**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Iain Dougal, Paul Robson, Cllr Mountford

**Members of the Public: 1**

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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 noted that the temporary SBC speed sign is currently in the Village for the next 3 weeks. In order to have a permanent sign we would need to go through planning permission, or we could have a temporary sign which would need to be moved for a certain portion of the year. SB will continue to progress. | SB |
| 3.2 | Pavilion Security – ID and SB are awaiting new keys being cut. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.3 | Vegetation at Lochside – SBC have contacted the landowners to request works to be carried out. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.4 | Dog bins in the playing field – SBC have deemed there to be adequate provision of bins. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.5 | Wall at Back Lane – SBC have inspected the site and there will be no immediate action due to the usage level of the road, they will continue to monitor**. No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.6 | Bottle Banks – Confirmed bottle banks now emptied. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Speeding Concerns – NG emailed SBC who are not keen to erect any further signs in such a rural location but it was agreed that the CC will pursue this route further. It was noted that more speeding concerns have been raised by residents this month. SB advised of a recent survey relating to 20mph limits, the numbers are not thoroughly convincing, and he also advised of new regulations which will impose tighter checks on tractors. ZK suggested getting the school involved in a competition to design a new road safety sign to be displayed in the village – SB will sponsor a prize for this. It was also suggested that the 20mph signs could be switched on all day at the school. |  |
| 3.8 | Public Toilets – SBC have agreed for the toilets to be deep clean then their condition assessed. CC to review this at the October meeting. |  |
| 3.10 | **Grant Funding Project Ideas** |  |
|  | * Solar panels for community buildings * Improvements to the school playground – (it was noted that this would be a PTA application) * Phone box maintenance * Maintenance to benches in the village * Defibrillators |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | Report circulated. SB noted there has been a report of drug dealing in the village – he will raise this with Police Scotland. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | A meeting of the picking committee for next year’s principals has been arranged. Fiona Thompson attended to give a financial update for the committee – the accounts to 31/3/17 are now with the auditors. These show a £3439 profit for the year, mainly due to the big lottery grant and donation from the community trust. This years accounts are currently showing a small loss but there are monies still to be collected and fundraisers organised. Fiona is looking to use all figures to assess each event individually to look at ways to improve. It was noted that monies from the patrons scheme are up this year, but attendance was down at all events during festival week. A kind donation has been received to purchase more bunting. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | No plans received. SB advised that he send 3 emails to SBC planning regarding the plans for Kirk Yetholm received last month but did not receive a response – SS advised that she has spoken with SM about this building and Cllr Robson (ER) advised that this is unacceptable and he will liaise with SBC planning to ensure emails are responded to.  It was noted that there is an issue with the building behind the youth hall – owners are seeking to demolish this, however, if this goes ahead the youth hall will not be able to let during this time due to an issue with the fire escape. The wall along the lane to the school has been finished and is to a very high standard.  A pavilion meeting will be held at the beginning of October – SS and AW will also attend this meeting. SS reiterated a need for a key and list of keyholders – PR currently has a gate key to the playing field for the bonfire. SS advised that she will use the alcohol stock from the pavilion for upcoming village events. AW noted that she requires a meter reading for the building. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Year to date – Income £2,623.81, Expenditure £1,468.09. Profit £1,155.72  AW advised that the SBC grant has now been approved and will be received soon. Discussion took place regarding a fundraiser, SS noted that at the moment the craft fayre will not be going ahead. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | AK and SB will attend the emergency planning AGM at SBC next month. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | Fireworks for Bonfire night have now been ordered and gates will open at the start of October (in day slots) for bonfire items. Insurance has been checked, risk assessment completed and police/fire brigade informed. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | ZK advised that Mr Lindsay contacted her with concerns re dog fouling in the playing field – SS advised of a new SBC scheme “Green Dog Walkers” which we could try to address the issue and also involve the school children. The school also still require a winter watch person. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | PR to get info required to DA regarding the pathways maintenance grant – SS will chase. DA attended the meeting re project funding with SM – another idea of a community remembrance garden was put forward. | PR |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | Scottish ambulance service first aid training to be arranged. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that the History Society are launching a guide of Yetholm at the shepherds show. |  |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | CB noted that Scottish water are required by SEPA to carry out the necessary repairs to the sewage works by Thursday. |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS will meet with Graeme Watson next regarding the website and will update at the October meeting. The remembrance service will take place on 12th November at 9.45am – SS to order wreath and book trumpeter. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | ER advised that the new administration is now well established, as part of the budget spending on roads will increase though he noted that, according to statistics, it would take spending to double just to maintain the current condition of borders roads. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | CB suggested holding an art exhibition rather than the craft fayre. SS will look into alternative ideas. |  |
| 10.2 | It was noted that the Wauchope hall celebrates its 150 year anniversary next year, various events will be held during the year to celebrate. |  |
| 10.3 | ZK advised concerns have been raised again re parking on Bowmont Terrace – SS will address this. |  |
| 10.4 | ER asked for everyone to provide opinions/concerns re mobile phone coverage as this will be on his agenda to address in the near future. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 31st October 2017 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.