**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 7:30PM**

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

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

**Members of the Public: 5**

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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 – SM circulated an email advising that it is likely that SBC will purchase their own flashing sign. SB to look in to whether we can purchase another to have 2 in the village as funds have already been earmarked. **Ongoing.** | SB |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage –**Ongoing** | ER |
| 3.3 | Concerns re Flooding – No Update. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.4 | Placement of Bins – Following the last meeting SS had a look at the situation of bins in the village and has suggested to SBC that the dog bin by the shop could be moved to the steps at the Haugh. SM will take this forward. | SM |
| 3.5 | Notice Board – PR and Kev Lee are looking in to options for this. ZK is still progressing the replacement map. |  |
| 3.6 | Steps down to the Haugh – repair works now completed by SBC. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Christmas Trees – PR has spoken to David who has advised that he will take on board our comments when selecting this years trees. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.8 | Road Condition – it was confirmed that the main street in the village will be resurfaced in the Autumn. It was also noted that the pothole at Blakelaw has now been filled and the 20mph sign left over from recent works in the village has been removed. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | Four members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding an individual in the village, as discussed at the previous meeting, and his contact with children in the area. They described incidents of the individual appearing to ‘groom’ children, along with their families, and actively seeking out contact with the children. SS advised of the comments made by PC Howgego at the previous meeting and reiterated that any concerns should be raised to the Police either via 101 or crimestoppers. NG will also email PC Howgego to advise of the concerns raised tonight. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | The police report was circulated to all councillors, no major incidents other than those already discussed. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | SS noted that she is due to come off the CC in April 2020 and, as the constitution currently states that the chair of the CC must also chair the festival, we need to think about ‘succession planning’. SS said that ideally someone would shadow her from January 2019 until the transition. The next meeting takes place on Monday 3rd September and, following this, the festival committee does not meet again until January. AW/SS advised that they were keen to hold a ‘meet & greet’ event for the CC/Festival to try and encourage new members. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | It was noted that retrospective planning is to be submitted for the replacement windows at Greengarth. No other plans have been received. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income for the month to date is £234, with expenditure of £208. Currently we have a deficit for the year of £1,200, but have a balance carried forward of £6,000, so the overall position is good.  |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | A meeting of the resilience group will be arranged in the Autumn. It was noted that SBC will be cutting the resilient communities budget so it may be necessary to hold a fundraising event, or donate some of the community council funds. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | A meeting of the bonfire sub-committee was held last week, PR is away on holiday from 1-6 November so it would not be possible to have a bonfire on the 5th. After discussion it was agreed that the bonfire/fireworks will be held on Friday 9th November this year, then revert back to being on the 5th. The agreed budget for fireworks is £600. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | The new school sign has now been installed and has received very positive feedback. ZK advised that the school roll this year is currently 49, though they are expecting 4 more. This term will see a new drama club, bike course and another maths competition. SS advised of the recent meeting with Edale regarding the twinning, this was positive and the 2 villages have a lot in common that could be the foundation for strong links.  |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | PR has quotes to provide to DA for the pathways grant. | PR |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services - Vacant** |  |
|  | PR has asked Hugh James if he would be interested in taking on the defibrillator maintenance. SS is taking forward planning for first aid training in the village. | SS |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that the last of the old design tea towels have now been issued so new ones will be on sale soon. He also noted that the open garden day had record takings this year. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID advised that planning is now well under way for the event on 8th September, which will hopefully be another successful day.  |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The website is still getting a good number of hits and it was suggested that the pictures could be updated. The craft fayre will go ahead this year on 29th November, already 10 tables are booked.  |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Letter re disabled parking – no comment other than the numbers do not seem to match the actual number of disabled spaces marked.Email re transport Scotland survey – circulatedCheviot Area Forum Papers – next meeting 12th September in Jed |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS advised of a blocked gutter in the village, a work order has been issued to SBC to have this cleared. |  |
| 10.2 | A section of the wall at Back Lane has been removed, and a wire fence installed – there have been queries from members of the public over whether SBC were supposed to reinstate the wall. Councillors thought that this was incorrect. |  |
| 10.3 | The bottle bank has again been left in a real mess, despite new signage. |  |
| 10.4 | There had been a car sitting on the green for around 3 weeks, this has now been moved. |  |
| 10.5 | AK noted that some local authorities in Scotland are bringing in CPR training in Primary Schools, is the borders one of these areas? |  |
| 10.6 | There is currently an SBC audit of the safety of headstones, Kelso is currently underway – do we know when Yetholm will be done? |  |
| 10.7 | It was noted that some of the street lights in Kirk Yetholm are covered over with trees, SBC to take forward. |  |
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The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th September 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:30pm.