**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Paul Robson, Alan Kerr

**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 – SB spoke to Brian at SBC and there are some policy changes coming which could result in getting the ‘go-ahead’ this year for the speed sign. The price of the signs themselves have greatly reduced and we would be able to afford to purchase 2 units. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Vegetation at Lochside – SM followed up but has not yet received confirmation that this has been attended to. **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 has followed up and confirmed that there have been alterations to signals from the masts at Coldstream and Linton which have caused changes in signal. ER will forward a ‘heat map’ to all to review and mark any black spots – he will then feed this back to the networks. It was noted that the MyVodafone app has a facility which allows them to track your signal location to identify poor signal areas. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.6 | Concerns re Flooding – No Update. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.7 | Pathway at The Youth Hostel – SM has contacted the access team responsible for the land and is awaiting update. |  |
| 3.8 | Potholes – NG has drafted a letter ready to send to SBC. It was noted that some potholes on the Kelso-Yetholm road have been marked with white paint, but some of the larger ones appear to have been missed. SM advised that SBC are purchasing a second jet patcher which should improve the quality of pothole repairs and Main Street is to be resurfaced this year. |  |
| 3.9 | Dog Fouling Posters – Mike Marsh will check if there are back up copies of the posters and report back. It was noted some SBC posters have also been put up in the area. |  |
| 3.10 | Steps at Dow Brae – this has been reported to SBC and acknowledged. |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | Janet Canning attended to discuss her proposal for a French Boule court at the playing field – see appendix 1. SB commented that her proposed location, at the front of the Pavilion, is not ideal however there are other areas of the playing field where this would work. ZK expressed concerns that this would detract from business at The Plough, where there is already a facility for playing Boule. SM added that there is a similar proposal ongoing in Morebattle. Other concerns were raised regarding dog fouling. To take this forward, Janet will liaise with the Pavilion Sub-committee, who will report back. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | New report circulated – no issues raised. It was noted that there is still a caravan parked on Back Lane – SM advised that the land is council owned, and this is therefore not a police concern, NG will contact Neil Hastie at SBC. | NG |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The Installation will take place on Friday 4th May at 7pm and there is a planning meeting on Monday 30th April at 7.30pm. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | No plans received this month. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Report given at AGM, no further update. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | No update.  |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | NG advised of response from Alastair Finnie regarding the new school sign and she will continue to chase this up. | NG |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | DA confirmed that SBC have received the quality of life application for the defibs but there appears to be something holding this up in the system. DA/SM will chase this up. AW queried whether there would be an issue with including this in the accounts as the expenditure has already been incurred, she will look in to this further. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services**  |  |
|  | It was noted that the Pony Club have training arranged which could be joined, SR will keep SS informed.  |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | ZK advised she has a meeting regarding the sign on the Green tomorrow and also re updating the ‘Guide to Yetholm’ Brochure. She will report back at the next meeting. GW advised that the new tea towels have arrived and it was suggested these could be ‘introduced’ at the Shepherds show. GW asked about potential floral displays at the village signs, however, it was noted that this has already bee discussed in the past and is not practical. |  |
| 7.9 | **Utilities**  |  |
|  | The drain issue raised at the previous meeting has now been resolved. |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The Village lunch on 17th May will be in aid of the defibs. SS noted that the new website seems to be going well. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM advised of upcoming consultations regarding the South of Scotland economic partnership and on transport infrastructure. Details will be circulated in due course.  |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS noted that the unlocked side of the notice board on the green is in need of repair, or potential replacement. SS will contact Eddie Robertson in the first instance. |  |
| 10.2 | Mike Marsh advised SS that the Spine Race will be taking place between the 23rd and 27th June. NG will email the police to see about getting cones to prevent parking issues. | NG |
| 10.3 | GW advised that some concerns have been raised regarding speeding on Back Lane. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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