

Ayton Community Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 via Zoom

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

The Meeting Was Chaired by Kenny Combe.

Items

Action

1. Multi Member (Police) Report

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

- a campaign to encourage identification and reporting of anti-social behaviour, launched to reassure, educate and empower young people (aged 13 - 18) in Scotland to talk about ASB and learn more. Further information is available at www.fearless.org
- the establishment of No Cold Calling Zones in communities as a deterrent to bogus callers and unscrupulous traders.

Local Policing Priorities

- Protecting most vulnerable - East Berwickshire had 2 mental health related calls and 1 missing person enquiry in April. Police Scotland work in collaboration with key partners to assist and support the most vulnerable within communities
- Reducing violence and anti-social behaviour - 3 reports of assaults at Eyemouth addresses were received; there were 16 reports of ASB, 12 of which related to incidents in Eyemouth
- Vandalism - a report had been received of a vehicle being damaged whilst parked outside an address in Ayton; 3 other reported related to incidents in Eyemouth
- Reducing acquisitive crime - a local supermarket in Eyemouth reported items being stolen
- Improving road safety - excluding parking tickets, 6 episodes of relating to driving practices were reported in East Berwickshire
- Tackling serious and organised crime - all reports received in April related to incidents in Galashiels and Kelso.

Current Campaigns

- Cycle theft prevention
- National stalking awareness
- National catalytic converter theft.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Catherine Chisholm (**CC**) and Sarah Woodbury (**SW**).

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held Via Zoom on 6 April were approved. Proposed by **GD** and seconded by **MC**.

4. Matters Arising

- **50 Houses Development (Beanburn/Lawfield Drive)** - with the successful connection of the sewer pipe from the new houses, the SItE Agent had confirmed that handover was still scheduled for June/July. **CH** was to meet with **SW** re school road access issues. **CH/SW**
- **Building of 4 Houses B6355 (Line of Sight)** - **HL** had asked John Hayward (SBC) for an update on this matter. **HL**

- **Stop Look and Listen** - HL had asked Paul Matthewson (SBC) to expedite the repair work at Shearlaw Road. HL
- **Christmas Lights** - following agreement at the last meeting, GD advised that a separate account for the lights was still to be set up. GD
- **Potholes** - HL would remind Paul Matthewson (SBC) that work was still to be carried out to repair the reported pothole on Lawfield Drive. HL
- **Dunclutha** - Mr Wheelhouse had advised HL that exploratory works to identify the source of the ongoing flooding were in hand. HL
- **Ayton Flood Risk** - HL undertook to act as the link between the Community Council and SBC's Flood and Coastal Management Team leader on this matter. HL
- **Trees on High Street** - Neil Pringle (SBC) had advised that the trees in question had been assessed as being neither dangerous nor diseased. SBC would therefore not bear the cost of their removal.

5. Planning Application

- 1 The Crofts, Ayton - Alterations and Extension to Dwelling House. Supported. GD

6. Ayton Resilience Group

Nothing to report.

7. Area Councillors' Report

- HL and CH reported on changes to the application process for Community Fund grants. it was noted that proposals for schemes up to an individual value of £5000 would be considered. Community Councils could submit applications but would not be permitted to sit on the decision making panels.
- CH noted that the proposed siting of an electronic speed sign outside the previous RBS building, which had been accepted by the CC, was unacceptable to the householder. It was agreed to ask that the sign be relocated to the position of the electronic School Sign (not working) nearer to the bridge.

8. Treasurer's Report

GD reported a balance of £155.81 in the Treasurer's (working) account and £1240.78 in the ringfenced Project Account (£800 still to be transferred to new Christmas Lights account.)

9. Correspondence - all previously circulated.

10. AOCB

Royal Jubilee Oak Trees - following the apparent poisoning of two young oak trees planted in a corner of the playing field, an agreement had been made to plant two replacement trees in the Castle grounds, commemorated with the original plaque. A small ceremony would be arranged when permitted. GD

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held via Zoom at 7.00pm on **Thursday 3 June 2021** (please note change of date).