**Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7:00PM**

**Present:** Susan Stewart (Chairperson), Natasha Gray (Secretary), Angela Walker, Shane Black, Sue Rose, Graeme Wallace, Iain Dougal, Denise Allan, Charles Brooker, Alan Kerr

**Apologies:** Zoe Keddie-Dixon, Paul Robson, Cllr Mountford

**Members of the Public: 3**

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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 | Speeding/Horse Riders – SBC confirmed that they will only provide horse signs for areas around stables. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.2 | Sewage Issue at Cardboard Cottage – SS advised that this has hopefully now been resolved, Scottish Water were due to connect the property to the mains this week. **Awaiting Update.** |  |
| 3.3 | SB Meeting with SBC re Speed Sign – **Awaiting Update** | SB |
| 3.4 | Pavilion Security – ID and SB confirmed that new external locks have been fitted, internal locks are still to do. ID and SB are current key holders. |  |
| 3.5 | Yetholm Community Trust – SS confirmed that the trust has now officially been wound up. **No Further Action** |  |
| 3.6 | Vegetation at Lochside – Issue is ongoing, there is now an issue with road signs being covered by overgrown vegetation. NG will email SM. | NG |
| 3.7 | Dog bins in the playing field – NG advised that she contacted Alistair Finnie who noted that SBC try not to install extra bins but that he would look at repositioning current bins when he next visits Yetholm. **Awaiting Update.** |  |
| 3.8 | BT Cable – No updated available from PR, SB advised that he thinks this was an old cable as there have been no reported issues with service. **Awaiting Update.** | PR |
| 3.9 | Appliance Leak - CB noted that he has had a look at the site and there are no obvious signs of where this is coming from, he will continue to monitor the situation. **No Further Action.** |  |
| 3.10 | Parking at the Church – PR has spoken to the relevant people who will try to address the issue going forward. **No further Action.** |  |
| 4 | **Members of the Public – Issues and/or Concerns** |  |
|  | The members of the public present advised that they would like steps to be taken to look into the speed limit in the village being changed to 20mph throughout. Their reasons for this included; issues with footpaths in the village, an elderly population, volume of tractors/heavy vehicles and an incident which has already occurred recently. SB explained about the plans for a flashing speed signs and measures already taken surrounding speeding in the village. SB advised the members of the public to put their concerns into writing to him and SS noted that NG will email our community police officer to raise their concerns also. | NG |
| 5 | **Police Report - Community Beat Officer (PC Suzanne Howgego)** |  |
|  | No issues raised. |  |
| 6 | **Festival Committee Update:** |  |
|  | The Kelso Laddie’s visit to Yetholm was very successful. The next festival meeting will take place on the first Monday in September.  |  |
| 7 | **Portfolio Presentations:** |  |
| 7.1 | **Housing and Planning/Pavilion - Shane Black (Vice Chair)** |  |
|  | No plans received. SB noted that there are 2 cottages in KY currently being renovated for which there have been no plans. Pavilion – A meeting was held to form a committee for the Pavilion, which will be chaired by SB, in order to begin the process of forming a formal subcommittee of the Community Council and start a Sports Club to benefit the Pavilion going forward. It was noted that this will be a gradual process which will hopefully be complete by the end of the year. They are currently looking into insurance providers for the building. SB reminded everyone of the event coming up on 12th August. |  |
| 7.2 | **Finance - Angela Walker** |  |
|  | AW noted that things have been quite quiet this month, she has received £39 for tea towels/notelets and £64 for walks from Kate Moses. |  |
| 7.3 | **Yetholm Resilient Group – Alan Kerr** |  |
|  | No update. |  |
| 7.4 | **Bonfire & Village Maintenance – Paul Robson** |  |
|  | PR not present. It was agreed that the bonfire will go ahead as normal on the 5th November. Discussion took place about whether to continue with the torches or to move towards the laser lights as was done at Kelso Civic Week. |  |
| 7.5 | **Education - Zoe Keddie-Dixon** |  |
|  | No Update. Chase on the new sign for the school. | ZK/NG |
| 7.6 | **Grants- Denise Allan**  |  |
|  | DA asked everyone to think of ideas for an application for the quality of life grant as this is available every year – ideas included benches and heating for the pavilion and will be discussed further in a subsequent meeting. SS noted that communication was received from the Cheviot Locality Committee regarding re organising trusts including 3 relevant to Yetholm, she will look further into this and report back. DA still to receive a response from PR re the pathways grant. | PR |
| 7.7 | **Health & Social Services – Sue Rose** |  |
|  | SR has looked into some first aid training and will pursue this further. |  |
| 7.8 | **Tourism – Graeme Wallace** |  |
|  | GW advised that he has had some negative feedback about the walks brochure which feels outdated; he will contact Kate Moses about this. | GW |
| 7.9 | **Utilities – Charles Brooker** |  |
|  | CB noted issues with the sewage works in KY following movement in the river; he has brought this to the attention of Scottish Water. |  |
| 7.10 | **Projects & Events – Iain Dougal** |  |
|  | ID noted that the pavilion event planning is well underway and advertised locally. This will to be raise money for the RNLI, MS and the pavilion. |  |
| 7.11 | **Chair, Website Liaison & Public Events – Susan Stewart** |  |
|  | SS spoke with Graeme regarding the website and noted that the church is also looking to revamp their site. Graeme will attend the October meeting to discuss further with everyone. |  |
| 8 | **Scottish Borders Councillors Update** |  |
|  | No Update. SM emailed SS re the wall on back lane, which will be inspected by Neil Hastie. |  |
| 9 | **Additional Correspondence** |  |
|  | Campaign for Borders Rail |  |
| 10 | **AOB** |  |
| 10.1 | AK advised that there had been spraying taking place on the Haugh and he was advised not to walk his dog there but there were no notices. SS advised that she will email James Wauchope. | SS |
| 10.2 | AK advised that some walkers have been having trouble with lack of signs for St Cuthbert’s way into the village and going the wrong way, he will contact Mike Marsh re this. | AK |
| 10.4 | SS advised that the new recycling bin was delivered to the pavilion and advised that the general bin could be repositioned to encourage people to use the correct bins. It was also noted that the bottle banks are full but the contact numbers on each do not match. NG to contact SBC. | NG |

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th August 2017 in Yetholm Youth Hall at 7:00pm.