability of costs to support costs associated with this exercise. **GD/CC/HL**
- **51 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** – **KC, GD, IK and RW** had met with Helen Forsyth (HF) and Jean Gray of Berwickshire Housing Association to appraise them of the main issues raised by residents at the last meeting of the Community Council. At the outset, HF advised that the planning application would not now be heard until June 2019 at the earliest. It was also noted that:
the reports commissioned by BHA to resolve the drainage/sewage/flooding concerns which were amongst the planning application documents already submitted, were incomplete;

further work was required to establish the final number of houses in phase 1 and clarification would be given how this would fit with BHA's allocation policy and still attract a housing association grant;

BHA would take to SBC concerns raised about impact of the heavy vehicles using Beanburn to access East Reston facilities, which would be significantly worsened during the construction period of the development. It was noted that this road afforded the only vehicle access to the Primary School.

It was felt that this meeting had been productive in opening communications with the developer. It was agreed that a further meeting will be sought with representatives of SBC Planning and Roads. **IK**

SW reported that the Parent Council would be surveying all parents/guardians of children attending Ayton Primary School regarding traffic and safety issues and were proposing a loop road system around the car park into Summerhill Park to create a one-way traffic flow. SW had also contacted the Education Department regarding the paucity of their response to the planning application. No response had yet been received. **SW**

- **Footpath at the Crofts** – **IK** had contacted SBC regarding the timetabling of works on the footpath at the Crofts. It was now understood that this was NOT an extension of the existing footpath as previously thought: advice given was that there was no money for new works and that the £10,000 allocated was for footpath repairs only. **HL** advised that such works might now be the subject of bids against a Community Fund to be established wef April 2019 into which previous financial pockets such as the Quality of Life fund had been subsumed. Further advice was awaited. **HL**
- **Defibrillator** – funding for an additional defibrillator might also be the subject of a bid against the new Community Fund.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing to report.
- **30 Means You Signs** – a location was still to be identified for the second sign. In the meantime, **KC** would contact the Police about the availability of Pop Up Bob and **HL** would find out about the feasibility of a temporary electronic speed sign for the village. **KC/HL**
- **Castle View Houses** – **HL** undertook to find out the cost of a street sign for the properties. The cost would be met by the CC. **HL**
- **Stop, Look and Listen** – **IK** had reported the need for sign refurbishment to SBC and would also advise them of the subsidence in the path between Shearlaw Road and the playing field. **IK**

6. Planning Applications

No new planning applications were noted in February.

7. Area Councillor's Report

HL advised that the launch event for the 2019 Floral Gateway competition would take place in St Boswells on 14 March from 5.30 pm. A bid for funding had been made to support repairs to the Union Chain Bridge.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £429.40 and the Project Account (ring fenced) at £1337.99.

9. Correspondence

A letter from John Lamont, MP, encouraged attendance at a Community Council Engagement meeting to be held on Friday 8 March 2019 from 4.30 pm at St Boswells.

10. Any Other Business

- **Localities Fund Application** – Tracey Dick (Parents' Council) had advised that a revised application had been submitted to fund the audiovisual system in Ayton Primary School hall. It was hoped that the application would be accepted on this occasion and that there would be support from the local community.

- **Footpath to Peelwalls Meadows** – residents had been expressing concern about vegetation creep on the footpath from the village to Peelwalls Meadows. **IK** would raise with Daren Silcock (SBC) in the first instance. **IK**
- **Ayton High Street: HGVs** – there had been an increasing number of complaints received about HGVs on the High Street. HGVs approaching the village from the A1 north to access Beanburn or the B6355 should only exit the A1 on the southern access road to the village to avoid the High Street. Likewise, HGVs heading north on the A1, eg for Ayton Law farm, should only exit the A1 at the north access. Vehicles seen to be ignoring this restriction should be reported either direct to the Police or to **KC/GD** who would contact the owners of the offending vehicles in the first instance. **HL** undertook to pursue this matter with SBC's Road Safety & Traffic Management Department to ensure though AMEY that the correct signage was in place. **HL**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on **Tuesday 2 April 2019** in Ayton Community Hall.