

Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held in Yetholm Youth Hall
Tuesday 27th August at 7pm

Present: Shane Black (SB) (Chair), Susan Stewart (SS), Euan Gibson (EG), Kevin Lee (KL), Heather Freeland Cook (HFC), Paul Freeland Cook (PFC), Angela Walker (AW)

Apologies: Simon Mountford (SM), Euan Robson

Members of the Public: 1 present.

The meeting was recorded.

		Action
1	Apologies for Absence: As Above	
2	Minutes of previous meeting, approval, and signature The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved with no amendments and signed by the Chair.	
3	Matters Arising from minutes/outstanding issues. War Memorial – Update had been received from SBC re this and they had inspected and said would prune shrubs and power wash memorial. Discussion re this with MOP present and all agreed that shrubs would be best removed as the siting of memorial was magnificent and the shrubs distracted from siting and view. Also concern raised re power washing as this, may cause damage to stone and lettering. SS to relay this information to SBC via ER. All other matters arising would be covered in portfolios.	SS
4	Christmas Trees and Lights HFC noted that Christmas Trees for this year were in hand.	HFC
5	Bowmont Valley Defibrillator This project was now complete as had been installed and box painted. Letter of thanks to be sent to Richard Mather re this. SS had also investigated training with Heartbeat, and this would be followed up in coming weeks. This could now be removed from agenda.	SS
6	Festival Week Update FT intimated that Monday 2 nd September was final meeting for this year and financial update would be given at this meeting. Accounts were with auditor at present time.	
7	CC Election and Call for New Members Update SS updated all on this process. Call for new members and voting sheets would be distributed and posted online in the coming week. There would only be a requirement to hold an election if more than 11 people put their names forward. Given the timing and process required for this to take place there would be no meeting of the CC again until the October meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29 th at 7pm. At this meeting the new CC would be announced and office bearers appointed. The initial part of the meeting would be chaired by Simon Mountford who would then hand over to the new Chair to convene the rest of the meeting.	
8	Members of the Public Issues and or Concerns MOP present updated meeting on the work that the Floral Gateway were going to be doing in Town Yetholm. They were planting new daffodil bulbs at TY War memorial and along the roadside in the area of the allotments.	
9	Portfolio Discussions Housing and Planning – Shane Black All plans that had been received had been circulated to CC members by email and	

	<p>also noted that they could be viewed on SBC site by any interested party. Noted that the plans for erection of dwelling house and associated works at a site northeast of Wynston Cottage in KY had been refused at appeal.</p>	
	<p>Finance – Angela Walker AW gave update on finances to date. No expenditure noted and only income was from Border and Plough for tea towel sales. Border Hotel had now paid their website advert. Discussion followed re spending of monies in account as unlikely to obtain any grants at this time due to level of monies held. Discussion again re purchasing of grass cutting equipment. KL had three quotes in hand and HFC proposed that we buy machine required and this was voted on and unanimously agreed. Cost of machine purchase from local firm was £4646 and this include hedge cutter as well. Machine would be stored in container at playing field and new lock would be purchased to ensure that access was restricted. Container was for Resilience equipment so would be covered by SBC insurance. This was to be clarified in coming weeks and container also to be cleared of any broken or excess items.</p>	<p>KL/SB</p>
	<p>Village Maintenance and Utilities – Euan Gibson The following update had been received from ER (on 2/8) re issues raised at last meeting.</p> <p><u>Back Lane</u> Officers have responded that they “will inspect the area for overgrown vegetation, and also determine if there is any reinstatement warrant based on the timescale since the utility works were carried out.” I think this means that they will get contractors for the electricity people to do the work or if it is time lapsed carry it out with the Council’s own resources.</p> <p><u>Playing Field</u> The foreman advises that the ragwort will be cleared</p> <p><u>Beech tree near Catch a Penny</u> John Henderson who deals with road closures at SBC tells me he has now received a road closure application for the night of 19/8/24 to 20/8/24 between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 to take down this tree.</p> <p><u>Progress with legal agreement over access to graveyard</u> I have asked officers for an update</p> <p><u>Pothole</u> Roads officers will check the pothole on the unclassified road off the B6401 (the Morebattle entrance / exit which leads down to Primside Mill and repair as necessary. I haven’t had a chance to see it myself and I trust that I have understood the location correctly.</p> <p><u>Leylandii in Deanfield Place near old doctors’ surgery</u> Eildon has been asked to carry out pruning as necessary, but I have had no reply as yet.</p> <p>Discussion again re overgrown bushes and shrubs at Old Brewery. SS agreed to contact owner.</p>	<p>SS</p>
	<p>Education – Heather Freeland Cook Nil to report.</p>	
	<p>Bowmont Valley – Paul Freeland Cook There had been some issues with fluctuating electricity supplies, but this was now resolved.</p>	
	<p>Resilience – Kevin Lee Grass Cutter had been discussed in Finance report. KL reported there were a number of areas in villages that had materials and unsightly goods lying about.</p>	

	This included items which were on the roadside. KL agreed to compile a list and send to SBC Enforcement Officer for him to investigate on our behalf.	
	Grants and Funding – Fiona Thompson This had also been covered in Finance Report.	
	Tourism – Vacant SS reported that there were very few tea towels left for sale and should we purchase more. As all outlets had recently been stocked up it was agreed that SS would enquire as to cost of new purchase and would report back at October meeting.	SS
	Health and Social Services – Vacant Discussed above at Defib update	
10	Police Report Had been circulated when received to all Councillors. No report received as yet for the present month.	
11	Scottish Borders Councillor’s Update No report due to absence of SBC Councillors.	
12	Additional Correspondence All additional correspondence had been sent out to all by email.	
13	Community Council/AOB Query raised re birds nesting in KY bus shelter and if anything could be done re this. Had been discussed previously and CC reluctant to put up netting in case led to any untoward removal or accidents. SS to contact SBC re cleaning of shelter.	SS

The meeting closed at 2000

Date of next meeting Tuesday 29th October 2024 at 7pm in Youth Hall.

Due to call for new members and possible election no meeting in September