

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2011 in Ayton Community Hall**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rob Weatherston	<b>RW</b>	Norman Robertson	<b>NR</b>
	Dick Noble	<b>DN</b>	Rob Boyd	<b>RB</b>
	Raymond Allan	<b>RA</b>	Ian Logan	<b>IL</b>
	Kath Payne	<b>KP</b>	Kenny Combe	<b>KC</b>
	Graham Dolan	<b>GD</b>	Michael Cook (SBC)	<b>MC</b>

11 members of the public attended.  
RW chaired the meeting.

**ITEMS**

**Action**

**1 Police Report**

PC Kirsty Nash reported to the meeting. There had been 3 recorded crimes in the past month. Complaints had been received regarding HGVs passing up and down the High Street. The police are monitoring the situation and have notified the sat-nav companies. The traffic is connected with seasonal growing and should lessen in the near future.  
An initiative “Boozed up, Squared up, Locked up” about zero tolerance with alcohol fuelled violence is being pushed over the summer period.

**2 Open Forum**

8 residents attended to ask if all or some of the Berwick to Edinburgh buses could be routed via Ayton. After a full discussion MC agreed to take the matter up with SBC Transport Department who would contact the bus companies.

**MC**

**3 Apologies for Absence**

None

**4 Approval of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd May were approved. Approval – proposed by RB, seconded by KP.

**5 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** It was noted that Ayton Enhancement Group had been awarded a SBC Community Grant of £1422 for the purchase of planters and flowers for the village.

Several hedges are encroaching on to the pavement causing pedestrians who pass each other to step off the pavement, causing a safety hazard. KP offered to speak to householders.

**KP**

GD will organise a letter to all residents regarding the 2011 Scotland’s Floral Gateway competition. A litter picking session will be organised before the competition.

**GD**

IL offered to spray weed killer around the young hedge plants at the north end and to cut the ‘dog walking’ field.

**IL**

- **Drone Moss** MC is still investigating the legal aspect of past and current fuars.

**MC**

RB is to check any follow up from a meeting of CCs at Grantshouse some time ago.

**RB**

- **Christmas Lights** BHA has still to come to a decision regarding a dedicated electricity supply from the Clock Tower House.

**RB**

- **Benches at Ayton Law and Playing Field** The new bench at Ayton Law is now in place. Repairs to one in the school field are still required. RB to contact SB Local.

**RB**

- **Empty Houses at Peelwalls** MC and RB are still investigating. It was noted that Peelwalls House itself (but not the empty houses development) is currently up for sale.

**MC**

- **Balabraes Bridge** No date has been given for the short closure required to put the final

**RB**

- road surface on the bridge. RA pointed out that the banking next to the road on the Ayton side of the bridge is dangerous and needs attention. **MC**
- **St Dionysius' Church** The possibility of an interpretive notice board is to be brought up at the next Ayton Local History Society meeting in the autumn. There has been no further information regarding cutting back the ivy. **RA**  
**RB**
  - **Communal Fruit Press** KP had investigated this possibility and reported that it was not really viable.
  - **Potholes in Lawfield Drive** These have now been repaired.
  - **Cemetery Water Supply** It was reported that there was currently no water supply. It was noted that the supply has been repaired and was probably turned off. DN/RB will check. **DN**  
**RB**
  - **Pathway from High Street to Playing Field** This is in the hands of the SBC Planning Enforcement Officer.
  - **'Dog Walking Field' Signs** These have still to be erected. DN agreed to coordinate this with the SBC Wardens. **DN**
- 6 Councillor's Report**  
Councillor Cook had nothing to report which was not covered by other business.
- 7 Treasurer's Report**  
There was no report at the meeting.
- 8 Planning Applications**  
None
- 9 Relevant Correspondence and Emails**  
SB ElderVoice Newsletter – 10 Years On!  
Tweed Forum Newsletter  
ENERTRAG – Request to attend next month's CC meeting. This is regarding a potential wind farm development in the Ayton CC and Auchencrow & Reston CC areas. (Request agreed)  
Public Service Efficiency News  
SCVO – Notice of roadshow at SBC on 20/6 – 'How to do things differently'  
Various emails about Drone Hill, including site layout.  
SUP Newsletter  
SBC Wind Farm Guidance  
Home Energy Scotland Newsletter  
SBC Shop Front Grant Scheme  
SBC Dog Wardens' Report
- 10 AOCB**
- Treasurer's Post** The Treasurer, Paul Wheelhouse, had had to resign immediately following his election as MSP for the South of Scotland. Norman Robertson agreed to take on the office. Proposed by RW, seconded by GD.
- Jim Clark Rally** Some residents were unhappy with various aspects of the Jim Clark Rally in the village. MC agreed to pass on the various comments to the rally organisers. **MC**
- Empty Surgery and Nurses House** It was noted that the property has not yet come up for sale and that the garden was now overgrown. GD agreed to contact NHS Borders. **GD**
- Welltower Park** The question of why Welltower Park road had not been adopted by SBC was raised. MC explained the background to street adoption and agreed to check the situation. **MC**
- 11 Next Meeting**
- Tuesday 5th July at 7.30 in Ayton Community Hall**