

## AYTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MC</b>	Catherine Chisholm	<b>CC</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	<b>CH</b>	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>
	Helen Laing (SBC)	<b>HL</b>	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>
	Sarah Woodbury	<b>SW</b>		

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

#### Items

#### Action

##### 1. Police Report

In the absence of the CPOs, **KC** presented the new look January Police Report for East Berwickshire. No incidents concerning Road Safety, Misuse of Drugs, Rural Thefts or Anti-Social Behaviour were reported in Ayton. It was noted, however, that the report contained details of 20 incidents of anti-social behaviour in Eyemouth during the month, all of which involved youths. Police Scotland had set up Operation Arbaleen in response to concerns about this escalation in anti-social behaviour which would result in an increased Police presence in Eyemouth over the coming weeks. The January report also contained details of Police Scotland's Safe Online Dating Campaign which had been launched on 3 February.

##### 2. Open Forum

Three members of the organising committee for the 2020 Jim Clark Rally attended to discuss any implications for Ayton of the proposed route for that section of the rally which would start at Burnmouth on Sunday 31 May. It was noted that the route was not yet finalised and the committee members were anxious to hear about any concerns communities might have over the proposals. The main implication for Ayton seemed to be the 7 hour safety closure to vehicle traffic of that section of the B6355 between the Church road end and the railway bridge before the Prendergest junction. Access would, of course, be given to emergency vehicles at all times. Any individual online comments were invited at [community@jimclarkrally.org](mailto:community@jimclarkrally.org).

##### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Rob Weatherston (**RW**) and Paul Priestman (**PP**).

##### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

There had been a misunderstanding regarding the recording of the December meeting and despite best efforts from **RW**, **GD** and **IK**, it was accepted that some items had not been fully minuted. Subject to this proviso, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 were approved. Proposed by **SW** and seconded by **MC**.

##### 5. Matters Arising

- **B6355 Peelwalls Meadows** - **CC** reported no further progress with efforts to contain traffic speed on that stretch of road.
- **Resilient Communities** - **IK** had spoken with Susan McLuckie who confirmed that she and her husband were no longer able to co-ordinate the resilient communities' response. **KC**, **GD** and **IK** would try to meet before the March meeting to discuss what action had to be taken. **KC/GD/IK**
- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - work on Phase 1 (30 houses) had begun on 6 January. The first three months would be taken up with site preparation and drainage. Communication had been established with the Site Manager. There was no decision yet on the management of traffic on the Beanburn during the laying of the new

sewage pipe. It was noted that removal of a grass verge as part of the modest road widening works had resulted in a warning sign opposite the Retreat now protruding onto the traffic lane. **HL** would speak to Philippa Gilhooly (SBC). **HL**

- **Building of 4 Houses B6355** - planning condition has **still** not been met.
- **Castle View Houses** - street sign has **still** not been affixed.
- **Stop Look and Listen** - repainting of safe school crossing signs and repairs to path at Shearlaw Road **still** outstanding.

**Community Councillors expressed their frustration at SBC officers' apparent inability to deal with the above three issues. Notwithstanding budgetary pressures, it was felt that, at the very least, our concerns should be acknowledged and an explanation given as to why months passed by with no action. It was agreed that the Director of Planning should be asked to explain why planning conditions which should have been met before the commencement of a development (B6355 houses) were being ignored and that any correspondence be copied to SBC's Chief Executive. GD/IK**

- **Dunclutha** - despite a 14 day improvement notice (issued by SBC to Mr Wheelhouse on 29 November 2019), there was no improvement to the water nuisance. It may be that Mr Wheelhouse was planning to take action. In the meantime, one of the CC members was a successful douser and it was suggested that he might offer his services in this regard. **DN**
- **VE Day 75th Anniversary** - **CC** advised of a provisional timetable of events to be staged on the weekend of 8/9/10 May as a collaborative venture between Ayton and Reston/Auchencrow Community Councils. A meeting would take place in February to finalise the programme. **CC**
- **Falling Roof Slates, Unoccupied House, High Street** - **MC** had obtained a contact email address for the owner of the house. **IK** to pursue. **IK**
- **School Field Path** - discussion on uncollected grass cuttings was deferred to the next grass cutting season.

## 6. Planning Applications

None noted.

## 7. Ayton Bottle Bank

A resident had asked about the possible re-establishment of the village bottle bank. No site had been identified. It was noted, however, that the Burnmouth bottle bank was being relocated to the layby south of Henderson's Bridge off the A1. (**HL** advised that discussions were underway to improve capacity and traffic flow at the Eyemouth Recycling Centre.)

## 8. Eyemouth Community Campus

**HL** reported that discussions about this development were still in the early stages. No timetables yet. A Community Engagement Day was to be organised.

## 9. Area Councillors' Report

- School holidays were to be merged to create two 'proper' half term breaks.
- Noted that site investigation work was starting on Reston Station.
- Health and Social Care Provision - meeting for interested parties on 26 March at 1830 in Eyemouth Community Centre.

## 10. Treasurer's Report

**GD** reported that the Treasurer's Account stood at £412.51 and the Project Account at £1330.30 (including £600 for 2019 Christmas lights).

## **11. Correspondence**

- The Crofts and Crofts car park were scheduled for road resurfacing commencing Monday 17 February. it was not known whether the pavement extension at Eukoro was included in the works.
- **SW** volunteered to complete a short survey commissioned by the Borders Forest Trust to help inform the future direction of the Trust's community outreach project work. **SW**

## **12. Any Other Business**

- **Electronic Speed Signs** - an assistant engineer from SBC's Roads Department was looking at areas which might benefit from flashing electronic speed signs. **GD** had responded positively on behalf of the CC. Surveys of potential sites begin in March.
- **Planning Application - HL** advised that a planning application had been submitted for an equestrian development at Lamberton Quarry Field.

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

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