

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2011 in Ayton Primary School

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| PRESENT | Rob Weatherston (Chair) | RW | Graham Dolan | GD |
| | Kenny Combe | KC | Ian Logan | IL |
| | Dick Noble | DN | Paul Wheelhouse | PWh |
| | Raymond Allan | RA | Rob Boyd | RB |
| | Audrey Cruickshank | AC | Norman Robertson | NR |
| | Kath Payne | KP | Michael Cook (SBC) | MC |

ITEMS

Action

1 Police Report

PC Kirsty Nash attended and apologised for there being no police presence at the December meeting.

During the Christmas period there had been 4 calls – 2 regarding vehicles skidding on black ice, a neighbour dispute and a minor assault.

Police are currently running vehicle road checks in the A1.

Census Enumerators will be visiting all households shortly and it is a requirement that householders co-operate with them.

A free ‘midnight’ football tournament is being organised at Eyemouth High School.

Nationally there are currently problems with the theft of heating oil, sheep rustling and theft of plant & machinery. Members of the public should always report anything unusual or suspicious to the police.

2 Open Forum

No members of the public attended.

3 Apologies for Absence

None

4 Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd November were approved. Approval – proposed by RB, seconded by KC.

5 Matters Arising from Minutes

- **Neighbourhood Watch – No Cold Callers Zone.** Before the initiative can start the Community Council’s approval is needed. PWh proposed that the CC support the scheme and DN seconded this.
- **Keep Ayton Tidy/Floral Gateway** A further meeting of those interested in setting up a Flower/Enhancement Group is planned for 9th February to try and set up a formal group so that funding can be applied for.
 There had still been no response from Ayton Castle Estate regarding the painting of railings north of the Ayton Mill road end. **IL**
 There were still daffodils to plant. The Saturday morning planting squad is meeting when the weather permits. When finished, a total of 10,000 daffodils will have been planted.
 More decorative trees. NR will report on the availability of trees at a later meeting. **NR**
- **Drone Moss SSSI** There was still no further information. Notice had been received about a meeting in Duns on 2nd February to discuss XXXXX. PWh agreed to attend this. **DN**
GD
- **Christmas Lights** Thanks to the squad who erected the tree and Ian Logan and Alistair Lindsay for supplying lifting machinery.
 The quote from Scottish Power for a dedicated power point was prohibitively expensive. RB agreed to approach Berwickshire Housing Association to ask if they might be able to organise a dedicated power supply from Clock Tower House.
 The possibility of a solar supply was discussed.

- **Ball Wall** SBC has repaired this.
- **Benches at Ayton Law and Playing Field** The work on these has not been carried out yet. The site for the bench at Ayton Law still has to be approved by the farmer.
- **A1 Junctions** MC has written to various officers and the police and is still awaiting a response.

6 Councillor's Report

7 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's A/C £981.00, Project A/C £616.01.

8 Planning Applications

Plot 1B – Land south west of 'Kilmory', Beanburn. Erection of dwelling house. No comment.
37 High Street – Alteration to stables and dovecote. No comment.

9 Correspondence and Emails

SBC – Finalised Local Plan Amendment (Modified) – Intention to adopt
SB Safer Communities Team - White Ribbon Campaign – Request for male members of the CC to sign pledge cards
ASCC – Re-election of National Officers
Sustainable Communities Act – Request to contact the Decentralisation Minister - (Not relevant)
SBC – Scottish Borders Volunteers Conversation 26/11
SBC – Safer Borders Newsletter
LBP – Safer Borders News
SBC – Support for Local Traders
SBC – Scrutiny Panel Work Progress for 2011
SBC – Budget Meetings
LBP – Phone Scam
Red Cross – Offer to organise courses – Gentle Exercise for Older People
Scottish Government – ASCC Stakeholder Survey
SBC – MasterCard Scam
SBC – Prepare for a Long Winter
SBC – Census Enumerator Recruitment
NHS Borders – BGH Participation Group
SBC – Road Conditions
Clean Up Scotland 2011 – Request to sign up for the National Spring Clean – (Agreed)
SBC – Refuse Collection
ASCC – All Party Manifesto Promise

10 AOCB

A1 Junctions Concern was expressed about how dangerous the north and south A1 junctions are at night, particularly in bad weather. The idea of a campaign to push for lighting at both junctions was discussed. It was agreed that a sub group would meet with Councillor Cook to discuss the way forward. **MC**

Buses A resident had noted that buses were more convenient for most people to use since the temporary closure of the B6355 road to Eyemouth and asked whether it might be possible to have buses continue to use the Redhall road on a permanent basis rather than travel via Millbank. This request had been passed on to Councillor Cook. **MC**

Additional Salt Bins There was a request that additional salt bins be placed at the junction of the Crofts and Tower Road and at the junction of Lawfield Drive and the High Street. It was agreed to pass this on to Councillor Cook. **MC**

Houses at Peelwalls Concern was expressed that the houses continued to sit unoccupied due to planning complications. The CC felt that they should not just be allowed to deteriorate. Could they be sold, taken over by a housing association or should they be demolished? RB agreed to contact the SBC area planning officer. **MC**
RB

Litter Bin The litter bin at the cross roads had been removed. SBC is to be asked if it can be replaced.

MC

Saltires It was agreed to purchase two saltires for the clock tower.

GD

11 Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st February at 7.30 in Ayton Primary School.