**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

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

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

**Apologies:** Alan Kerr, Denise Allan, Cllr Robson

**Members of the Public: 1**

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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 | Speed Sign – It was noted that the new speed sign is now working properly, and SBC have advised that this will not be moved. Those present reiterated their disagreement with the current positioning – SM will go back to SBC on this. | SM |
| 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 is waiting to hear back from Charles Brooker. **Ongoing.** | ZK |
| 3.5 | Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – The new owners have now cleared the overgrown foliageon the roadside. |  |
| 3.6 | Town Yetholm Bus Shelter – SM has spoke with Ronnie Pattenden who advised that SBC won’t be taking further action at this stage. |  |
| 3.7 | 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 police report was circulated prior to the meeting and it was noted that there are a large number of incidents included, which is very concerning for the village. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The recent bingo fundraiser made around £240. The next planning meetings are the 1st and 29th of April. It was noted that the succession issue is still pressing and NG will draft an amendment to the CC constitution to be voted on at the AGM in relation to this.  CC Elections – SS is not sure if any applications have yet been made for the vacant posts, these must be submitted to SBC by Friday 5th April. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | It was noted that a planning application was made and passed in 2014 in relation to the property mentioned last month and the current building appears to be in line with this. No further information has been received at this stage regarding the issue with the wall at Rose Cottage. (matters discussed under matters arising) |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | Income YTD £3901, Expenditure YTD £4520 which added to the brought forward figure gives a carry forward position of £6566. It was noted that it has been a quiet year in terms of fundraising and we need to look at ringfencing funds in the accounts for going forward. Match funding for the outdoor gym equipment will now be £1,400 and it was discussed that funds could be set aside for the replacement of the notice board. ZK mentioned that she is looking in to starting a 100 club in the village. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR passed on photographs and information to SM regrading a variety of issues including; the bus shelter, drain and kerb edge on Dow Brae and tarmac dumped at the cemetery following the recent road resurfacing. He also advised of an issue with a track dug for fibre cable, which has been left in a mess and is causing a drainage issue – SM will take all of these matters forward. There has also been some email correspondence with SBC regarding getting hardcore put down on one of the walking paths, as requested some time ago. | SM |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | ZK advised that the nursery should be ready to go in August as planned. The school have recently held a ‘raising children with confidence’ event and a careers event. SS asked if NG could write a letter of congratulations to the school for winning a recent curling competition. | NG |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | SM advised that the funding bid for the outdoor gym equipment has been cleared for public vote (to be held in May). |  |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Vacant** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that all venues have been restocked ready for the summer season and asked for any ideas on a product to eventually replace the notelets. |  |
| 7.9 | **Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | A meeting of the Pavilion committee was held on 18th March, there are still some ongoing issues with the energy accounts to be resolved. The Le Boule court project is ongoing. The next ‘fun day’ event will be held on either the 7th or 8th of September. ID advised that a group have approached them about holding a music event after the Shepherds Show and a potential motorbike club event – they will advise further on this once more information is known. |  |
| 7.10 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | It was noted that advertising bills for the website will be sent out soon. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that the meeting of the council on 28th March will trigger a statutory community councils review covering a variety of areas including composition, boundaries, code of conduct etc. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | SS noted that, following the receipt of our letter re parking, the Kirk Session plan to create 2 designated disabled parking spaces (though these will not be legally enforceable) which will hopefully help the issue. |  |
| 10.2 | ZK asked whether we could return to 7.30pm starts for meetings from May – it was agreed that this will be discussed following the AGM. |  |
| 10.3 | GW asked about the 20mph flashing signs at the school as the manual signs still do not appear to be being switched on – perhaps this could also be made automatic. Also the school sign over the bridge is faded and needs replaced. NG to email SBC. | NG |
| 10.4 | GW noted that signs had been displayed regarding 2 road closures which did not seem to go ahead. |  |
| 10.5 | PR advised of plans for a potential mast on Venchen Hill for satellite internet connection. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th April 2019 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.