**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Charles Brooker, Cllr Robson, Cllr Mountford

**Members of the Public: 3**

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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 have contacted the landowners to request works to be carried out. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.3 | Speeding Concerns – NG emailed SBC to ask to progress the proposal for extra signage in the village. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.4 | Public Toilets – It was noted that the toilets have not yet been deep cleaned. NG will email SBC to check the progress of this. **Ongoing.** | NG |
| 3.5 | Grant Funding Ideas - Information received regarding the localities bid fund from SBC. |  |
| 3.6 | Parking on Bowmont Terrace – this has been raised again with the residents. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Mobile Coverage – the Councillors will discuss concerns raised and report back at the next meeting. PR noted that the mast at Linton appears to be off. | SM/ER |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | Suzanne attended the meeting and advised that it has been a fairly quiet month. She assisted in the search for an injured walker on Sourhope along with the mountain rescue and assistance from local farmers. There was a report of a suspicious vehicle in the village, however, this turned out to be the milkman. SB raised concerns regarding reports of drug dealing at the graveyard. Suzanne asked everyone to keep her involved if they noticed anything of concern. She also noted that if residents wished to make anonymous reports they can contact Crimestoppers. |  |
| 6 | **Yetholm Online Website – Graeme Watson** |  |
|  | Graeme attended the meeting to give a short presentation outlining some ideas for the regeneration of the Yetholm Online website. He noted that currently he personally owns the domain name for the website and proposed that it may be better for the CC to take this on. The options proposed for the website were;   * Remain as is – currently there are costs for the domain and hosting and the programme to update the website is quite dated and can only be accessed by Graeme. * A custom built website – this would be likely to cost around £2,000 * Use a website builder site – such as wix or weebly, there are options for free sites or a monthly fee service. It would likely cost around £70pa to use one of these sites and remove their name from the address and have no adverts. We should be able to transfer the domain name and this could be accessed by more than one person.   SS thanked Graeme for his input and advised that the CC would discuss the options and keep him informed. |  |
| 7 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | SS advised that a meeting of the picking committee has been held and they have shortlisted for the 2018 principals. The Manushi has accepted the position but currently there is no update re the Gadgi. The committee are also discussing whether to join the wider Border Common Ridings and Festivals Association this year. |  |
| 8 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 8.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | SB advised that 3 sets of plans have been received – one for Maple Cottage which is a design changed, it was noted there have been a few complaints received but overall this will now be a less imposing frontage. A boundary change in KY, this a small fence and a new fence at Rose Cottage – no objections received. Those present discussed and raised further concerns about the ongoing demolition/build in KY, particularly relating to the issue of mains water supply.  Pavilion – a meeting has been scheduled for 15th November at 7.30pm to discuss and progress the insurance for the building as well as the creation of the sports club. AW noted that there are still some invoices outstanding from the fun day. AK asked about a key for resilience – it was noted that PR currently has AK’s key for the bonfire, he will pass this to AK after this has taken place. |  |
| 8.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | AW advised that it has been a fairly quiet month – the SBC grant has been received and rents for the Youth hall reimbursed. Income month to date is £899, expenses £330. Current bank is £9,376 but it was noted that this includes the funds for fireworks and the ring fences monies for the speed sign. SB gave AW a meter reading for the Pavilion which she will submit. It was discussed whether to write to Business Stream as we are continuing to pay water rates (which we will be exempt from when the sports club is set up) despite there being a septic tank. |  |
| 8.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | AK attended a tour of the SBC bunker last month. He noted that Scottish Power will now guarantee power to one building (the Wauchope Hall) within 9 hours if power to the village is lost. He also noted that the fire service in Eyemouth attended the primary school there to teach CPR to the children – it may be that this could be an option in Yetholm. |  |
| 8.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR advised that the bonfire is taking shape, though as always there have been people putting prohibited items on the fire, therefore, the gates have now been locked. It was noted that the event is not publicly advertised as this is specified on the risk assessment for the event. Following previous discussion it has been decided that both traditional torches and laser ones will be available for the torchlight procession. |  |
| 8.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | The school have still not been able to find a winter watch person, ZK suggested that the CC could maybe have some sort of rota for this. ZK asked about the new sign for the school, NG will chase up Alistair Finnie. An email was received from Mr Lindsay regarding the aims and values for the school, it was discussed that perhaps the parent’s and children would be best placed to do this but it was noted safety should be a key aspect. | NG |
| 8.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | PR will meet with DA on Sunday to look at the pathways grant form. The invoice has been received for the defib repairs, AW will pass a copy of this to DA to apply for a grant towards this. SS noted that the school may put in a bid to the localities fund to use to regenerate the playground. |  |
| 8.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR advised that the new defib cases will be installed next week and the old ones will be sent away to try and identify why they failed. |  |
| 8.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | Graeme collected £50.50 for sales for the month and noted that the sales statistics look almost identical to last years. He advised we will need to order some more tea towels soon and asked for any ideas for a new design. |  |
| 8.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | PR noted that SBC will be resurfacing the roads in the village in sections over the next 2 years. |  |
| 8.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 8.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS advised that the Remembrance service is 9.45am at the War Memorial followed on at the Church. John Fleming will lay the wreath. Those present discussed the proposed ideas for the new website – all were in favour of updating this using weebly (or similar page builder). SS will ask Graeme if he would finish his demo site prior to the January meeting and all agreed to offer him a monetary sum for his help. | SS |
| 9 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 10 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Letter re disabled parking spaces – NG will respond to SBC. | NG |
| 11 | **AOB** |  |
| 11.1 | PR noted that the new lighting on Woodbank Road is all on one side of the street and not providing sufficient coverage. SS will email SM as his progressed this initially. | SS |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2017 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.