**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 26th June 2018 at 7:30PM**

**Present:** Shane Black (in the chair), Natasha Gray, Graeme Wallace, Angela Walker, Alan Kerr, Paul Robson, Denise Allan, Iain Dougal, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Cllr Mountford, Cllr Robson

**Apologies:** Susan Stewart

**Members of the Public: 2**

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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 –Remains ongoing, no movement from SBC on policy as yet. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Speeding Concerns – SBC advised that the works for new signage have now been ordered and should be concluded within 6 weeks. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.3 | Mobile Coverage – Cllr Robson advised that he will provide an update at the next meeting. **Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.4 | Concerns re Flooding – No Update. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.5 | Potholes – It was noted that the pot hole at Potts Close has now been attended to. Concerns were raised regarding the use of stop/go boards during the recent resurfacing on the main road, when the road had been closed for patching works. Those present noted some other areas that had not been filled. |  |
| 3.6 | Caravan at Back Lane – Neil Hastie at SBC advised that he will liaise with the council’s legal and roads departments to identify the appropriate action to rectify the situation. |  |
| 3.7 | Spine Race Parking **–** PR advised that the person had been back in touch with him and there is a further big event planned in the winter. **NFA** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | No concerns. It was noted that there has been a car parked on the roadside in the village for some time, this has been reported but it is still taxed and MOT’d. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The annual ‘greeting meeting’ was held last night. Overall the week was very successful and looks to be financially positive. Fiona will present the accounts at the September meeting. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | No new plans received. It was noted that there had been some misunderstandings regarding some recent plans for a shed. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income year to date is £369 with expenditure of £418. It was noted that all present had read and accepted the Code of Conduct, which is a requirement for receiving the annual SBC grant. There was some discussion regarding the pavilion insurance and funds and agreed that the committee would arrange a finance handover meeting with AW. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update – a meeting will be arranged in the Autumn. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | NG to prepare a letter to David Edgar regarding grass cutting and being reimbursed for fuel expenses. NG has received the pathway maintenance grant application form, which she gave to DA. DA will liaise with PR re completing this form. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | NG noted that Alistair Finnie has advised that the new sign should be installed before the start of the new term. ZK noted that the school had held a successful event at the playing field for the P7 leavers and that some of the P5s had attended a numeracy challenge at KHS, which they had done very well in. The school will have a stall at the Shepherds Show and have applied to win £5,000 for the library – see the school facebook page for details on voting. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | Quality of life grant application is ongoing but should hopefully be approved soon. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services - Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW noted that there will be a stall at the Shepherds Show and the open garden to sell merchandise. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavillion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID advised that the pavilion now has some bookings in the diary for hire and the bank account has been opened. As noted above a finance handover meeting is to be arranged. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that they will be discussing the way forward for public toilets at the next council meeting, which may be to try and outsource upkeep to a third party, but the hope is that services will not close. Those present raised concerns about wastage of materials by the roads department rather than these being used productively if there are surplus following a specific job.  ER mentioned the pilot scheme in school libraries which is ongoing, and remarked that some interesting ideas had come out of this. He noted that this was something that the students had requested and that no jobs were lost. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | PR noted that himself and Kevin Lee were keen to look into restarting a quoiting group, following the event during festival week. |  |
| 10.2 | ZK noted that, after concerns raised at the previous meeting, she has received positive feedback about the yetholm online website. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 31st July 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:30pm.