



APPROVED MINUTES OF EYEMOUTH TOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OPENING

Meeting of the Eyemouth Town Community Council was called to order at 7 pm on the 25th January 2016

PRESENT: Chair Jemma Landels, Treasurer James Anderson, vice chair George Power. Cllrs: William Grant, Cllr Jack Johnston, Cllr Jane Johnston, Cllr Mary-Lou Watt, Co-opted members David Dempster, Daren Silcock SBC

SBC Cllrs; Cllr Michael Cook Cllr James Fullerton .Cllr Joan Campbell

Members of the public: 2

1) APOLOGIES: Margaret Walker, Cllr Stuart Lidstone, Secretary David Windram

2) MATTERS ARISING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

There is an issue with incomplete minutes kept for previous 4 meetings. Jemma Landels to speak to David Windram about his willingness to provide more detailed minutes. Although previously un-recorded, Jemma Landels, Jane Johnston and James Anderson have mentioned the incompleteness of accurate minutes in past meetings and J Anderson has concerns that his position as Treasurer could be compromised by this matter. Full November 2015 minutes provided by J. Landels and J. Anderson.

Road Signage; it is agreed that the way forward is to leave the issue of signage on the A1 into Eyemouth to the Vision 4 Eyemouth group.

Minutes Approved by M-L Watt, seconded by J Anderson.

3) POLICE REPORT:

Rural Thefts - Thefts from houses and farms, particularly in the more rural areas were of concern to you.

- Several incidents of items including quad bikes having been stolen from insecure premises within East Berwickshire. Residents are reminded to secure their valuables away out of sight under lock and key.

During the month of December the following incidents occurred in the Town of Eyemouth:

Inc. 1941 of 3/12:

Following enquiries into an earlier vandalism, a youth has been charged with causing damage at Gunsgreen House.

Inc. 1618 of 12/12:

Report of two males acting suspiciously at ATM in Manse Road. They were seen to be lurking about when people were using machine. Moved off quickly when noticed they were being watched. The males were not traced nor identified; there was no evidence of any tapering with the cash machine.

Inc. 2323 of 18/12:

Broken manhole cover in Gillsland made safe until SBC were able to attend and repair.

Inc. 1788 of 20/12:

Motor vehicle damaged whilst parked on Queens Road between 19/12 – 20/12. 5 ft long scratch along two doors and front wing on passenger side. Enquiries ongoing

Inc. 0836 of 22/12:

Male traced and arrested on non-appearance warrant, Conveyed to Hawick for appearance at court the following day.

Inc. 1033 of 23/12:

Vandalism to house in Deanhead Drive. Enquiries ongoing

Inc. 2192 of 23/12:

Youths causing annoyance and throwing stones in the Haymons Cove area of Deanhead.

A number of youths have been identified, work is ongoing with the school and parents.

##This behaviour has been repeated and parents are advised to be aware of where their children are and what they are doing##

Inc. 2486 of 27/12:

Report of remotely perpetrated fraud.

The public are reminded not to respond or send money/funds. To report fraud, forward scam e-mails or get advice, consumers across the UK can visit www.actionfraud.org.uk

For advice on how to avoid scams, visit www.direct.gov.uk/consumer. ##

Inc 2132 of 31/12:

Following a call from a concerned member of the public a male was arrested for drink driving and subsequently held in custody for appearance at court the following day.

4) SBC REPORT: On 19th January,

Councillor Fullerton advised –

Councilor Fullerton reported SBC to agree budget for Reston Station and awaiting ministerial agreement.

Bus passes – 56.4p in the £, rest subsidised by the passenger (70p in the £). Last year £1.92million was put towards the bus passes by the government.

It was a successful Networking day at Eyemouth High School for the recent Job sell.

Councillor Campbell advised –

Councillor Campbell reported that the Woodland Trust is looking to take forward the Tree project with 100 trees. Councillor Anderson to assist.

It was reported that there Bus timetables are missing from many bus stops and that many are also damaged. To be reported to Perrymans.

Councillor Cook advised –

a) Willie Spears' Statue

On 19th January, Daren advised –

I met with Michelle from Hutton Stone this morning. Her opinion is that the lettering would be better on the plinth of the Willie Spears monument as she felt that a slate in front might detract. Either way I suppose that will have to be agreed by the members and the Town Council, but she is going to try and do a schematic drawing of what it would look like and a cost for carrying out the work. The drawings were well received by the committee.

b) 125 Memorial

As you know, the 125 Memorial Association has been doing tremendous work to complete the memorial and re-site on the Bantry near the General's Wynd. I'm told by Jill Watson, the sculptor, that the memorial is in full production and the foundry, Powderhall Bronze, will arrange to incorporate the existing section at the Old Cemetery in the completed statue which will comprise 5 bronze sections. This means that the existing section needs to be removed and taken up to Leith to be incorporated into the final structure. SBC has agreed to removal of the bronze from its present location, and the removal work is programmed for this Thursday (28th Jan.) when the forecast is good. A team of men will travel down with a van and remove the bronze manually from the top road.

