**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** None

**Members of the Public: 5**

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|  | Prior to the start of the meeting it was noted that Angela Marshall has decided that she does not want to continue in her Co-Opted role, therefore, this position remains vacant. | **Action** |
| 1 | **Apologies for Absence:** None |  |
| 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 – The speed sign has now been installed, although its position is not as hoped. NG to contact SBC re this and movement of the 30mph signs. | NG |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage – **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.3 | Concerns re Flooding – No real wet weather has yet ocurred. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.4 | Notice Board – ZK came back to the group to clarify some queries re wording and content and advised that the cost for updating will be in the region of £150. Discussion to take place at a future meeting regarding maps and photos. **Ongoing.** | ZK |
| 3.5 | Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – PR will prune back the trees covering the streetlights. | PR |
| 3.6 | Vehicles at Proctor Smiddy – The vehicles seem to be gone for now. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Town Yetholm Bus Shelter – SBC have taken the required action for now. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.8 | Tree Limb at Moor House – now attended to. **No Further action.** |  |
| 3.9 | Wall at the Rustads – this has now been dealt with. **No further Action.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | No Issues raised. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | PC Rachel Stark attended the meeting and advised of the ongoing campaign re livestock worrying at this time of year. She also noted that there have been incidents of reported car damage and warnings issued to 3 people regarding a disturbance. There have also been reports of mud on Woodbank road caused by a tractor using the road – those present noted that the farmer is away on holiday at present and provided details of who to contact in the meantime. Police Scotland will take this forward. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The first planning meeting of 2019 has taken place and meetings will continue on the 1st Monday of each month. Funding was received from the windfall fund to redo the principals board in the Wauchope Hall. |  |
| 7 | **Guest Presentation – Ben Campbell of Openreach** |  |
|  | Ben Campbell attended the meeting and gave a presentation to those present regarding the ongoing project for ‘superfast broadband’ in Scotland. He spoke on the history of the nationwide project as well as giving an explanation of the various technologies involved. He then gave an overview of the specific plans and progress in the Yetholm area, including the plans for an additional cabinet at Primside Mill, and advised on how to search for updates on a specific property via the website. Finally, he gave an overview of alternative methods for those who still struggle to get good connections – these can also be found on the Openreach website. Ben then took questions from those present and will look further in to issues raised regarding the cabinets in both Town and Kirk Yetholm and report back via SS. |  |
| 8 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 8.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | 2 Planning applications received – one for new windows at Spring Valley (TY) and a retrospective application for a boundary wall at Rose Cottage (TY) |  |
| 8.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income YTD £3728, Expenditure of £4062 – added to the brought forward figure gives a carried forward balance of £6850 |  |
| 8.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update – SBC bunker has only been open once so far this winter. |  |
| 8.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR noted that there are a couple of tobys missing at various locations in Town Yetholm which he will follow up with the appropriate people. |  |
| 8.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 8.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA noted that we need to resubmit our bid to the Localities Bid fund in February for the outdoor gym equipment and increase the amount to account for the matting SBC have specified. |  |
| 8.7 | **Health & Social Services – Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 8.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW noted that sales figures for 2018 were; 48 Tea Towels, 19 Aprons and 15 Notelets |  |
| 8.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID thanked the village lunch committee for their donation of £200 and also the Windfall fund for the £100 they received towards new insulation. A games day was held over the festive period which raised around £140. |  |
| 8.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The Craft Fayre was a success and raised around £350. |  |
| 9 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that SBC are still planning for their new budget but expect to receive around £5m less from the Scottish Government than in 2018. Discussion took place regarding the concerns surrounding waste management, and potential areas of savings here given the increase in landfill tax and it was suggested that someone from Waste Management attend a future meeting to give a presentation.  It was noted that the resurfacing of the High Street will take place in March (weather permitting) |  |
| 10 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | The Bridge Newsletter, Annual Insurance renewal forms. Information regrading a course on the Community Energy Futures Project. |  |
| 11 | **AOB** |  |
| 11.1 | PR raised concerns regarding parking at the Church. NG to prepare a letter. AK also advised that the bells are only chiming on the hour – this may be ‘winter hours’ but SS will check. | NG |
| 11.2 | Further concerns re Dog Fouling – SS had previously circulated an email from SBC offering extra bins, which we will take up. |  |
| 11.3 | GW raised concerns regarding a blocked gutter/drain on Dow Brae. SM will take this forward with Ronnie Pattenden | SM |

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th February 2019 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.