

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	CH
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL
	Paul Priestman	PP	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Sarah Woodbury	SW		

In Attendance CPO Suzanne Jacobs (for Item 1)
One member of the public.

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

The CPO presented the Police Report for March, which had previously been circulated. A campaign launched in mid-March tackled Child Sexual Abuse by targeting perpetrators: Stop It Now! made it clear to anyone attempting to engage with children online for sexual purposes that they would be caught and made to face the consequences. Romance Fraud was another campaign launched in March to heighten awareness of potential scams involving vulnerable online victims. Ward priorities remained unchanged: as rural thefts continued to be of concern in East Berwickshire, residents were reminded that a Crime Prevention Survey of their property could be arranged by contacting the East Berwickshire Community Team on 101. 34 police incidents were created in March in respect of the DU04 Beat area, including 6 for Ayton – these referred to concerns for welfare and lost/found property.

The CPO confirmed that an additional two 'Pop Up Bob' speed deterrents were to be purchased by the Community Safety Panel.

There was discussion about local action being taken to stop HGVs from driving up and down the High Street when A1 signage indicated entry via the south junction and local signs showed a 7.5 tonne restriction.

2. Open Forum

A reminder was given about the hedge whips which were awaiting transplantation to the hedgerows at the north edge of the village. It was agreed that a quick review of the area would determine whether the gaps still needed to be infilled. **GD/IK**

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey and Catherine Chisholm.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

5. Matters Arising

- **Resilient Communities** – no response had yet been received from SBC regarding any available funding to support the printing of a revised leaflet. **HL/GD**
- **51 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** – a follow up meeting was awaited with BHA and attempts were being made to set up a meeting with representatives of SBC's Planning and Roads Departments. **SW** advised that she had contacted the Education Department regarding the paucity of their stock comment on the impact of the development. No response had been received to date.

- **Footpath at the Crofts** – nothing to report.
- **Defibrillator** – nothing to report
- **Housing Development off B6355** – it was confirmed that a condition of planning approval was the establishment of a line of sight to improve visibility at the entrance to the site. No works should take place before the line of sight had been established.
- **Castle View Houses** – a price for the street sign was awaited from Daren Silcock. **HL**
- **Stop, Look and Listen** – a response was awaited from Daren Silcock on repairing the subsidence damage to the safer routes to School path at Shearlaw Road. **IK**
- **Footpath to Peelwalls Meadows** – although no response had been received from Daren Silcock to date, it was suggested that the work may now have been carried out.
- **Ayton to Reston back road** – the appalling condition of the road surface, exacerbated by the heavy vehicles heading for East Reston, was acknowledged by SBC. No timescale was given for any remedial works.

6. Planning Applications

No new planning applications were noted in March.

7. Area Councillors' Report

- **Alcohol in Public Places** – on line consultation responses were sought until mid-May. SBC is keen to understand whether or not people think the drinking of alcohol in any public areas is causing concern.
- **Area Partnership/Community Council Review Meeting** – noted that the next meeting will take place on 2 May 2019 at Coldstream Community Centre, 6.30 pm.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £334.40 and the Project Account (ringfenced) at £1338.15.

9. Correspondence

- **RAGES** – it was agreed to renew the annual RAGES newsletter subscription. **GD**

10. Any Other Business

- **Dunclutha (Paul Wheelhouse)** – many complaints had been received about water seepage from the grounds of Dunclutha on to the pavement at the bus stop for the north end of the village. Scottish Water were denying responsibility. SBC had also been contacted without result. It was unclear whether Mr Wheelhouse had taken any action. **HL** undertook to make informal contact with Mr Wheelhouse to try to resolve the situation. **HL**
- **Notice Boards** – sincere thanks were recorded to Bill Black for the excellent work he had undertaken recently to refurbish the notice boards at the Clock Tower.
- **Saltire** – a new Saltire had been hoisted to replace the tattered flag on the Clock Tower. It was agreed to purchase another flag so as to always have one in reserve. **GD**
- **Coat of Arms Restrictions (Lord Lyon)** – **GD** had unearthed a letter to the CC dated 2003 from the Court of the Lord Lyon. It stated that it was inappropriate to use the *Ayton of Ayton* Armorial Bearings as part of a village coat of arms without permission from the crown and the Lord Lyon, King of Arms. Should permission be sought and granted, a payment of £846 (in 2003) was also required. Unaware of this information, the CC had recently been using such a device for letterheads etc.
- **Litter Pick** – **SW** advised that the school would be happy to pick up litter from the school grounds and playing fields. Other than that, it was agreed to defer a village litter pick until just before the Floral Gateway judging visit as it was felt the village was looking fairly litter free. **SW/GD**

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at **7.00pm on Tuesday 7 May 2019 in Ayton Community Hall** and would be preceded by the **Annual General Meeting** to commence at **6.50pm**. All are welcome to attend both meetings.