c) Dog fouling

Please see my email of 25/01/16 to Jemma on this subject. In short, SBC is developing a revamped dog fouling strategy, which should be announced about the time of the Council Budget on 11th February.

d) Church Street drainage and flooding issues

Please see my email on 20/01/16 to Jemma on this subject. This incorporates a lot of detail from Daren following meetings with Scottish Water on 7th October and 8th January. A number of solutions have been discussed during the course of those meetings. Scottish Water have proposed a further meeting with SBC officers and the SBC members for East Berwickshire. This will allow them to further refine their proposals before meeting with the Town Council and residents of Church Street to set out a way forward.

e) Eyemouth Caravan Park

Please see - 11/00451/FUL | Change of use of land for siting of 31 holiday static caravans | Land North And North West Of 6 Barefoots Avenue Eyemouth Scottish Borders

On 24/12/15, Lucy Hoad, Planning Officer, advised with respect to 11/00451/FUL *I can confirm that the consent has been implemented. However will check to see if all conditions have been signed off.*

I have heard nothing more and have emailed her today to check this.

In terms of noise which has been reported, in an email of 05/01/16 Mary Rose Fitzgerald of Environmental Health advised –

If residents are experiencing noise from the caravan park I would ask that they contact this department directly through 0300 100 1800 or PLACEhealth@scotborders.gov.uk. Once received the issues raised may be referred to the anti-social behaviour team or be allocated to an EHO. The licensing team will also be contacted to discuss conditions on the current licence.

Either way those affected will be asked to keep a diary of the noise they hear. This may lead to noise equipment being installed in those most affected.

Until complaints detailing the noise that those affected hear are received it is difficult to give a full picture on how this complaint will be processed.

f) Complaints about blocked road drains on the A1107 near the Victoria Road/Millbank Road crossroads

In an email of 13/01/16, Daren advised –

We have had problems with the gullies on the A1107 Toll Bridge Road earlier on in the year blocking up and with silt. It is our intention to renew the old gullies on this stretch, but that will not be until the new financial year. However, I will arrange for the gullies to be cleaned out by the gully emptier as soon as possible to try and prevent further flooding at this location.

g) Pothole adjacent to drain cover on the road outside the Community Centre in Albert Road

On 18/01/16, Paul Matthewson, Assistant Manager of Neighbourhood Services, recorded - *I've issued an order for the pothole around the drain cover on Albert Road to be temporarily repaired. This work should be carried out before the end of the week.*

h) Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Re James enquiry about the above, the response from Nic Walker, Crime Prevention & Architectural Liaison Officer, Nicholas.Walker@scotland.pnn.police.uk on 20/01/16 was -

If the request relates to No Cold Calling Zones, then these are normally facilitated by Police and the Community Council working together. Usually the local CBO liaises with the community council or other local residents organisation to gauge local appetite and source funding for signs, etc.)

If the request relates to Neighbourhood Watch then the Community themselves set this up (full guidance & information available at Neighbourhood watch Scotland Website). Police are generally only involved in an advisory capacity.

l) Grit bins

Issues highlighted by George – bin at Fort Road has refilled, and Daren has arranged for the broken lid on the one near the British Legion on Albert Road to be inspected and repaired as appropriate.

5) CHAIR'S REPORT

For Eyemouth Town Community Council to receive its annual grant, they must have a record that all ETCC members abide by the Community Councilors' Code of Conduct. Councilors signed this when they filled in their nominating forms. As we have two new members, SBC has asked that we return this form back to them with ALL signatures. I have copies of the Code of Conduct if anybody wants one. Once all signatures are collected, I can send this away and apply for our grant.

Summary of **Office Bearers' Roles**. I nominate that Minutes are published within one week of the monthly meeting. This allows anyone not present at the meeting the chance to see what was discussed. It also allows for any actions to be picked up by councilors.

Proposed; J.Landels Seconded; M-L Watt

J Landels & G Power to access the ETCC emails so to distribute any awaiting emails.

ETCC received a letter from Winnie Roberts with regards to her finding a house with safer access. I contacted Cllr. Cook, as she had already contacted him, and he submitted an email to BHA. Cllr Fullerton also received this email as he's on the BHA Board. I emailed BHA regarding her application and instructed them that this is an ongoing situation and that Mrs. Roberts had asked for our help with regards to her dangerous stairs and, although hedges have been cut back, the

stairs remain dangerous and she fears a further fall.

I've reported a few issues to SBC on behalf of Cllr Grant. These issues have been quickly resolved. Many thanks to Cllr Grant for pointing them out.

Cllr Fullerton was contacted, on behalf of Mrs. Wilson, who had issues with her new house. These issues have now been resolved.

Meetings with SBC regarding the cemetery as reported in Sub Groups Reports.

