

# Ayton Community Council

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

**Present:** Catherine Chisholm      **CC**      Graham Dolan      **GD**  
Helen Laing (SBC)      **HL**      Margaret Carey      **MC**  
Rob Weatherston      **RW**      Sarah Woodbury      **SW**

The Meeting was Chaired by Rob Weatherson

**Items** **Action**

### 1. Police Report

The Police Report had not been received in time for the meeting due to an error and no CPO could attend.

### 2. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Isabel Kellie (**IK**), Paul Priestman (**PP**), Kenny Combe (**KC**), Jim Fullarton {SBC} (**JF**) and Police Scotland CPO.

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2019 were approved. Proposed by **SW** and seconded by **CC**.

### 5. Matters Arising

- **Perennial Flower Beds and Scotland's Floral Gateway Competition** - It was noted that following a recent public meeting, Ayton Enhancement Group had been re-established with a new committee. This group will co-ordinate the village displays.
- **B6355 Peelwalls Meadows** - **CC** advised that the results of a recent traffic survey had still to be analysed. A further site meeting was planned with SBC officials for 19/11 to consider possible lighting and signage. It seemed unlikely that a reduced speed limit would be introduced. **CC**
- **Resilient Communities** - There had been no further action regarding revamping the RC scheme. It was suggested that **KC**, **GD** and **IK** meet soon to look at the best way forward. **KC/GD/IK**
- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - There were no further developments.
- **Second Defibrillator** - It was noted that a donation of £500 had been received from Berwickshire Housing Association towards the cost. **IK** to investigate further funding and a possible site near Welltower Park. A power supply would be needed. **IK**
- **Building of 4 Houses on Peelwalls Corner on B6355** - As construction work has now commenced at this site, in contravention of the planning condition 4, **GD** to contact the planning officer again. No reply had been previously received. **HL** to follow up also. **GD/HL**
- **Castle View Houses** - A new street sign (1-4 Castle View/High Street) is still awaited. **HL** to chase this up. It was noted that these houses are owned by Bridge Homes LLP which is part of SBC and that windows are in need of urgent maintenance. **GD** to contact SBC Property Department. **GD/HL**
- **Stop, Look and Listen** - **IK** had reminded SBC that this work was still outstanding. **HL** would expedite. **HL**

- **Dunclutha, High Street (Paul Wheelhouse)** - The recent excavation has been filled in and tarred over by SBC but water is still leaking over the pavement causing a safety hazard. The leak obviously requires a further more serious investigation. **HL** to pursue. **HL**
- **VE Day 75th Anniversary** - A meeting for all interested parties is planned at Reston Village Hall on 13/11 at 7.00pm. Various local organisations have been asked to send representatives.
- **BT Phone Boxes** - It was noted that the Lamberton phone box is to be retained. It was hoped that Ayton might be able to get one of the redundant iconic red boxes for adoption to replace the more modern one. **GD** to contact SBC/BT. **GD**
- **Parking in the High Street** - The Police had indicated that as there are no parking restrictions near and opposite the shop they cannot be involved trying to keep the area clear on both sides of the street to avoid congestion and for short term shop customers.
- **Falling Roof Slates - Unoccupied House, High Street** - **MC** had contacted a relative of the owner (who lives in the Middle East). The suggestion given was for the CC to contact the owner direct by letter and point out that possible falling slates and a bulging wall at the rear constituted a safety hazard and that some urgent remedial action was needed. **IK**
- **Solar Speed Signs on Eyemouth Road** - As the cost of a sign is around £4000 with an annual service charge of £200, it was felt this was well beyond the CC's means unless some grant funding was available.
- **Village Christmas Lights** - There is no plan to extend the lights unless perhaps on part of the Old Town. The lights have been checked and some parts replaced. It is planned to erect them on Saturday 23/11 with help from 3 local farmers with machines. The switch-on on 1/12 at 4.00pm. Reston Wind Band has been booked. The CC + volunteers will organise refreshments in the community hall following the switch-on. **All ACC**
- **Eyemouth Community Campus** - **HL** reported that a long term review of schools was in hand, with all educational matters 'on the table'. There is no current plan to close small schools.
- **School Field Path** - **SW** agreed to pass on photos of grass on the path after cutting to **HL** who would pursue the matter. **SW/HL**

## 6. Planning Applications - None

## 7. Area Councillors' Report

- There has been a debate regarding alcohol by-laws. Pilot schemes are to be initiated in Eyemouth and Galashiels.
- SBC is aware of problems at Eyemouth recycling centre. Efforts are in hand to try and improve traffic flow. Any problems encountered there should be reported to **HL**.
- Early Learning & Children is to increase nursery hours by August 2020 from 600 to 1140. Consultation about this is open until 9/12.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

**GD** reported that there was £1127.16 in the Treasurer's A/C, which included a £500 donation from Berwickshire Housing Association towards a second defibrillator. SBC insurance for Christmas lights and defibrillator (£104.38) was outstanding. The ring fenced Project A/C stood at £1338.49 with £159.94 still outstanding for Christmas lights.

## 9. Correspondence

None other than that already circulated.

## 10. Any Other Business

**GD** to check with **KC** if he was free to lay the CC's wreath on Remembrance Sunday. **GD**

## 11. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at **7.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd December 2019** in Ayton Community Hall.