**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 27th June 2017 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Natasha Gray (Secretary), Angela Walker, Paul Robson, Shane Black, Sue Rose, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Graeme Wallace, Iain Dougal, Denise Allan

**Apologies:** Charles Brooker, Alan Kerr, Cllr Mountford

**Members of the Public: 3**

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|  | The code of conduct and data protection guidance was circulated to, and agreed by, all councillors present. | **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 | Mirror at Grafton Bank: SB and DA noted that the mirror has now been removed. SB has asked various residents and nobody seems to know who was responsible for the mirror. |  |
| 3.2 | Gutter at Adams Court: It was noted that the gutter has always stuck out over the path but that the real issue is the overgrown hedge along the path – SS noted that this was reported to SBC. GW advised that he cut the hedge this week. |  |
| 3.3 | Speeding/Horse Riders -NG advised that she received a response from SBC noting that the street lighting between TY and KY indicates that the speed limit remains 30mph. They also advised that road signs to be aware of horses are now only displayed around riding schools. SB noted that he will mention this to his contact at SBC re the flashing speed sign. |  |
| 3.4 | Sewage Issue at Cardboard Cottage – SS noted that there has been no progress since the meeting with environmental health – she has passed all correspondence to SM to take forward. There appears to be no concrete answer re mains connection in the plans for the build. PR advised that he would be happy to look into this further. |  |
| 3.5 | Salt Bin – SS noted that the history society intimated that the reason they would like the salt bin moved is to improve access to the building. |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | A Member of the Public asked, on the topic of speeding and the proposed flashing sign, whether it may be more beneficial to have rumble strips at the signs upon entry to the village to force vehicles to slow down. It was noted that these have been used at the school in the past but were not maintained and wore away. SB advised he would raise this as an option at his meeting with SBC. It was noted that there has been an increase police presence (often in unmarked cars) in the village in relation to speeding. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | The most recent Police report was circulated by NG. PR advised that he had heard of some tractors being stopped for having unsecured loads and noted that the rules regarding this have recently changed – he will bring the guidelines to the next meeting. SS advised of an incident involving youths in a car at the Yett shining laser lights into houses. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | Festival week went very well and the ‘greeting meeting’ was well attended. Fiona will present the accounts to the CC in September, however, currently income is slightly down on last year. It was noted that the Patrons scheme is going well (thanks to Sandi and Janice). SS congratulated the Principals on a job well done and noted that the next meeting is the first Monday in September. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | SB advised that there has been one planning application, which was circulated to all councillors, the response was required by today.  SB and ID noted that works on the Pavilion have slowed recently and planning for the fun day in August has been the priority – this will take the same format as last year. It was noted that a meeting was held regarding insurance due to the questionable ownership of the building. AW advised that her suggestion would be to form a sports/social club for the Pavilion and the Community Council would the gift this body the ownership – this would also mean exemption from water rates. This body would have its own bank account and committee but be a sub-committee of the CC. This will be discussed with the current sub-group and SB will report back. SB noted that new locks and an alarm are being fitted to the building this week. SS also advised that she had put the bins out and ordered a recycling bin. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | AW advised that income to date is £789, with expenditure of £753 (now amended with the Pavilion stock figures) – the brought forward balance is £7589. AW will circulate her spreadsheet once the forecast figures have been updated. £39 was received from GW for tea towels and notelets.  SS noted that OSCR are still holding up the wind up of the trust – she will aim to progress this with AW and report back. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | SS noted that PR has agreed to withdraw his resignation and fulfil his elected term. It was agreed that PR’s portfolio would be expanded to include all general village maintenance (pathways, benches, hedges etc). |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | ZK noted that she has met with the HT and advised him about the use of the 20mph signs. The school have also been in touch with Edale re twinning, which is positive. It was noted that the link between the school and the festival is very strong and it is hoped that this will continue. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA noted that she has all info required for the sign grant application from AW – this will be submitted following SB’s meeting with SBC. NG passed on the Path Maintenance Grant application which was received, PR will help DA identify the areas to be noted on the form. It was discussed that a lawnmower or mulcher may be useful. SS gave DA a copy of ‘The Bridge’ which often has information relating to grants and funding. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR advised that she met with Mike to go over tasks relating to the defibs. She has made new posters to replace the old ones. The defibs are due their yearly check in November and batteries are to be replaced in October. It was discussed that more training and broader first aid training would be useful – SR will look into this and get details of the ambulance service contact from Mike. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that he met with Ann to handover and has been to all of the local outlets to introduce himself as the new contact. He is looking in to some new ideas and will speak to SS re using the website to advertise better. |  |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | No Update |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID noted that there is a mountain rescue event taking place on 8th July. The spine race will go ahead, however, they are no longer coming up as far as Yetholm. Other local events include the BBC Antiques Roadshow at Floors and the Pavilion fun day. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The meeting discussed the current format of the website and whether it would be beneficial to change this. GW advised that more cross links to other sites would increase traffic to the website. ZK advised that she uses Wix which is £150pa and is very user friendly. There were lots of suggestions for ideas to improve – SS agreed to ask Graeme if he wishes to continue with the website.  SS noted that planning will soon begin for the Craft Fair and asked for suggestions on whether this should be kept in the border or moved to an alternative venue.  SS noted that she met with SM re the lack of play equipment in the park for younger children – they are looking into quotes and funding to address this. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Launch of Pennine Way Beer in the Border on 30th June  Cheviot Locality Committee Minutes – next meeting 13th September |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SB advised of an issue with the hedge and willow tree at Lochside narrowing the road. PR will take this forward. | PR |
| 10.2 | ID asked whether it may be possible to get more dog bins at the playing field. NG will contact SBC. | NG |
| 10.3 | GW advised that someone has cut through the BT cable into the green box whilst strimming the grass. PR advised he will pass on details of his contact at BT. |  |
| 10.4 | SB noted there was a power cut a couple of weeks ago due to a fire in the distribution site. There may also be oil leaking from one of the transformers into the river. |  |
| 10.5 | AW advised that there appears to be an appliance leaking into the stream by the Mill House – she will let CB know about this. | CB |
| 10.6 | PR noted that when putting the bunting up for festival week the parking outside the church was really bad, causing an obstruction to the road for larger vehicles. SS will mention this to the church. SS also had an incident with a speeding foreign car on the wrong side of the road. | SS |
| 10.7 | ZK suggested having a fundraising tractor run. PR advised that he has discussed this previously with Janice and will revisit this idea. |  |
| 10.8 | ZK noted that residents have made her aware with issues regarding the freeview signal in various locations in the village. It was noted that the signal comes from different masts which cause the discrepancies. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th July 2017 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.