**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Thursday 30th May 2019 at 7:30PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (in the chair), Natasha Gray, Graeme Wallace, Paul Robson, Shane Black, Iain Dougal, Stuart Kelly (SK), Sandi Keddie (SAK), Cllr Robson

**Apologies:** Cllr Mountford, Angela Walker, Zoe Keddie-Dixon

**Members of the Public: 1**

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| 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 | Mobile Coverage – **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.2 | Concerns re Flooding – No real wet weather has yet occurred. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.3 | Notice Board – No update available. **Ongoing.** | ZK |
| 3.4 | Various Village Maintenance Issues – issues regarding the damaged cobbles have been taken forward and a repair has been scheduled. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.5 | School Signs – It was noted that the lights are now working on the existing sign and a new flashing sign has also been installed. ER advised that the sign on Dow Brae is not facing the right direction and is overgrown – the children are going to write a letter asking for vegetation to be cut back and ER is taking forward plans to move the sign. | ER |
| 3.6 | Concerns re Littering – SS noted that the children have tidied up the school car park area. It was noted that SBC do not provide litter signs and agreed that the CC would have some made to display in the village. |  |
| 3.7 | Potholes – No update available. ER noted that he is going to attend the Northumberland Council offices to take forward matters regarding the road surface. **Ongoing** | SM/ER |
| 3.8 | Church Parking – it was noted that the disabled parking signs are now up. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | No Issues raised. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | No update available.  |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The final planning meeting before this year’s festival will take place on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Youth Hall. |  |
|  | At this point portfolio allocations were discussed at length and it was agreed the SK will take on resilience and DA and SAK will jointly oversee grants and health/social services. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | The only plans received were for a demolition and rebuild of cottages at Hoselaw. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | No Update available. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Stuart Kelly** |  |
|  | SK advised that he has been through all of the information passed on and the first priority is to update the current list of ‘vulnerable’ members of the community. It was noted that there was an incident recently in the village involving a missing person which could be a good subject mater for a future training exercise. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | No update available. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update available. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | DA noted that the voting is now open for the localities bid fund (gym equipment) and the closing date for the paper ballot has been extended. Voting details are available from SBC.  |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sandi Keddie** |  |
|  | It was agreed that SAK will keep the box with all relevant defibrillator information.  |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | It was noted that the windows on the public toilets have been repaired. GW is now seeking quotes/prices for new merchandise. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | The next events to be held at the Pavilion will be during festival week; pool, quoits and family day. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS advised that the website has had 409 unique visitors and 997 hits this week. SS noted in relation to the above point on the public toilets that a funding application will be made to redecorate the public toilets, she is taking forward with SBC to try and arrange a ‘deep clean’ first. There has been interest from a group of local residents to maintain the toilets once brought up to standard. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | ER mentioned to the joint health and social work board about a lack of information circulated, this should now hopefully improve. The council schedule is now back to normal following the European elections and the next relevant issue to be discussed will be the issue report on the next local development plan.  |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS and AW will attend the SBC meeting regarding the community council review. NG has written a letter outlining out main concerns. |  |
| 10.2 | PR noted that the ground above the garage has now been cleared from caravans following SBC notices, however, the caravans now appear to have moved to other locations in the village and are causing potential parking issues. |  |
| 10.3 | PR asked about the policy behind disability cars and after discussion it was advised by ER that this policy is dealt with at a national level. |  |
| 10.4 | GW acknowledged the notifications received about upcoming road works at Lochtower but noted that there have been other works taking place which we were not notified of and the traffic lights in this instance were positioned dangerously on the road. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

**The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th June in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7.30pm.**