**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (in the chair), Natasha Gray, Graeme Wallace, Paul Robson, Shane Black, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Cllr Mountford

**Apologies:** Iain Dougal, Angela Walker, Angela Marshall, Alan Kerr, Denise Allan, Cllr Robson

**Members of the Public: 0**

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|  | Prior to the start of the meeting it was noted that the Community Council and Festival Committee convey their deepest condolences to the family of Ex-Kelso Laddie Ian Whellans and will contribute towards the collect at his funeral. | **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 advised that the speed sign equipment has now arrived and is awaiting installation. |  |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage – **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 – SS will mention at the Kirk Session Meeting. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.6 | Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – PR will prune back the trees covering the streetlights. The actual lights have now been repaired | PR |
| 3.7 | Romany Marsh – Joe will have a look at the maintenance required here. Jean Hirst may be able to collate info to prepare a new board. |  |
| 3.8 | Potholes – still some work required, some of the areas have already been attended to. It was noted that the connect magazine mentioned the road resurface in the village has taken place – this is a misprint and will be attended to in the new year.  |  |
| 3.9 | Vehicles at Proctor Smiddy – No update. | ER |
| 3.10 | Road Signs – NG to contact John Henderson at SBC to request movement of 30mph signs. |  |
| 3.11 | Town Yetholm Bus Shelter – SBC looked at and proposed no action. |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | One member of the public attended the meeting to advise re the misprint in Connect Magazine (as noted in 3.8 above). SM noted that there is no update on the rescheduling of the works as yet. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | There has been an ongoing police presence in the village due to the individual discussed previously. There have also been related instances of window breaking. It was noted that some of the children in the village have become aware of the situation and are feeling anxious, this may need to be raised with the head teacher. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The 2019 Principals have now been elected. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | One application received for replacement windows on the main street. A letter was received from the History Society regarding the Mission Hall – they are planning to carry out renovation works which will require planning/building warrants. They would like to submit this under the CC as the fee rates are more favourable. This was agreed by all. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income YTD £3,363, Expenditure YTD £3,407. Another rag bag cheque has been received along with monies from GW. The application for change of name with business stream is in progress. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update  |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | Bonfire nights was still quite successful despite the change of date. PR advised that he had equipment stolen from the playing field again, and he does not wish to carry on with the running of the bonfire next year. There was also some discussion surrounding the future of the bonfire now that a big event has been started in Kelso. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | SS met with Alistair Finnie on site re the positioning of the proposed new outdoor gym equipment and discussed requirements for positioning, rubber matting etc. This can be considered when re-submitting the grant application.  |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Angela Marshall** |  |
|  | AM has agreed to come on board, though could not make this meeting due to prior arrangements. She will meet with Sue Rose to arrange handover for the defibs.  |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | The Pavilion Committee will be holding a ‘games day’ event during the Christmas holidays. Some discussion took place regarding the proposed Le Boule pitch and the required permissions, this will be taken forward by the group. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | The Craft Fayre will take place on Thursday from 2-7pm in The Border. The Village Lunch on 17th January will be to raise funds for the Pavilion. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | The Cheviot Area Partnership will take place on 5th Dec at 6.30pm at Kelso High and will include a presentation regarding the SBC budget. SM met with the Openreach regional manager who has agreed to come along to a future meeting – SM will keep NG updated. | SM |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Annual Scottish Borders Rape Crisis Report and information from Borders Forest Trust. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS advised of the councillors due for re-election in 2019 (SB, DA, AK), nomination forms will be made available in March as usual. |  |
| 10.2 | GW advised of a tree limb down at moor house (on the Kelso road) which has left the remainder of the tree looking rather unsteady – PR will take this forward with the landowner. | PR |
| 10.3 | Some discussion took place with regards to the wall at The Rustads which is part of the conservation area, can SBC use their influence to move this forward? | SM |

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th January 2019 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.