**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Shane Black, Natasha Gray, Sue Rose, Graeme Wallace, Alan Kerr, Angela Walker, Denise Allan, Iain Dougal, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Charles Brooker, Cllr Mountford

**Apologies:** Paul Robson, Cllr Robson

**Members of the Public: 4**

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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. NG passed on a letter received from a company marketing speed signs. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Vegetation at Lochside – AK spoke to the land owner and trees have not been cut. The area between the wall and the road, however, belongs to SBC **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.3 | Speeding Concerns – SBC have a proposal for signage ready, but have put this on hold until the beginning of the new financial year. **Ongoing.** | NG |
| 3.5 | Mobile Coverage – Cllr Robson distributed an email prior to the meeting with follow up information. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.6 | Concerns re Flooding – PR spoke to James Wauchope about the issue and will assess/follow up with SBC. | PR |
| 3.7 | Caravan – it was noted that the person staying in the caravan has now been given housing in Heiton. There is an ongoing issue with vehicles abandoned which SB will follow up. |  |
| 3.8 | Street Lighting on Woodbank Road – No update. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | * It was raised that the pathway from the Youth Hostel to the Haugh is in a bad state of repair and becomes almost impassable in bad weather. SM will take this forward with SBC. * A number of concerns were raised regarding large potholes in the area following the recent bad weather – SM noted that SBC are to apply for additional funding to address the issue but first have to carry out a survey of all roads. It was advised that members and the public continue to report potholes but SS agreed that we should send a letter to SBC highlighting the ‘worst’ areas. * Further concerns were raised about the state of the road in front of the allotments – SS noted that this has already been raised with SBC but NG will include in her letter to them. | SM  NG |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | New report circulated – no issues raised. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | Planning for the upcoming festival is ongoing. The Installation will take place on Friday 4th May. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | The building to the rear of the youth hall has now been demolished – as yet there is no plan in place for the future of the site but it was raised that this should probably be fenced off. An application has been received for a fuel tank at the old donkey sanctuary. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income to date is £6854 with expenditure of £6925, though taking in to account the brought forward figure the balance to carry forward is £7589 – with monies ringfenced for the pavilion and the speed sign. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | SS read out a thank you card received from Ron & Moira Breeze for the help of the resilience group/people of the village during the snow. AK noted that there is a meeting of all borders groups at SBC on 19th April and he asked if ZK would attend with him. AK acknowledged the help provided by ZK in establishing call pyramids and lists of vulnerable residents. Unfortunately there were some issues with negative comments received on Facebook but it was discussed how to make improvements going forward and noted that overall the village did pull together to help those who needed it. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | NG to chase up response from Alistair Finnie re school sign. It was noted that the bulbs are out on the 20mph sign coming in from Kirk Yetholm. Another rag bag cheque was written to be taken to the school. | NG |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA has re-applied for the grant for the de-fibs as there has been no progress as yet. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR to chase up progress re first aid training. | SR |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW has ordered new tea towels and has altered the wording/colour of the text. He has also met with Kate Moses regarding updating the walks brochure. It was noted that the map in the cabinet outside the shop is now outdated – NG suggested there could be a grant available to fund a replacement. ZK will take this forward. | ZK |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | It was noted that there is an ongoing drain issue with sewage in Kirk Yetholm, which has been reported by a number of residents but not resolved, CB will contact Scottish water. | CB |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | A letter of thanks was received from the recipients of the donations from the family day, SS will upload this to the website. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS noted that a new digital frame has been bought for the shop. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM advised that the Cheviot Area Partnership meet tomorrow night. The first tranche of the localities bid fund has now been allocated but unfortunately the voting turnout was extremely low – 14% overall but in Cheviot it was only 4%. There will be 6 council funded police officers recruited to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour, parking etc. The new GDPR regulations come in to force at the beginning of May, NG to check that we are compliant. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | The Bridge renewal letter. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | Elections – SS advised that nominations are now open for the 4 vacancies, currently no nominations have been received. |  |
| 10.2 | Dog Fouling – it was noted that this is becoming a real problem again. SS asked AW if she could ask Ann Marsh if she still had the original poster on her computer to enable us to renew and refresh them. | AW |
| 10.3 | AK note that the steps at the bottom of Dow Brae are in need of repair – SM will take this forward. He also asked about the chiming of the church bells – SS advised she thought this changed in the winter but will check. | SM |

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th April 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.