**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 29th August 2017 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Natasha Gray (Secretary), Shane Black, Sue Rose, Graeme Wallace, Iain Dougal, Denise Allan, Alan Kerr, Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Paul Robson, Cllr Mountford

**Apologies:** Iain Dougal, Angela Walker, Charles Brooker

**Members of the Public: 2**

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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 | Sewage Issue at Cardboard Cottage – Looks to have been resolved. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.2 | SB Meeting with SBC re Speed Sign – **Awaiting Update** | SB |
| 3.3 | Pavilion Security – ID and SB are awaiting new keys being cut. **Ongoing.** |  |
| 3.4 | Vegetation at Lochside – SM is awaiting update from SBC Neighbourhood Services. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.5 | Dog bins in the playing field – SS and SM met with Alistair Finnie at the park, he thought there were adequate provisions but maybe could reposition some of the bins. **Awaiting Email Response.** |  |
| 3.6 | BT Cable – PR confirmed that this is an old cable which has been like that for some time. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.7 | Wall at Back Lane – SM advised that this has now been inspected by Neil Hastie and the issue is with tree roots pushing this out, which are not on SBC land. SM to take forward. **Ongoing.** | SM |
| 3.8 | Spraying on the Haugh – SS emails James Wauchope (who had hoped to attend) and he advised that the spray would not be harmful to dogs. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.9 | Bottle Banks – NG emailed SBC who advised of correct contact details, however, the bottle banks either were not emptied or are full again. NG will re-email. | NG |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | The members of the public present at the previous meeting, who raised concerns regarding speeding in the village, attended the meeting to hand in letters of support gathered from the local community – these were passed to SM to take forward with SBC. NG advised that following the previous meeting she passed on the concerns of the public, along with the proposal of a 20mph speed limit in the village, to SM and PC Howgego. As Suzanne was present she fed back to the members of the public that it would be highly unlikely that a 20mph speed limit would be agreed – she reiterated that the CC has raised concerns about speeding on numerous occasions and as a result police have attended the village but have not caught any drivers going fast enough to be stopped for speeding. SM added that the Scottish Government is in the process of changing the law so that 20mph zones can only be enacted around schools – this suggests that the likelihood over lowering the speed limit in the village is low. The members of the public advised that they wish to push forward with this campaign and will try to get more support within the community. Concerns were raised surrounding the school children walking along the main street to the allotment where there are no pavements. ZK could raise this with the school as part of the safer routes to school guidance. NG will also email SBC re appropriate signage. | ZK/NG |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | Suzanne attended the meeting and advised that things have been fairly quiet in the village. There had been an issue with some ‘pushy’ salespeople knocking on doors, this was actually as part of a government scheme and the company have been contacted regarding their methods. There was also a report of speeding tractors in the area; Suzanne advised that the contractor in question has been spoken to. PR asked whether Police Scotland do any kind of advertising around harvest time surrounding large vehicles on the roads – this is something she will feed back to the appropriate team. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | No Update. Next meeting is Monday 4th September at 7.30pm. |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | SB advised of 3 planning applications received for Kirk Yetholm. The main one of these SB raised concerns that it looks as though work has started on this before the closing date for comment has passed. Following discussion there were no major concerns raised.  The Pavillion fun day took place on 12th August and was very successful, there are still some monies to be accounted for but the estimated profit is £1100 to divide between the charities. SB noted that he is hoping to get a sponsor for the Yetholm football strips going forward. The insurance application is progressing, and looks to be quite a straightforward process. SS advised that she has secured the table tennis table and small pool table from the Youth Hall for the Pavillion. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | AW provided a written update to SS prior to the meeting. Income to date is £1,037.23 with expenditure of £1,329.61 (however this is to be adjusted to account for pavilion stock). Current reserves are £7,269.30. All web adverts have now been paid, with the exception of the Border. Last year’s accounts have now been verified and will be sent to SBC which will hopefully result in the release of our grant. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR noted that he has cut the vegetation back at the corner at Dow Brae which has improved the situation there. The bonfire sub-committee met last week to begin planning for this year’s event (on 5th Nov). 2 fundraisers have been arranged thus far; a bingo night on 29th September and Quiz on 25th October. The committee has looked in to the laser torches which could be provided at the cost of £2.20 each – it has been confirmed that ‘real’ torches can still be used as long as they have the protective sleeve. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | Awaiting response from Alistair Finnie re the new sign.  ZK asked about the age-appropriateness of some of the equipment in the play park – SS noted that this was the reason for her recent meeting with SM and AF. SS showed those present the favoured choices for 2 new pieces of play equipment for younger children for the park which will be funded by SBC. |  |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan** |  |
|  | PR to get info required to DA regarding the pathways maintenance grant. DA again encouraged everyone for ideas for applications for the quality of life grant. | PR |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR noted there has been ongoing issues with opening the de-fibs, this is an issue with the casings which will need to be replaced as the de-fibs are currently not weatherproof. New casings will be £350 each, after discussion it was agreed to order these from CC funds then look to see if there is grant money/fundraising available to cover costs. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised he is still to speak with the new owners at the Border. He has spoken with Kate Moses re concerns about the walk guides – she noted that there had been a poor batch of printing and hopes this will be rectified going forward. The history society is trialling a new website platform which is going well. |  |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | No Update. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS noted that the Craft Fayre is booked. SS had been looking into the idea of a community library which she is keen to pursue – the Shop have intimated they would be keen to host this and a local resident has offered to donate a collection of books. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | SM noted that the road markings in the village are in the pipeline to be redone. SM advised everyone of the Localities bid fund, about which there is a meeting next week in Jedburgh (DA will attend). NG will put this on the agenda for September to discuss project ideas for bid(s). |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | The Bridge, SBCCN Newsletter, Letter from the planning partnership re the community plan. |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | AK advised that the public toilets in the village are in a very poor state, he will email SM details to take forward. | AK/SM |
| 10.2 | First Aid Training – SR is progressing this. | SR |
| 10.4 | SB advised that the owner of the building at the back of the Youth Hall is seeking permission to demolish and rebuild the building. |  |

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2017 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.