**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7:00PM**

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

**Apologies:** Alan Kerr

**Members of the Public: 1**

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| 1 | **Apologies for Absence:** None |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** |  |
|  | Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed by the Chair. |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising/Outstanding** |  |
| 3.1 | Speed Sign – SM is taking matters forward with Brian Young re the positioning of the new speed sign. |  |
| 3.2 | Mobile Coverage – **Ongoing but no immediate actions.** |  |
| 3.3 | Concerns re Flooding – No real wet weather has yet occurred. **Ongoing.** | PR |
| 3.4 | Notice Board – ZK advised that she will ask Charles Brooker to do photos for the new notice board if Guy does not wish to update the pictures. **Ongoing.** | ZK |
| 3.5 | Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – PR will prune back the trees covering the streetlights. It was noted that the new owners are now in the Manse so it would be prudent to speak to them first about this matter. | PR |
| 3.6 | Openreach Presentation – Ben Campbell, who attended the previous meeting, has actioned he points raised and been in touch with individuals regarding specific issues. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Town Yetholm Bus Shelter – it was noted that although SBC have taken action, the solutions implemented are not satisfactory and will not be long lasting. |  |
| 3.8 | Blocked Drain on Dow Brae – this is being addressed by SBC. |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | No Issues raised. |  |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | The issue raised at the previous meeting re mud on Woodbank road has been addressed. PC Howgego attended the meeting and advised of incidents of anti-social behaviour and car damage in the village, along with a fire at a property on Woodbank Road – residents are becoming concerned regarding the escalation of incidents here. A male was arrested following an incident at the Border Hotel and there have been a lot of nocturnal break ins and thefts in the region in recent months. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | A meeting has now been held with the new Principals – who are both very excited about their summer ahead. In general, the planning meetings have not been well attended so far this year. There are some issues surrounding the approval of the SBC grant based on gender issues relating to the darts events – ER will take this forward at SBC. An amendment to the CC constitution has been proposed for the AGM to allow succession planning for the festival committee. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | 2 Planning applications received – a retrospective application for a wall at Rose Cottage, not built with traditional materials, and the construction of a house in the old agricultural buildings by the sewage works. SB will also check planning consent re a roof construction in the village. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | No major changes this month. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | There have been 4 Scottish Water call-outs regarding raw sewage coming from the manhole by Gibson’s Garage, this has been caused by inappropriate material being flushed down toilets. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | DA has submitted the new bid for the Localities fund – this has significantly increased due to the addition of the matting but we should still be able to meet the match funding requirement8 |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that there has been another rumour circulating regarding the closure of the public toilets – the councillors confirmed that this is not true, but there may be some changes in relation to the running of the toilets across the region. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | The pavilion group have obtained quotes for insulation, however, there is a short time delay in getting this ordered. The annual fun day this year is scheduled for the 7th September. The next project will be the new Le boule court. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | A bingo night will be held on 14th March for the festival. |  |
| 9 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | ER advised that he is continuing to chase up action regarding some of the potholes, which have been reported previously and also is keeping an eye on the situation at Proctor Smiddy. Generally, it has been agreed that more funding will be allocated to improving roads, however, there is a lack of capacity in SBC to deliver this.  SM spoke to the recent budget proposals announced, including the ‘ipad initiative’ – this will be voted on by SBC in the coming weeks. |  |
| 10 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 11 | **AOB** |  |
| 11.1 | SS noted that it was agreed previously to give a percentage of the rag bag monies to the pavilion, now that funds are kept separately, this will be discussed next meeting. After the AGM we will also discuss moving the meetings to the pavilion to utilise the space. |  |
| 11.2 | AW advised that she is applying for online banking for the CC, she will also update the mandate forms as these have not been kept up to date over the years and still contain some old names. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th March 2019 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.