

Ayton Community Council

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

Present:	Kenny Combe	KC	Margaret Carey	MC
	Catherine Chisholm	CC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Jim Fullarton (SBC)	JF	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Sarah Woodbury	SW

In Attendance: Four members of the public
Tracey Dick, Chair, Ayton Primary School Parent Council

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

The Police Report for June had been delayed and was not received until after the meeting. Since there was no Community Council meeting in August, it was agreed to include in this minute the main points raised on receipt of the report. Current campaigns included Summer Safety – the Police Scotland website advises on knife crime, alcohol, festivals, securing your home and staying safe outdoors; fraud associated with Pay Day Loan companies; and how to spot Suspicious Emails. Ward priorities remained unchanged – we are reminded that anyone wanting a Crime Prevention Survey undertaken on their property can contact the East Berwickshire Community Team on 101. Two reported incidents in June related specifically to Ayton:

- 05/06 – **Cold Calling**. A report had been received of an aggressive male trying to sell goods to householders in the Beanburn. His description was passed on to officers who carried out a search of the area with no success. No further reports were received.
- 21/06 – **Online Bank Account**. A local resident had reported their online bank account had been compromised following a call from a person purporting to be from a BT call centre. Advice was given and enquiries are continuing.

2. Open Forum

- **Perennial Flower Beds** – Camilla Bailey advised the meeting that help was needed with maintaining the flower beds at the Church entrance and in the middle of the High Street. It was agreed that this would best be discussed jointly with members of the Enhancement Group, Community Council and herself in the first instance. **GD**
- **Ayton Primary School** – the Community Council was delighted to learn that Ayton Primary School's (Parent Council) bid for £10,000 to purchase a sound, lighting and video control system had been successful. Tracey Dick asked that their thanks be conveyed to all who supported the bid.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Carol Hamilton (SBC), Helen Laing (SBC) and Paul Priestman.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 June 2019 were approved. Proposed by **CC** and seconded by **SW**.

5. Matters Arising

- **B6355 Peelwalls Meadows Speed Control** – **CC** reported on helpful discussions held with Philippa Gilhooley (SBC) since the last meeting. It had been agreed that the vegetation on

the footpath would be scraped back again; a traffic survey would be undertaken at the beginning of September; improved lighting would be considered; and an end of year traffic management review undertaken. **CC** had also asked for assistance from Paul Wheelhouse in pursuing the possibility of an alternative footpath on the other side of the hedge. It was noted that this option had previously been explored by the Community Council but without success. In the meantime, it was stressed that speeding concerns should continue to be reported to Police Scotland. **CC** was thanked for all her efforts on this matter.

- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award** – Mrs Bailey advised that general gardening duties had been assigned to the boys so far, including an intention to weed the edges of the safer route to school pathway linking Shearlaw Road with the playing field. Other proposals for community work would be welcomed.
- **Ayton Church** – it was noted that the more modest of the two refurbishment proposals for the Church had been supported at the recent public meeting.
- **Resilient Communities** – nothing to report.
- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** – the development had been approved at Planning Committee (SBC) held on 1 July 2019. Building on the first phase (30 houses) would begin once all 20 conditions imposed by the Planners on the Developer (BHA) had been met. None of the proposals which would have seen construction traffic diverted from the Beanburn and a safe vehicle access created for Primary School drop-off and pick-up traffic had been deemed affordable. However, there was a lack of clarity on whether or not any communication had taken place between the Developer's retained builder (Hart Construction) and the landowner of the field to the north of the site. There was real concern that SBC was failing in its statutory duty to provide safe access for children to the Primary School. However, the development was unanimously supported by all Planning Committee Councillors albeit with sympathy expressed for the impact of the additional traffic on the Beanburn.
- **Defibrillator** – nothing to report.
- **Housing Development off B6355** – nothing to report.
- **Castle View Houses** – Darren Silcock had ordered the signs and Neil Hastie (SBC Property Maintenance) would liaise with the Housing Trust in due course.
- **Dunclutha (Paul Wheelhouse)** – there had still been no final resolution to the water leakage nuisance at the Bus Stop outside Dunclutha although it was understood that Mr Wheelhouse was arranging for further investigations to be undertaken.
- **Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** – it was noted that judging would take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 6 August.

6. Planning Application

- 21 Lawfield Drive, Ayton – vehicle access application (already approved).

7. Area Councillor's Report

JF (SBC) confirmed the success of Ayton Primary School's bid to the Localities Fund.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £147.24, although the annual grant of £630 had now been confirmed. The ringfenced Project Account's balance was £1338.32.

9. Correspondence

None noted that had not already been circulated.

10. Any Other Business

- **Pavement Obstruction** – another complaint had been received about a parked vehicle regularly obstructing the pavement outside a property in Lawfield Drive such that pedestrian access was compromised. This would be pursued with our Community Police Officers. **KC**

- **RAGES** – it was noted that Network Rail was now in negotiation with the landowner re purchase of the station site.
- **Local Area Plan** – **JF** (SBC) alerted the meeting to the changes which would result from the recent passing of the Planning Bill by the Scottish Parliament. Once brought into Law, the Act would see a fundamental change to the structure of the planning system.
- **VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations** – Ayton had been approached by Reston and Auchencrow CC regarding the possibility of joint celebrations to mark this important anniversary. **KC** would explore further and report back. **KC**

11. Date of Next Meeting

As the Community Council does not meet in August, the next meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on **Tuesday 3 September 2019** in Ayton Community Hall.