**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the Meeting held in Yetholm Youth Hall**

**Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 7:30PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Shane Black, Natasha Gray, Graeme Wallace, Paul Robson, Denise Allan, Iain Dougal, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Cllr Mountford, Cllr Robson

**Apologies:** Angela Walker, Alan Kerr

**Members of the Public: 1**

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|  |  | **Action** |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence:** As Above.  |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** |  |
|  | Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed by the Chair.  |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising/Outstanding** |  |
| 3.1 | SB Meeting with SBC re Speed Sign –Remains ongoing. SM advised that there is an SBC draft policy undergoing discussion and we will likely not get an answer until this has concluded. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Vegetation at Lochside – Now attended to. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.3 | Speeding Concerns – SBC advised that the works for new signage have now been ordered and should be concluded within 6 weeks. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.5 | Mobile Coverage – Cllr Robson circulated a print out showing areas of 2G, 3G and 4G coverage with Vodafone in the area for comment. He asked those present to identify any areas with poor coverage. Those present expressed concerns over lack of aerial coverage in some areas, particularly Venchen and Bowmont Valley, ER will pass on these concerns. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.6 | Concerns re Flooding – No Update. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.7 | Pathway at The Youth Hostel – SBC have been made aware of the concerns and the issue with the steps at Dow Brae has now been rectified. |  |
| 3.8 | Potholes – It was noted that part of the road from Kelso-Yetholm will be closed next week for resurfacing/patching. GW raised concerns about the state of the roads on the English side of the border and it was also noted about a large pothole at Potts close – ER will raise this with SBC. | ER |
| 3.9 | Caravan at Back Lane – Awaiting response from Neil Hastie at SBC.  |  |
| 3.10 | Spine Race Parking **–** SS has spoken with Douglas Gibson about using his field for parking and PR has attempted to make contact with the organisers, awaiting response. |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | It was noted by those present that there have been a couple of arrests made recently along with incidents relating to drugs, house breaking and vandalism/anti-social behaviour. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The Installation went very well – this years Principals are Tom Grindell & Natasha Gray. The final planning meeting takes place on Monday 4th June. Police have been informed about the ride out. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | No new plans received this month – there have been a couple of revised plans with minimal changes. It was noted that SBC are going to stop circulating plans and CC’s will need to go on and look every month for plans in their area. PR asked about further works to the house on the Halterburn road and it was noted that there is now a fence up round the land to the rear of the Youth Hall. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income year to date is £239 with expenditure of £284. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR noted that the roadside vegetation seems to be being maintained, possibly by David Edgar, if it is him the CC should send a letter of thanks. There is also a resident maintaining the path from the Edgars to the Butlers and it was suggested that the CC should contribute towards fuel for the strimmer (pathways grant). It was also noted about a ditch along this path that is not draining and is causing a bad smell – this may be an issue for SEPA. It was suggested that members convene a walk around the village to identify any areas needing attention. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | Awaiting response from AF re school sign – NG to continue to chase. ZK advised of some vandalism to the school, this has been reported to the Police. There is a story writing competition for the children for the Pavilion fun day.  | NG |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | Quality of life grant application is now in hand – this should be authorised at the area partnership on the 6th June. The Calor Gas application for heating at the Pavilion was unsuccessful.  |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services - Vacant** |  |
|  | The recent village lunch raised £130 towards the defibs. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | Some monies collected to roll over in AW’s absence. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavillion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | Iain noted that the area around the Pavilion is to be hard-cored before festival week, no more internal work will be carried out until after. A meeting is to be arranged about the Boule court proposal. The bank account and insurance are in hand.  |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS noted that the recycling area has been in a poor state recently, which SS has reported to SBC. There is now new signage displayed. It was noted that all glass is emptied in to one when collected so if one particular bin is full any of the others can be used instead. SS advised that the school are taking part in the UNICEF ‘Rights Respecting School’ project and are looking to be involved in the wider community – SS suggested that they come along to CC or Festival Committee. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM advised of some signage in the village which is being covered by vegetation, he has asked for this to be attended to. It was also noted that some signs in the area are very faded and could do with being replaced. SM mentioned that the fire service are changing their operations and now appointing ‘rural managers’ which SBC will be monitoring to ensure there is no impact on services. SM noted that he is pushing for provision for employment land in the next local development plan.ER advised that he hopes SBC will be approving a proposal for the extension of nursery provision this week, of which Yetholm is in stage 1 of the plans. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Letter from the Kelso Laddies Association regarding their underage drinking policy. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS noted concerns raised about cracks in the stone on KY Green as this could be potentially dangerous. This will be monitored closely. |  |
| 10.2 | Concerns were raised regarding parking too low to the corner at the lower green in Town Yetholm. |  |
| 10.3 | ZK advised of comments she has received from locals about the CC agenda format and website. It was noted, after discussion, that the website is now much improved and there are may sources of information relating to What’s On in the village. |  |
| 10.4 | The Cundy on Halterburn road is starting to collapse which is exacerbating the ongoing drainage issue. SM suggested another walk around with Ronnie Pattenden. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th June 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:30pm.