

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present:	Kenny Combe	KC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Isabel Kellie	IK	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL
	Paul Priestman	PP	Rob Weatherston	RW
	Sarah Woodbury	SW		

In Attendance: Tracey Dick, Chair, Ayton Primary School Parent Council

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

As the CPOs were unable to attend, **KC** presented the August Police Report which had been circulated previously to members. The current campaigns focussed on Student Safety and Youth Engagement with the police. Ward priorities were unchanged. 13 police incidents relating to Ayton had been reported in August, two of which were considered to be of note -

- 17/8 - Suspicious males: informant reported hearing suspicious voices and the noise of an angle grinder outside an address in Beanburn in the early hours of the morning. Officer attended a short while later and conducted a thorough search of the area. However, no persons were traced.
- 19/8 - Loud music: police were contacted by an anonymous informant reporting loud music coming from a property in Lawfield Drive. Police attended, with no noise being heard on arrival. No further complaints were received.

GD advised of a concern reported by a resident of Welltower Park who had been receiving nuisance telephone calls during the night. The resident was advised to contact the police.

It was also noted that a burglary had taken place in a property in Welltower Park when a quantity of cash and some jewellery were understood to have been removed. It would appear that this incident had not been reported formally to the police.

2. Open Forum

Tracey Dick advised that Sea the Change were working with Abundant Borders to run two evening workshops in Ayton Community Hall between 7 and 9pm -

- 19 September - composting
- 24 October - keeping it local (food)

All were welcome to attend.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Carey, Catherine Chisholm and Carol Hamilton (SBC).

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2019 were approved. Proposed by **SW** and seconded by **RW**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Perennial Flower Beds** - following helpful discussions regarding the need for additional assistance with village flower beds, tubs, hanging baskets etc, it had been agreed to hold a public meeting to determine interest in helping to maintain these features. The meeting would take place at 7pm on Tuesday 17 September in Ayton Community Hall.

- **B6355 Peelwalls Meadows** - it was hoped that an update would be available for the next meeting. **CC**
- **Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award** - Tracey Dick advised that the two boys would be undertaking work in the School playground following discussions with Camilla Bailey.
- **Resilient Communities** - new leaflets for public distribution were awaited from Brian McFarlane (SBC). **HL**
- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - the Community Council was concerned to learn that BHA's Agent for the development had written recently to SBC's Planning Officer advising of proposed changes to the approved appearance of the houses in phase 1 and to the approved sewerage/drainage arrangements. These changes were being sought because of the unaffordability of the approved design. A response from the Planning Officer, posted on the public planning portal, advised that any material changes to the approved application would result in a requirement for a new application to be submitted. The cheaper option proposed of installing a pumping station for sewage to avoid sinking a new pipe down the Beanburn appeared at this time to constitute a material change. The planning officer liked none of the three options offered for siting the pumping station within the residential development. It was agreed that a comment from the CC would be prepared. **IK/SW**
- **Defibrillator** - an application for funding would be prepared for an additional defibrillator for the village. **IK/GD**
- **Housing Development off B6355** - nothing to report.
- **Castle View Houses** - despite assurances that the sign had been ordered, nothing had yet appeared. It was unclear why this matter was so difficult to resolve. **HL**
- **Stop, Look and Listen** - no response had yet been received from SBC on concerns raised about the road surface on the Shearlaw Road entrance to the playing fields. Neither had action been taken to repaint the safe crossing points on the High Street. **IK**
- **Dunclutha (Paul Wheelhouse)** - it was noted that exploratory works appeared to have been undertaken by SBC. No further information was available.
- **Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** - the Awards Ceremony would be held in St Boswells on Tuesday 24 September 2019 when SBC would also take the opportunity to discuss their withdrawal from any future bedding plant provision.
- **Pavement Obstruction** - resolved.
- **RAGES** - AGM would take place in Reston Community Hall at 730pm on Wednesday 18 September 2019. All welcome.
- **Local Area Plan** – it was noted that communities would be encouraged to engage in Place Planning to inform future discussion on any proposed major local developments. No information had yet been received about training events to support this initiative. **IK**
- **VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations** – **KC** would discuss a possible joint initiative with Reston and Auchencrow CC. It was noted that Paul Hyde of Peelwalls House had offered support with any arrangements. **KC**

6. Planning Application

- Heatherbank, Beanburn, Ayton – application for replacement windows was supported. **GD**

7. Area Councillor's Report

HL gave a comprehensive report covering

- CC scheme review on 19/9/19
- £700k regeneration monies for Eyemouth
- Playground closures in Berwickshire
- Area Partnership meeting to take place Thursday 6 September 2019
- New Primary School for Eyemouth – consultation event 26/9/19 between 4pm and 7pm
- SBC Committee to be established to look at all aspects of sustainable development.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD presented the report. The Treasurer's Account stood at £714.99, including the annual grant of £630. The ringfenced Project Account's balance was £1338.32.

9. Correspondence

- **SBC Dog Education Officer** – a letter had been received from Rose Hogg, recently appointed Dog Education Officer, whose role was to promote responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs. It was agreed to contact Ms Hogg with a view to arranging a public meeting in the village to promote awareness of how she could help with issues of concern amongst and about dog owners.

IK

- **BT Phone Boxes** – it was agreed that the community should express interest in purchasing the BT phonebox in the Crofts car park for the nominal sum of £1. In the absence of a functioning CC for Lamberton, **HL** would find out what was proposed for their traditional red telephone kiosk.

GD/HL

10. Any Other Business

- **Parking in the High Street** – there was an occasional problem where service buses found their through access restricted around the shop, hall and pub in the High Street by traffic parked on both sides of the road. It was agreed to take advice from Phillipa Gilhooley (SBC) in the first instance on options for resolving this matter.

GD

- **Falling Roof Slates** – a problem of states falling from an unoccupied property next to the Clock Tower had been reported. It was agreed to refer this matter to Margaret Carey who was in touch with the owner.

MC

- **Solar Speed Signs** – it was understood that SBC was now allowing/encouraging local communities to consider siting live speed indicators in roads known to have speeding issues.

Further information would be sought from SBC.

GD

- **Ayton Primary School** – Tracey Dick advised that the Primary School roll had reached 80 at the beginning of the new school year. In view of teacher turnover and physical classroom constraints, it was important to keep abreast of the situation.

SW/TD

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 October 2019 in Ayton Community Hall.