

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 2 March 2021 via Zoom

Present:	Margaret Carey	MC	Graham Dolan	GD
	Carol Hamilton (SBC)	CH	Isabel Kellie	IK
	Helen Laing (SBC)	HL	Paul Priestman	PP
	Rob Weatherston	RW	Sarah Woodbury	SW

The Meeting was Chaired by Isabel Kellie.

Items

Action

1. Multi Member Ward (Police) Report

IK outlined the main issues presented in the East Berwickshire report for February. An update from the Community Sergeant highlighted

- continued demand on local policing to respond to potential breaches of Covid regulations
- rural thefts (especially quad bikes) from premises with poor or no security
- an increase in abuse targeted at retail staff. Communities were encouraged to report incidents
- a number of amber weather warnings in the area in February, especially flooding.

Local policing priorities were unchanged. It was noted that, of 19 reported anti-social behaviour incidents, 18 related to Eyemouth and 1 to Pease Bay (surfers).

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Kenny Combe and Catherine Chisholm.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting (via Zoom) held on 2 February 2021 were approved. Proposed by **GD** and seconded by **MC**.

4. Matters Arising

- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - it was understood that the Co-ordinating Head of Ayton Primary School had indicated that there was no requirement for the approved pedestrian link with the development. This was noted with concern. **SW/CH** to pursue. **Note: SBC has subsequently confirmed that "as far as the roads department is concerned, the planning condition for the link will be met and a link path constructed as per the planning consent for the development."**
The Site Agent had advised that the development was still on track for handover to BHA by July 2021. As of last week, 9 properties were completed internally, other than paintwork. The sewer connection was still outstanding. **Note: an update from the Site Agent on 3 March 2021 indicated that 6 units would be handed over to BHA in May. These comprised 4 x 1 bed bungalows (nos 4 - 7 Claypots Cottages) and 2 x 2 bed houses (nos 62 and 63 Lawfield Drive). Access for the sewer connection would be dug at the entrance to Summerhill Park at the end of March, with the bore works following thereafter on April 5.**
- **Building of 4 Houses B6355 (Line of Sight)** - a reply had been received from the Chair of the SBC Audit and Scrutiny Committee with regard to the CC's request that the Committee consider the matter of the Planning Department's inability to enforce a planning condition relating to public safety which was attached to the approval for the above development. Cllr Stuart Bell advised that the examination of matters relating to specific planning conditions was outwith the remit of Audit & Scrutiny. In a subsequent phone conversation, however, it was suggested that one of our SBC Councillors might be able to pursue this important matter at a full Council meeting. **HL** agreed to take this forward. **HL**
- **Stop Look and Listen** - no progress noted. **HL**

- **Christmas Lights** - **GD** advised that a separate group would be established shortly to manage the Christmas lights arrangements. It was anticipated that funds ringfenced for the lights would be transferred from the CC Project Account to a fund controlled by the new group. **GD**
- **Area Partnership Meeting** - the next virtual meeting was scheduled for Thursday 4 March. **SW** would try to attend. **SW**
- **Potholes** - **HL** had advised the Roads Department about concerns over potholes at the north entrance to the village and also on the Beanburn. **HL**
- **Dunclutha** - the owner of Dunclutha, Paul Wheelhouse, had been in touch with **HL** to advise that a local groundworks company, B & K Hume, would be undertaking exploratory works. Paul Mathieson (SBC) was aware of this development.

5. Planning Applications - none noted.

6. Ayton Resilience Group

Although unable to attend the meeting, **CC** had advised that ARG continued to support families in Ayton through food donations from Reston Food Larder and Morrisons.

7. Area Councillors Report

No new issues of relevance had been raised since the last meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD reported a balance of £442.44 in the Treasurer's (working) Account and £1240.63 in the ringfenced Project Account.

9. Correspondence - all previously circulated.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held via Zoom at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6 April 2021.