

Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held in Yetholm Youth Hall
Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7:30PM

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

Apologies: Angela Walker, Alan Kerr

Members of the Public: 1

		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 confirmed that the council have approved a permanent speed sign for Yetholm. SB still to establish if we can install another using the funds set aside. It was noted there has been no progress yet on the ‘no footpath’ signs – NG will chase this up. Ongoing.	SB/NG
3.2	Mobile Coverage –ER is still in talks with Vodafone, particularly regarding the situation with the Coldstream mast. It was noted that mobile coverage is something which the new ‘Borderlands Initiative’ will aim to address, however this is a medium to long term project, ER will continue to try to improve the immediate issues. Ongoing	ER
3.3	Concerns re Flooding – No Update. Ongoing.	PR
3.4	Placement of Bins – SBC will arrange for the relevant bin to be moved. No Further Action.	
3.5	Notice Board – PR & ZK to meet to discuss. Ongoing.	PR/ZK
3.6	First Aid Training – SS advised that there is a quiz tomorrow night at The Plough to raise funds for the community first aid training. The Ambulance Service will be delivering a basic course on 17 th October in the Pavillion from 7-8.30pm.	
3.7	Headstone Audit – ER will check if Yetholm is to be part of this SBC project.	ER
3.8	Street Lighting (Kirk Yetholm) – SS noted that one of the lights by the Manse is not working and further lights are covered by overgrown trees. SS will speak to Brian Kelly about cutting these back.	SS
4	Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns	
	A member of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns about flooding at her property, coming from Fir Park to the Hillview Road corner plot. Water is running down and gathering in her garden which has now undermined the patio – she has raised this with SBHA as there is no surface drainage. PR & SB will take these concerns forward.	PR/SB
5	Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)	
	The police report was circulated prior to the meeting – no further issues raised.	
6	Festival Committee Update:	
	A meeting was held at the beginning of the month to select the potential new Principals – Tom & Natasha will now approach them. No more meetings until January.	
7	Portfolio Presentations:	
	Housing and Planning - Shane Black (Vice Chair)	
7.1	A retrospective planning application has now been submitted for Greengarth. There is also plans for outline permission for a new build by Old Graden. SB asked SM/ER about issues with planning queries if a member of staff in the department is on holiday – they advised that staff members deal with specific areas so issues will tend to wait until their return. There was then discussion surrounding the local development plan and the land at Back Lane – this was not sold to Eildon Housing as planned due to access issues. SM will challenge this as it is a potential site for employment land.	

7.2	Finance - Angela Walker	
	AW was not in attendance but advised via email that the SBC grant monies have now been approved.	
7.3	Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr	
	No Update.	
7.4	Bonfire, Village Maintenance & Utilities – Paul Robson	
	It was confirmed that the bonfire will be held on 9 th November - PR will build and control the fire, with no rubbish to be dumped at all. PR will catch up on various bits of tree pruning and maintenance now that the harvest has finished.	
7.5	Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon	
	No Update.	
7.6	Grants- Denise Allan	
	PR has provided quotes for the pathways grant. There was some discussion surrounding potential projects for funding under the localities bid fund including outdoor gym equipment – ZK & DA will take this forward.	DA/ZK
7.7	Health & Social Services - Vacant	
	PR to arrange handover with Sue and Hugh, posters will need to be updated.	
7.8	Tourism – Graeme Wallace	
	Photos on the website have been updated – GW advised that if anyone has any other good photos to send them in.	
7.9	Projects, Events & Pavilion – Iain Dougal	
	ID noted that the fun day was really successful and raised around £700. SS suggested that ID could progress things re the Edale Twinning.	
7.10	Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart	
	Upcoming public events include – Meet & Greet on October 23 rd , January Village Lunch (which will be in aid of the pavilion) & Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial. SS received communication from a member of the public regarding Romany Marsh being ploughed right up to the footpath and regarding the wildlife notice board – ZK noted that the path is still walkable but she will have a look at the board and report back.	ZK
8	Scottish Borders Councillors Update	
	SM provided some background information on the proposal for a single public authority for the borders but advised that this is still in the very early stages.	
9	Additional Correspondence	
	The Bridge	
10	AOB	
10.1	SB advised of a fallen tree in the playing field following the recent high winds.	
10.2	SB advised of a pothole at proctor smiddy which was missed during the recent roadworks – the Councillors will take this forward. There has also been issues with access for larger vehicles to Halterburn due to renovation works on one of the houses blocking the road.	SM
10.3	GW raised concerns about the volume of cars, and their parking, at proctor smiddy garages and call outs for fires being started. ER to take forward.	ER
10.4	PR raised concerns regarding the state of the road to Mindrum, on the English side, ER will contact Northumberland Council.	ER

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th October 2018 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7pm.

Sharon A Blun
30/10/2018