

# Ayton Community Council

## Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 1 December 2020 via Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Margaret Carey	<b>MC</b>	Catherine Chisholm	<b>CC</b>
	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>
	Isabel Kellie	<b>IK</b>	Paul Priestman	<b>PP</b>
	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Sarah Woodbury	<b>SW</b>

The Meeting was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

### Items

#### 1. Multi Member Ward (Police) Report

The November report for East Berwickshire advised a 6.1% reduction in the number of crimes and offences reported compared with November 2019. Local policing priorities remained unchanged and, as with last month's report, no crimes specific to Ayton were noted. It was noted that anyone with information relating to any criminal activity can contact Police Scotland by dialling 101 or alternatively (anonymously) by calling **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555111**.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Helen Laing **HL** (SBC).

#### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 November 2020 were approved. Proposed by **SW** and seconded by **MC**.

#### 4. Matters Arising

- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - **HL** (SBC) had asked SBC's Assistant Engineer (Road Safety & Traffic Management) for advice on the weight limit for traffic using the Beanburn in view of the safety issues which had stopped works to link the old and new foul water drainage systems. Unfortunately, Mr Haldane had not understood that this was the reason for the stoppage and therefore offered no advice other than to confirm the Beanburn was already subject to the Ayton 7.5T weight restriction. He went on to state that "As this restriction is for environmental reasons rather than structural reasons, the caveat 'except for access' therefore applies and larger vehicles may still use this route where access is required". In view of this misinformation regarding the reason for the works being postponed, and the on-going lack of any meaningful communication other than with the building contractor, it was felt that a meeting with interested parties, including the client (BHA) would be useful. **IK**
- **Building of 4 Houses B6355 (Line of Sight)** - **HL** had requested a report from SBC's planners about this vexed issue. One of the assistant planning officers confirmed that the matter had not yet been resolved. Covid restrictions were blamed for the lack of a site meeting. No-one from SBC has yet been willing to explain why construction was able to begin without the one safety measure (the only planning condition of note) being met. After some discussion, it was agreed that this fundamental matter of principle be referred to the SBC Scrutiny Committee. **GD/IK**
- **Stop Look and Listen** - Mr Haldane (SBC) was aware of the subsidence at the Shearlaw Road entrance to the playing field and would determine a timetable for the works with Paul Matthewson.
- **Clock Tower Flagpole** - **GD** advised that a plumber was needed to repair/renew lead flashing around the fixing hole on the roof. This matter was in hand. **GD**
- **Christmas Lights** - the Christmas lights and tree had been successfully put up, with the help of a very industrious squad. Special thanks were given to Roger Postle, Ian Logan and Jamie Lindsay without whose help the village would be without this Christmas cheer.

- **Remembrance Sunday - KC and RW** had laid wreaths at the remembrance service which was, of course, much restricted this year.
- **Horse Deposits** - there had been no more reports of problems with horse deposits. It was noted, however, that dog dirt left on pavements and paths was more evident.
- **Annual General Meeting** - it was agreed that a notice be posted advising that public attendance was welcomed (via Zoom) at the AGM to be held on 5 January 2021. **GD**

## 5. Planning Applications

- **Ayton Castle and Laurel Bank** - work to trees (for information only).
- **Prendergust Farmhouse** - alterations and extensions to farmhouse. Supported. **GD**
- **The Old Steading, Whitfield** - alterations and extensions to dwelling house and erection of double garage with coach house. Supported. **GD**

## 6. Area Councillors Report

No Councillors were able to be present.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

**GD** reported a balance of £1187.30 in the Treasurer's Account and £1112.49 in the (ringfenced) Project Account.

## 8. Correspondence

**GD** had circulated all correspondence received since the last meeting.

## 9. Christmas Lights

There was discussion about a proposal from **GD** to look at the establishment of a group separate from the Community Council to manage the future organisation and installation of the Christmas lights and (post Covid) switch on festivities. This was agreed. **KC/GD**

## 10. Reston Road

The majority of the back road between Ayton and Reston had been resurfaced - a huge improvement! Thanks were recorded to Kenny Fotheringham (SBC).

## 11. RBS Signatory Change

As the late Richard Noble had been a signatory on cheques etc raised by the CC, a replacement was needed. It was agreed that **IK** be added as a signatory. **GD/IK**

## 12. Area Partnership Meeting

**SW** agreed to attend the next Area Partnership Meeting (Zoom) to be held on 3 December 2020. **SW**

## 13. Dates of Next Meetings

The Annual General Meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 January 2021 via Zoom. The February Meeting (Zoom) was scheduled for Tuesday 2 February at 7.00pm.