**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 28th November 2017 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Natasha Gray (Secretary), Shane Black, Sue Rose, Graeme Wallace, Alan Kerr, Angela Walker, Paul Robson, Charles Brooker, Cllr Mountford, Cllr Robson

**Apologies:** Denise Allan, Iain Dougal, 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 – No update. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Vegetation at Lochside – SBC has started the formal process regarding these works. PR noted that there is also a problem on the opposite side of the road with trees leaning against the fence which is at risk of collapse. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.3 | Speeding Concerns – NG still to hear back from SBC re signage. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.4 | Public Toilets – It was noted that the toilets have now been cleaned, though the standard of this was questioned. SM will ask at SBC with regards to having the toilets painted in the spring. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.5 | Mobile Coverage – ER advised that the masts have been checked. The mast at Linton had been turned off briefly for maintenance but is now back on. There has been a frequency removed which resulted in many (older) phones not working at all. Those present raised their concerns re ongoing signal issues. ER will circulate a ‘heat map’ of coverage to all and is in ongoing discussion with engineers. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.6 | Yetholm Online Website – a demo site made by Graeme was circulated to all and received positive feedback. It was decided to give Graeme the go ahead to transfer to the new site and the CC will give him £150 for doing so. |  |
| 3.7 | Disabled Parking Spaces – NG still to contact SBC. **Ongoing.** | NG |
| 3.8 | Street Lighting on Woodbank Road – SBC are still re-evaluating this. It was noted that there are roadworks currently causing some disruption which are due to a planned extension to one of the properties. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | James Wauchope attended the meeting to give an update on the ongoing works on the AD plant. The plan is still for this to be operational by next summer – a traffic impact survey has been carried out in relation to the ongoing works. James will try to ensure best practice is observed when operating large machinery through the village. He did receive a complaint regarding lights at night when work had continued late but advised that this is not a regular occurrence. SB asked James about hedge trimming, particularly at Harvest time. James advised that the new regulations regarding this are quite strict but he tries to ensure these are well maintained and this can normally be addressed if it causes a safety issues. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | New report circulated – no issues raised. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The next meeting is on 8th January at 7.30pm in the Youth Hall. Both principals for 2018 have now been selected. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | SB raised an issue with Rubble dumped in KY and a lot of mud on the road in the area, the rubble is not taped off safely. James added that a resident asked him if he could access the field to the rear of the property but did not advised of the ongoing works. Other residents are unhappy with the mess left. The building at the rear of the youth hall now has a demolition order, this is fenced off but not lit – PR will raise this with the builder and NG will advise SBC that we have not received any official correspondence relating to the building. SR noted that a contractor has approached her re the derelict garages and possible scaffolding to be erected. Kirk View planning permission has been granted.  Pavillion: A meeting has been held and the group will aim to make the required changes to become a sports club by the AGM in April. | PR/NG |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Money In - £4725, Expenditure £3,641, Total including c/f balance £8,672. It was noted that there are a lot of ring fenced funds and pavilion funds included in this total. Bonfire night raised around £1,300 in total, with expenditure of £600. AW has now received a meter reading for the pavilion and the account has been adjusted. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | AK noted that the grit bins in the village have been topped up. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | Bonfire night was a huge success and there is minimal clean up required in the field. SM congratulate PR and the sub-committee on the event and noted problems which had occurred at a similar event in Ancrum. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | More rag bag monies received – half will be donated to the School. The school received high viz vests from Lloyd Land Rover this week. The annual Christmas play will be held in the Wauchope Hall this year on 13th/14th December and the children will have a film, courtesy of the film club, on the last day of term. GW noted that he has trimmed vegetation along the path to the school. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR advised that the defibs are now back up and running and have had the batteries changed. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | No real update as things have quietened down for the winter. There was an issue with dog fouling in the village last week but this was cleaned up. |  |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | There was a water leak outside Gibson’s but this was dealt with very quickly by Scottish Water. |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS noted that she has been asked to sit on the panel for a local fund. The Christmas trees have arrived and will be going up this week. SS hopes to arrange a craft fayre for the sprint time. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that the deadline for the first allocation of the localities bid fund is 1st December. The Cheviot Area Forum has now ended and been replaced by an area partnership – this is to include 4 CC members for the CCs in the cheviot locality to be decided by the councils themselves.  ER advised of a recent report by the Auditor General regarding a lack of funds from the Scottish Government to local councils. This may put pressure on the government at the next budget. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | The Bridge Newsletter |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS noted that the councillors due for re-election in April are Charles, Sue and Paul. Also Angela has intimated that she wishes to withdraw from the position of treasurer. It was noted that we need a volunteer to take minutes at the January meeting as NG is unable to attend. |  |
| 10.2 | SS advised of a threat of closure at Millfield Care Home in Jedburgh. SM noted that SB Cares may take this over if no other provider comes forward. |  |
| 10.3 | CB advised that he is starting a camera club in the village; anyone interested can join the Facebook group or contact Charles directly. |  |
| 10.4 | SB advised of a pot hole at the bottle banks. PR has already reported this to SBC. |  |
| 10.5 | SM advised that he is still looking into the issue of high speed broadband. |  |
| 10.6 | AW advised SB that the monies for the pavilion fun day still need to be finalised. SB will follow this up. | SB |
| 10.7 | PR advised everyone that had been previously unable to have a smart meter fitted to revisit this as the 4G upgrade seems to have resolved the previous issues. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th January 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.