**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 30th March 2019 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (in the chair), Natasha Gray, Angela Walker, Graeme Wallace, Paul Robson, Shane Black, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Iain Dougal, Stuart Kelly, Sandi Keddie, Cllr Mountford, Cllr Robson

**Apologies: None**

**Members of the Public: 3**

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| 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 | Speed Sign – SM advised that SBC will review the function of the new sign and then take a view on whether any changes are required. Brian Young will attend a CC meeting to present the findings. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage – **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.3 | Concerns re Flooding – No real wet weather has yet occurred. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.4 | Notice Board – ZK advised that she has not heard back from Charles Brooker, those present suggested asking Graeme Watson, Alan Cree or Peter Snell as an alternative. **Ongoing.** | ZK |
| 3.5 | Various Village Maintenance Issues – SM noted that Alistair Finnie has now retired from SBC and Craig Blackie will be filling the post in the meantime. A site meeting has been arranged for next week to discuss the various roads/maintenance issues currently ongoing. PR will attend and report back. | PR |
| 3.6 | Community Council Meetings – it was agreed that the start time for the meetings from May will revert to 7.30pm |  |
| 3.7 | School Signs – NG circulated the email response from SBC regarding both the ‘School road sign’ and the flashing 20mph sign. SM/ER will take this forward with SBC. | SM/ER |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | No Issues raised. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | PC Howgego attended the meeting having circulated her monthly report earlier in the day. She noted that things have been much calmer in the village recently which is positive. She also circulated correspondence regarding rural crime notices, and advised that a new team has been established based in Galashiels to tackle the current increase in such crimes. There have also been some local incidents of van thefts and housebreaking. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The Installation of the new Principals takes place this Friday evening and it was noted that the refurbished roll of honour board will be put up prior to this. Following the AGM and amendment of the constitution, SS asked for nominations for a chairperson to succeed her after this year’s festival – SB nominated ZK, this was seconded by GW. |  |
|  | At this point it was noted that all Councillors agree to adhere to the code of conduct as set out by SBC, a copy of which will be sent to the new members. It was noted that there will be an agenda item for the May meeting to discuss portfolio allocation. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | It was noted that there have been 4 applications for planning this month; a large extension, replacement windows, change of use at Yewtree Lane and insulation and solar panels. It was noted that there have been 3 properties which have replaced their windows like for like. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Per AGM Report. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | It was noted that the St Cuthberts Way path to Bluntys Mill has now been resurfaced. It was noted that the wall at the Rustads has now been built however there are issues with a tree not taken down and materials leaning on a telegraph pole. Discussion took place regarding the future of the Bonfire and it was agreed that there will be not bonfire in 2019. PR will rough up the ground and put down some grass seed. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA noted that the main voting day for the localities bid fund is Saturday 18th May and we are required to set out a stall at the event. There will also be online voting, details to follow. DA will create advertising materials and forward on to all. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | Ideas presented for new items for sale included; post-it notes, magnets and coasters. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | The group have contacted SBC in order to progress the construction of the le boule court and are awaiting feedback. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that there has been discussion regarding turning the plot at the end of Woodbank Road into a proper parking area. SM also handed out leaflets regarding the council’s new electric car rental scheme.  ER advised that he is still in discussion with the relevant bodies regarding issues at Proctor Smiddy. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | A letter was received from a Mrs H Campbell, which was also copied to the School, regarding litter and single use plastics. SS will follow up. | SS |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | Pothole at Grafton Bank – PR will look at this and contact SBC. SM has also reported a number of potholes at the Crescent. | PR |
| 10.2 | Potholes on Northumberland Roads – ER will continue to follow up with Northumberland Council | ER |
| 10.3 | PR asked, in connection with the above point re electric car rental scheme, whether there is a charging point for electric cars in the village or is this would be considered, SM will take forward. | SM |
| 10.4 | It was noted that the issue re parking at the Church is being dealt with by the Kirk Session. There was some discussion surrounding the wider village issues re parking. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**The next meeting will take place on THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2019 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7.30pm.**