**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Susan Stewart, Zoe Keddie-Dixon

**Members of the Public: 4**

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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 – It was noted that the ‘no footpath’ signs have now been installed. SB has spoken to Brian Young at SBC who advised that the speed sign for the village has been confirmed – timings and location are still TBC. |  |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage –ER reported the issues discussed last month to the relevant parties re the Borderlands Initiative and has asked Vodafone to have another look at the situation with the Coldstream Mast. **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.3 | Concerns re Flooding – PR and SB have had a look at the areas concerned but given the dry weather there were no apparent issues – they will revisit on a wet day. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.4 | Notice Board – PR & ZK to meet to discuss. **Ongoing.** | PR/ZK |
| 3.5 | Headstone Audit – ER advised that 18 cemeteries are being audited this year, Yetholm is due to be done in 2019. |  |
| 3.6 | Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – PR will prune back the trees covering the streetlights. | PR |
| 3.7 | Meet & Greet Event – SS advised that nobody attended this event, however, we may can try this again in the new year, perhaps of an evening. |  |
| 3.8 | Romany Marsh – ZK advised that the path is still walkable but it does appear that the nature board has disappeared. SM will ask SBC to attend to a new board, if we can source information re the illustrations. PR will speak to Joe re cutting this area. | SM/PR |
| 3.9 | Potholes – it was noted that the pothole at Proctor Smiddy still needs attending to and the state of the road at Mindrum has been reported to Northumberland Council. The resurfacing of the main road in the Village has been delayed, SM will advise when this has been rescheduled. |  |
| 3.10 | Vehicles at Proctor Smiddy – ER noted that he had attended a couple of times, but there had been nobody there. He will report concerns at the Police and Fire Board meeting. | ER |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | James Wauchope attended the meeting and advised that, following concerns in recent heavy winds, he will try to attend to the old tree at the allotments to prevent any further limbs from falling. He also advised of his discussion with SM re plans for some designated employment land in the village, as discussed at the previous meeting, and noted that he will submit initial plans to zone the ground in question. In conjunction with this it was suggested that we write to SBC to voice our support for these plans, and also to request that the 30mph speed limit be moved further out of the village. | NG |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | The police report was circulated prior to the meeting – no further issues raised. It was noted that there seems to be quite a strong Police presence in the village. Concerns were also raised regarding CCTV at a property on Woodbank Road – ER will raise this at the Police & Fire Board. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The 2019 Principals have now been elected. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | It was noted that scaffolding for the ongoing building woks at the Hatchery site is within the school playground and may be for some time – this has been fenced off and the neighbours made aware. Plans have been submitted for the new Manse but this may be knocked back due to financial constraints. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income YTD £2,640; Expenditure YTD £3,395; B/F Figure £7,184. Balance to carry forward £6,431. The Bonfire and craft fayre are still to come, these usually generate a good income. It was noted that we can use the funds set aside for the speed sign, which are no longer required, to meet the 10% contribution to the localities bid project. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | AK advised that the salt bins should now all have been topped up – there was discussion surrounding potential movement of one bin which AK will take forward. There is a resilience evening at SBC on 15th Nov which AK cannot attend – another member will try to attend in his absence. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | All plans are in hand for the bonfire on 9th November and PR hopes to catch up on maintenance as soon as possible. It was discussed whether anything could be done regarding the gap between the gutter and pavement at the bus shelter – SM will look in to this. | SM |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | A bid was submitted for the outdoor gym equipment under the localities bid fund, however, as there were no other bids received there cannot be a public vote. Bidding has therefore re-opened and our bid will be considered again once this closes. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services - Vacant** |  |
|  | PR introduced Angela Marshall, who has experience in health/social services – those present explained a bit about the role and AM agreed to be co-opted to the council. Handover TBA. AM noted that perhaps the village could benefit from a book exchange box – she will look in to this. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW gave AW £96.50 for sales since last meeting. The new tea towels have now been launched. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID noted that the sub-committee intend to go ahead with plans for a Le Boule pitch. There are ongoing issues with the change of address with Business Stream, which will hopefully be resolved soon. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS provided an email update prior to the meeting and noted that 8 people attended the recent first aid training, and we now have a certified first aider available to cover events. The remembrance Sunday service will take place at 9.45am at the War Memorial and the craft fayre will be held on 29th November from 2-7pm at the Border. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM advised that the process of drafting the new SBC budget has begun and there will be some online consultation and more cross-party cooperation. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Letter re disabled parking bays – still does not seem to match the actual position in the village, but it was agreed not to pursue this further with SBC. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | AK advised of concerns raised by various members of the public being unable to get in touch with the relevant departments at SBC on first contact. NG noted that the online contact form works very well and SM noted that they are currently working on a new customer services portal. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th November 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.