

Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held at Yetholm Kirk
Tuesday October 25th 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Shane Black (SAB) (in the Chair), Norman Burr (NB) (Treasurer), Cllr E Robson (ER).
Karon Phillips (KP), Sumati Bala SB), John Palfrey (JP), Susan Stewart (SS), Paul
Freeland Cook (PFC), Cllr Simon Mountford (SM) Susan Rands (SUR) (Secretary)

Apologies: David Green, Heather Freeland Cook

In attendance: Fiona Thompson (Yetholm Festival Committee Treasurer)

Members of the Public: 17

	Minute	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: as above. SAB accepted the resignation of David Green with regret and thanks for his contribution.	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
2.1.	NB wished to change the record of discussion of the marquee purchase as recorded in item, 4.1 in the September minutes, which omitted mention of any figure discussed. After lengthy discussion, SAB agreed to change the record. KP will send wording to Secretary. Wording as follows: KP: 'There had been a discussion at the council meeting re purchase of a new tent. The committee had discussed and voted via email to purchase a new tent'. Voting: 5 in favour, 4 against as per email sent by NB on 15/9/22	KP, SUR
3.	Matters Arising/Outstanding	
3.1.	None.	
4.	Election of Deputy Chair	
	The Chairman (SAB) asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair to the YDCC. Sumati Bala nominated herself and was seconded by Norman Burr. All were in agreement and SB takes over from Norman Burr, who has been acting as temporary Chairman.	
5.	Co-option of Euan Gibson to YDCC	
	Having expressed a wish to be a member of the YDCC, Shane Black proposed that he be co-opted on to the committee. (Cllr Euan Robson advised on correct procedure as laid down by the SBC) Susan Stewart proposed, Karon Phillips seconded, all were in agreement. Euan Gibson was then duly invited to join the committee on the platform.	
6.	Remembrance Sunday	
	Observance will take place on Sunday November 13 th at the War Memorial at 9.45 am. Wreath to be laid by the YCC Chairman.	
7.	Members of the Public	
7.1	A member of the public asked why was consideration not given to renting a marquee, before spending £10,000 of Miss Deans' bequest, when it was understood, and had been publicised, that the deadline for consideration of proposals was November 30 th ? NB gave a history of the discussion leading to the purchase, which is not a matter of public record as it was conducted by email, to which the secretary was not party.	
7.2	MOP asked if it is true that the CC already owns two tents and, if so, were they considered prior to the purchase of the marquee?	
7.3	Further MOP asked if there had been a cost benefit analysis and risk assessment carried out prior to the purchase? NB responded that it had only been carried out informally. NB proposed that, in future, any purchases not be reimbursed retrospectively. SB seconded, all agreed.	

7.4	MOP asked that Agenda be posted on website prior to meetings. SS agreed that this is possible: currently Agenda is posted on noticeboards.	SS
7.5	Primary School Head Teacher reported the success of the 2022 Oktoberfest and thanked the YCC for its support. Several parents echoed his thanks.	
8.	Marquee: Custodianship and Hiring Protocol (NB)	
	Marquee is currently stored in NB's garage. Permanent storage needs to be waterproof and maintain temperature of 10C minimum as temperatures below this leave product prone to cracking. JP is of the opinion that a permanent team willing to erect the marquee is needed:he already has a list of potential volunteers. NB proposed that he and JP discuss costs, charges and procedure and bring proposals to next meeting.	NB, JP
9.	YDCC Constitution (KP)	
	Committee has met several times but there remain matters to be further discussed before findings are put to the YDCC.	KP, NB, SAB
10.	Portfolio Discussions	
10.1	Housing and Planning; Shane Black	
	No new submissions received. Plough Hotel consultation period has been extended to October 27 th in order to circumvent any possible delays caused by the State Funeral in September.	
10.2	Finance: Norman Burr	
10.2.1	No significant expenditure is anticipated this month said NB	
10.2.2	£600 grant from SBC expected on receipt of Minutes of AGM to be forwarded to SBC Clerk by YDCC Secretary	SUR
10.2.3	NB says that we need an assets register. SAB to oversee.	SAB, NB
10.2.4	Bank account maintains status quo for the time being, no saving a/c having been opened yet. Current bank balance stands at £98,000.	NB
10.2.5	SS raised issue of the Rag Bag monies and explained how they have previously been allocated between CC and school. Allocation of monies received to date this year are yet to be finalised.	SS NB
10.2.6	SAB asked about CC insurance policy: premium has been paid but no policy has been received as yet. SAB wondered if the Pavilion insurance policy is a duplicate? NB wo make enquiries.	NB
10.3	Village Maintenance & Utilities: Norman Burr	
	NB currently deals with these matters but EG to take this over.	NB, EG
10.4	Education: Heather Freeland-Cook	
10.4.1	Security cameras have not yet been installed and SAB repeated his offer of the four cameras donated to the Pavilion. To be decided.	SAB
10.5	Bowmont Valley: Paul Freeland Cook	
10.5.1	Forestry Harvest Phase II is in full operation and more heavy traffic is expected for the next few weeks.	
10.5.2	Valley defibrillator not yet installed. Question of power connection ongoing.	
10.5	Grants and Funding: Karon Phillips	
	No current matters in hand.	
10.6	Tourism – John Palfrey	
	Website project ongoing: wide range of quotes received so far.JP to bring update on project to date to next meeting.	JP
10.7	Health & Social Services: Sumati Bala	
	Generally agreed that CPR training would be more useful than Defibrillator training. SB to contact Gillian McFadden with view to arranging community training sessions.	SB
10.8	Projects, Events & Pavilion: Shane Black	

10.8.1	Pavilion wiring not quite completed; installation of LED lighting being investigated; new windows to be installed.	SAB
10.8.2	Fundraising car boot sale for Festival Week on Saturday October 29 th .	
11.	Police Report	
	No report received for October.	
12.	Scottish Borders Councillors Update: ER, SM	
12.1.	ER reported on disruption of waste collections in Jedburgh, Hownam, Yetholm and Kelso due to driver shortages. Every effort will be made by SBC to make the collections later in the week but residents are asked to remove bins from collection point if this has not happened within five days.	
12.2.	Work will start next week on extending footpath from Main Street to Braeside Road. Traffic lights will be in operation.	
12.3.	SAB asked about a pedestrian crossing at that end of the village. ER responded that there is not enough volume of traffic to justify this.	
13.	Additional Correspondence	
	All correspondence circulated as it is received.	
14.	AOB	
14.1.	Euan Gibson asked about the removal of the diseased chestnut tree on Town Yetholm Green, a tree surgeon having visited the site and decreed that it would need to be removed. No date has been announced for its removal, but CC hopes that any planned road improvements would not interfere with the removal of the tree and its roots. Discussion of a possible replacement took place, Continue to monitor situation.	ALL

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday November 27th 2022 at 19.00 hrs at Yetholm Kirk.