

# Ayton Community Council

## Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 7.00 pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Catherine Chisholm	<b>CC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	<b>JF</b>
	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	<b>CH</b>	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>
	Helen Laing (SBC)	<b>HL</b>	Paul Priestman	<b>PP</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Sarah Woodbury	<b>SW</b>

**In Attendance:** Five members of the public  
CPOs Suzanne Jacobs and Drew Young

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

### Items

### Action

#### 1. Police Report

The CPOs presented the May Police Report. Current campaigns included Security in the Rural Environment, reminding residents and farmers to check and update any security measures surrounding their homes and businesses following recent reports of a number of thefts across the Scottish Borders. Ward priorities remained unchanged (Road Safety – Speeding, Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts, Antisocial Behaviour). Of the 10 Police Incidents relating to Ayton in May, 3 calls received were in relation to an ongoing neighbour issue resulting in a crime report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Other incidents recorded referred to minor Road Traffic matters and calls made for information purposes only.

With the CPOs present, there was discussion about traffic speed control on the B6355 up to Peelwalls Meadows. **CC** was representing residents in arranging a meeting with their MSP to discuss measures which might be taken to lower the existing 60 mph speed limit, including improved signage and speed measurement traps. SBC guidelines received regarding the organisation of a petition would be forwarded to **CC**.

**IK/CC**

#### 2. Open Forum

- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award** – Camilla Bailey introduced the two boys (Caleb Bewsey and Jack Lannigan) who would be undertaking voluntary work in the village over the next 12 months (approximately 50 hours each) as part of their Gold Award scheme requirements. Proposals for appropriate projects should be submitted to Mrs Bailey in the first instance. **CB**
- **Localities Bids** – Tracey Dick, Chair of the Parent Council, wished to have thanks recorded for all the support received relating to the Primary School's bid for £10,000 to purchase a sound, lighting and video control system. As there had been technical issues with the online voting system, it was noted that the closing date had been extended to 14 June. All were reminded to submit paper voting papers if online facilities failed.
- **Ayton Church** – Bill Stewart, Session Clerk for Ayton Parish Church, spoke about two separate proposals for an internal refurbishment of the church: one much more extensive (and costly) than the other. The Community Council felt unable to comment on behalf of the village in support of either scheme and welcomed the forthcoming public meeting on Monday 10 June when the proposals could be discussed more widely.

#### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey.

#### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 May 2019 were approved. Proposed by **GD** and seconded by **PP**.

#### 5. Matters Arising

- **Resilient Communities** – **HL** would ask about progress with the new forms. **HL**
- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** – SBC's Planning Committee met on 3 June 2019 to hear this application. **IK** and **SW** presented summaries of the main objections to the application relating to Beanburn and Primary School access/safety issues. It was noted that no representation was made by the developer (BHA). Another resident of the Beanburn also spoke about traffic concerns. Following extensive discussions, Councillors on the committee were in general agreement that a decision on the development be deferred to allow further information to be submitted about traffic and safety issues together with plans to mitigate the effect of construction traffic using Beanburn. As an aside, **JF** advised the meeting that SBC was becoming increasingly concerned about social housing applications failing to gain the support of the Planning Committee and the consequent potential effect on the availability of time limited Housing Association Grants.
- **Defibrillator** – projects such as this were now eligible for funding consideration from the Berwickshire Community Fund. It was noted that guidance and application forms were available on the SBC website. **IK/GD**
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing to report.
- **Castle View Houses and Stop, Look and Listen works** – Darren Silcock would be asked to chase up these outstanding matters. **GD/IK**
- **Dunclutha (Paul Wheelhouse)** – because of the recent dry spell, the water nuisance at the pavement Bus Stop outside Dunclutha was drying up. **HL** undertook to remind Mr Wheelhouse of his responsibilities in this regard in the event of the water seepage recurring. **HL**

#### 6. Planning Applications

- **Erection of Dwelling House and Integral Garage – land south west of Lynnfield House, Tower Road, Ayton.** Supported. **GD**
- **Erection of Greenhouse – The Old Glebe, Ayton.** Supported. **GD**

#### 7. SBC Community Council Scheme Review – Ayton Community Council: Consider number of elected members.

It was agreed that there should be no change to the current number (12) of elected members. **GD**

#### 8. Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition

It was confirmed that Ayton would again be competing in the Champion of Champions category. Judgement day had not yet been announced.

#### 9. Area Councillors' Report

- New arrangements for Community Funding bids would be discussed at a meeting to be held before the Area Partnership Meeting on Thursday 6 June. **GD, SW and IK** would attend at least one of the meetings.
- It was noted that the Jim Clark Rally was proposed to be reinstated in November 2019.

#### 10. Treasurer's Report

**GD** presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £147.21 (CC grant awaited) and the Project Account (ringfenced) at £1338.15.

#### 11. Correspondence

None noted that had not already been circulated.

## **12. Any Other Business**

**KC** asked for support to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May 2020 of VE Day. Support was given. **KC**

## **13. Date of Next Meeting**

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