**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7:30PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (in the chair**),** Shane Black Natasha Gray, Graeme Wallace, Angela Walker, Alan Kerr, Paul Robson, Denise Allan, Iain Dougal, Cllr Mountford

**Apologies:** Cllr Robson, Zoe Keddie-Dixon

**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, no movement from SBC on policy as yet, needs to be pushed along. It was noted that the Community Police were in the area recently checking speed etc. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage – Cllr Robson sent an update by email noting that cell masts operate over a 120 degree angle and if a mast is moved to incorporate an adjacent area there will be a commensurate loss of signal at the opposite end – this could what has happened at Venchen as regards the mast at Coldstream. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.4 | Concerns re Flooding – No Update. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | PC Howgego attended the meeting and provided the July report for circulation. She noted that there have been a few incidents of property damage (investigations ongoing) which seem to be related to an image being circulated on social media. She advised that any such individuals in the area are under the management of MAPPA, but if anyone has any concerns these can be raised via 101 or Crimestoppers. SS received an anonymous letter regarding dog fouling at a specific property in the village – this issue was also passed on to the Police by SBC, PC Howgego will follow up with SBC and brought more posters for display in the village. It was also discussed whether the location of bins in the village could be looked at, which SM will follow up. | SM |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd September, and will look at finances and electing a ‘picking committee’. SS noted that the CC constitution states that the Festival Committee Chair should be the Chair or Vice Chair of the Community Council and it should become a rolling agenda point as regards to succession planning as her term as Chair comes to an end. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | Plans received for the installation of meters on the Old Church. It was also noted that Greengarth has had new windows installed but no plans were received for this – SM/ER will check if these should have been required. | SM |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income year to date is £392, expenditure of £2,413 with a balance carried forward of £5,163. It was noted that the pavilion monies have now been handed over to the Sports & Social Club to manage. The remittance has been received for the grant for the defib casings and web invoices are still to do. The additional insurance premium for the year is £196. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update – a meeting will be arranged in the Autumn. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR advised of some serious issues with internet connection at Yetholm Mains/Bowmont Valley – it was suggested that someone attend John Lamont’s surgery in the village tomorrow to raise the issue with him. He also noted that they have approached a private consortium regarding putting at relay mast up at Venchen. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | ER has reminded Alister Finnie regarding the school sign. There is a meeting on 23rd August at the school regarding a twinning with Edale.  |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | PR has quotes to provide to DA for the pathways grant. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services - Vacant** |  |
|  | PR will approach someone regarding taking over the defib maintenance. Live Borders will be running some first aid training at a cost of £55 per person, SS will also look in to alternative options.  |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that the stall at the open garden was not particularly successful but is hoping for good sales at the Shepherds Show. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavillion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID provided NG with a copy of the Pavilion insurance policy. They had their first hire out on Saturday, which was successful and plans are well underway for the fun day in September.  |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The website has had a very large number of hits recently and is proving very easy to use.  |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | No update, the council is currently in recess and will resume in 2 weeks.  |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | The Bridge. SBC household surveys distributed to those present. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | It was noted that repairs to the steps down to the Haugh have been ordered by SBC.  |  |
| 10.2 | SS advised that Eddie is not able to carry out the repairs to the notice board, she will approach another joiner regarding the works. | SS |
| 10.3 | PR asked about this years Christmas trees – it was decided to ask David to continue with this but cap the size/price of the trees. |  |
| 10.4 | AK asked about the planned road resurface in the village and when this is likely to be carried out. SM noted that these works are planned for this year. |  |
| 10.5 | SB noted that there is a large pothole at the Blakelaw corner, coming from Kelso. SM will follow this up. |  |
| 10.6 | GW noted that there is a 20mph speed sign at the entrance of the village which appears to have been left from the recent roadworks. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th August 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:30pm.