

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 7.00pm in Ayton Community Hall

Present:	Margaret Carey	MC	Kenny Combe	KC
	Graham Dolan	GD	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL	Dick Noble	DN
	Paul Priestman	PP	Sarah Woodbury	SW

In Attendance: Suzanne Jacobs, CPO

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Police Report

Suzanne Jacobs, CPO, presented the February Police Report for East Berwickshire.

- **Road Safety:** a single vehicle collision on the B6355 was amongst a number of incidents detailed in the report. The driver was taken to hospital as a precaution.
- **Misuse of drugs:** three incidents involving possession of drugs (in Cockburnspath, Eyemouth and Coldingham) were noted.
- **Rural Thefts:** a quantity of copper piping and a cylinder had been taken from two unoccupied cottages at Blackadder; a charities box had been stolen from St Abbs Harbour; and metal had been taken from business premises in Eyemouth.
- **Anti-social behaviour:** an update was given on Operation Arbaleen, set up to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Eyemouth area.

The CPO also reported on a new requirement for the registration of animal traps with Scottish National Heritage and confirmed that Ayton was on a waiting list for the installation of flashing speed signs following successful trials.

2. Open Forum

Nothing to report.

3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Rob Weatherston.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 2020 were approved. Proposed by **GD** and seconded by **SW**.

5. Matters Arising

- **Jim Clark Rally - HL** (SBC) had chaired a meeting of the East Berwickshire Area Partnership when proposals for the rally had been discussed. Whitsome representatives had raised concerns. It was noted that the organising committee was focussed on resolving local issues.
- **B6355 Peelwalls Meadows** - nothing more to report, other than the possible introduction of improved lighting.
- **Resilient Communities - KC, GD and IK** had met to consider the revitalisation of the initiative. Supplies of updated leaflets etc were awaited from SBC. **DN** had prepared an inventory of the original equipment held in the shed. There was discussion about the potential impact of Covid-19 on, especially, older residents. **HL** (SBC) would enquire about any forthcoming support from SBC.

HL

- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - still no indication had been received about proposals to maintain traffic access during services installation in the Beanburn.
- **Castle View Houses sign** - no progress. **IK**
- **Building of 4 Houses B6355** (line of sight) - no progress. **IK**
- **Stop Look and Listen** - no progress. **IK**
- **Dunclutha** - **DN** offered to use his dowsing skills to try and find the source of the water and would report back. **DN**
- **VE Day 75th Anniversary** - **KC** outlined the programme of events for this celebratory weekend in conjunction with Reston/Auchencrow CC. **KC**
- **Falling Roof Slates** - it was noted that work had started on the renovation of this property. When possible, **IK** would appraise the occupant or workmen of the roof problem. **IK**
- **Eyemouth Community Campus** - **HL** updated the meeting on progress with this controversial development. It was noted that a public demonstration was planned for Saturday 7 March - the main concerns related to proposals about the Library, Community Centre and housing development on green space.

6. Planning Application

An application to replace prime frontage windows on the property 2 High Street, Ayton was noted. It was unclear from the planning application whether the replacement windows would be on a like for like basis ie bullseye glass. **GD** would bring this to the attention of the planning officer. **GD**

7. Area Councillor's Report

It was noted that the Council Tax increase (4.84%) for the coming year resulted, partly, from the shortfall (£20m) in insurance cover for the rebuilding of fire damaged Peebles High School.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD reported that the Treasurer's Account stood at £412.5. The Project Account statement showed £1330.30 - £144 was still to be debited for expenditure (£144) on battery and pads for the defibrillator.

9. Correspondence

BAVS were holding an event in Chirnside on the afternoon of 25 March when it was hoped to attract new volunteers.

10. Clock Tower Flagpole

The flag and rope needed to be replaced. Under health and safety legislation it was likely that scaffolding would be required. **DN** undertook to speak with local tradesmen in the first instance. **DN**

11. Christmas Lights

DN offered to draft a working plan/timetable for future reference. **DN**

12. Date of Next Meeting **

The next meeting would be held at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 7 April 2020** in Ayton Community Hall.

**** Subsequently cancelled until further notice.**