**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Shane Black (in the chair), Natasha Gray, Iain Dougal, Stuart Kelly (SK), Denise Allan, Graeme Wallace, Zoe Keddie, Sandi Keddie, Cllr Mountford

**Apologies:** Angela walker, Susan Stewart, Paul Robson, Cllr Robson

**Members of the Public: 3**

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| 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 | Mobile Coverage – **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.2 | Concerns re Flooding – Letter sent to SBHA but no response received as yet. SM has been in touch with the SBC flood officer and will be setting up a meeting with the tenant of the property in question. The tenant of the property attended the meeting and advised that SBHA attended in her absence and cut/killed off hedges which has worsened the issue. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.3 | Notice Board – ZK has taken this as far as possible and has now passed to GW under the tourism remit. PR to update on new frame. **Ongoing.** | GW/PR |
| 3.4 | School Signs – It was noted that the existing signs are now flashing in the mornings but SBC are awaiting costings from Scottish Power for moving the sign on Dow Brae. **Ongoing.** | ER |
| 3.5 | Proctors Smiddy – NG emailed PC Howgego and received a response detailing that she has not noticed children playing at the roadside to be an issue. |  |
| 3.6 | Public Path (Kirk Yetholm) – a letter was sent to David Edgar and he has been in touch with SS. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | Public Toilets: It was noted that there was another incident of defecation in the gents toilets which was reported to SBC and has been cleaned up. It was advised that these incidents should be reported to police also to build up a case file. NG noted that a letter was sent to SBC and we are awaiting response.  Speeding: The members of the public present raised concerns about speeding in the village and the location of the new flashing speed sign. Those present advised that the CC share their concerns and have already asked SBC to reposition the sign. SBC wanted to have a review period before considering this. SM will contact Brian Young and NG will follow up with a letter/email re timescales. | NG |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | No Police Officer Present. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | A festival meeting will take place next Monday 2nd September at 7.30pm. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | 4 planning applications have been received this month, 2 of which are retrospective applications for works discussed at previous meetings (a new porch and a boundary wall in Kirk Yetholm). The other applications are for 2 plots at Lochside. It was noted that there has been a previous application for this site, for one large house, which was rejected. There are no drawings available at this stage. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Stuart Kelly** |  |
|  | NG will speak to PR re costings for a storage container. SK’s work is ongoing to try and ascertain residents to be considered ‘vulnerable’ in a resilience situation. | NG |
| 7.4 | **Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | ER provided an email update of all ongoing maintenance issues which have been raised with Keith Miller at SBC. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie** |  |
|  | Schools have now returned after the summer holiday and the new nursery seems to be going well. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA has received a machinery invoice for the pathway grant and will speak to PR and ascertain whether we have any other costs to include before submitting. |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sandi Keddie** |  |
|  | SAK has met with Sue Rose and noted that neither of them were able to open the cover of the defib at the Border – SAK will contact Angela to get details of the supplier to contact. A letter was received regarding closure of the surgery, those present were disappointed that there was no public consultation – SM is taking this forward. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | No Update. More funds to be passed to AW. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | The le boule court project is ongoing. The heaters for the building have now arrives and will be installed then insulation fitted. The fun day event takes place next week. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that there is a council meeting coming up, the main focus of which will be sustainable development and school closures. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Letter from SBC Dog Education Officer. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | A meeting was held this week about the Shop Buyout which was very well attended and very productive. More research is being carried out in to costings etc and another meeting will be held in due course. |  |
| 10.2 | GW noted that there was an incident recently where a member of the public fell on a loose pavement in the village. This was reported to SBC and a ticket has been put in for repair works. |  |
| 10.3 | SAK asked whether anyone present knew anything about an old tree being felled at Hall House. Nobody was aware but we will try and ascertain this. |  |
| 10.4 | SK noted that the new minister starts at the beginning of September and would like to be involved in the wider local community. SB noted issues have been raised regarding parking at the new manse at Morebattle. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

**The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th September in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7.00pm.**