Dog Fouling has been reported around Masons Hall, Masons Wynd and surrounding areas. Mr. Giffen has reported this issue several times. Posters have been put up but have been since removed. This is an ongoing issue. J Landels to speak to Mr. Giffen and local businesses owners.

Gale Coates emailed me with news that the British Heart Foundation are providing the Eyemouth District Community Trust with 10 mannequins for training on CPR by the Scottish Fire & Rescue Services and TAM. This training is free and gets no certification. If anyone is interested they can contact Gale on gcedt@gmail.com. J Landels & G Power have agreed to attend.

6) TREASURER'S REPORT:

£1200.53 Opening balance for ETCC account.

Expenses

£12.60 J R Anderson Area forum

£40 Hippodrome rental

£32.94 J Landels safer communities meeting. Meeting not attended, money returned.

£650.00 Wattie Chisholm loaning works.

£29.95 N Mc Murdo web site renewal

New balance £435.04 for January 2016 £116.21 ring fenced for enhancement.

Walking festival account balance £3935.59 with no expenditure.

Neil Mackay Senior Access officer has confirmed payment of £450.00 will be sent out soon regarding the grant toward the work on the loaning.

Any new expenses for the next month please come forward now?

Enhancement group will be spending some of their ring fenced money on replacement plants for the boat and compost are all agreeable to this within the ring fenced amount?

Propose the £250 grant be ring-fenced once more for the enhancement group for the year 2016?

Jack Johnson queried whether proposals to spend funds should be "left on the table" for 4 weeks prior to expenditure. M Cook has no recollection of this being the case.

It was agreed that the Walking Festival account funds are specifically for future Walking Festivals. Jane and Jack Johnson to provide Walking Festival archived material for next meeting. Mrs. M Paterson was permitted to interject as a previous Councillor with the information that Coldstream Walking Festival handed £2500 towards Eyemouth's WF and we, in turn, passed £2500 to Walkerburn for their WF.

7) CORRESPONDENCE AND SECRETARY'S REPORT: D Windram. None available

8) SUB GROUP REPORTS:

(a) ENHANCEMENT J Anderson reports; I had a very positive meeting with the enhancement group and we are making a plan for the summer of 2016 which now includes schools and will incorporate best garden competitions with a focus on public involvement. The path across the the high school once cleared will be replanted with trees to replace dead and damaged ones. The minutes of this meeting will be available from Barbara if anyone would like more details

(b) WEBSITE: Neil McMurdo is going to publish the Eyemouth Town Community Councillors' profiles onto the website as this has not yet been done.

(c) PLAY PARK AREA MAINTENANCE: Jane Johnson stated that as previous work carried out hadn't been minuted, she would start afresh. J Landels has cleaned the John's Road Playpark twice as there was rubbish and glass in the playpark. The bin was tipped over also. J Landels has met with the Lowes family. The plans for the memorial bench that is to be built in the Haymons Cove Playpark is under way.

(d) CEMETERY: S. Lidstone & Jane Johnson. G Power observed taller monuments apparently beginning to tilt in the soft earth. J Landels has met with D Silcock & N Fairbairn to discuss the ground in the new cemetery. They are checking the ground regularly.

(e) WINDFARMS: Nothing reported.

(f) PATHS : J. Anderson reports; loaning work is completed and paths and Enhancement will now crossover to take on the path across from the high school. There is no cost for the work to be done or plants needed.

(g) RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: J Landels, J Anderson, M-L Watt. Meeting re-scheduled to 28th January 2016.

(h) HARBOUR TRUST: G Power nothing to report.

(i) SHIP HOTEL: G Power has written to the CEO at Punch Taverns after the Dangerous Buildings Notice had been served and complied with, requesting that he review the external appearance of the building. A positive reply has been received by GP and the external appearance will be reviewed by Punch Taverns later this year.

(j) DISABILITY ACCESS: Jack Johnson reported that there are 7 spaces that require marking.

(k) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: J Anderson reports; We now have a volunteer family (Gleadow) to help with the running of the Avenue group and once signs are in place we can move on to the next area. Would anyone like to suggest which

area is next? Meeting with J Frazer about funding to take place Thursday 28th January 2016.

(J) BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM: M Cook reported "Cross Border Health Issues"; those living directly on the Border and not being able to access local health facilities because of postcode. Further meeting March 2016. As ETCC representative at the Area Forum, Councillor Cook has asked **James J Roberson** to gather info on cross border ambulance service issues, positive or negative.

9) PUBLIC AOB:

Neil McMurdo (as reported in item 8(b) with J Anderson to assits)

10) AOB:

W Grant reported several large potholes in Home Arms car park. J Landels to photograph. **G Power** submitted his AOB to me at the close of the meeting as we were short of time. His comments are on the blocked or partially blocked gulley drains between Toll Bridge and Northburn Road and **M Cook** and **D Silcock** have said that clearing work is scheduled after the start of the next financial year. **G Power** also reported large mounds of seaweed at the Harbour end of the beach to **M Cook** and told that SEPA would probably have to be advised. **G Power** has concerns over parts of the Bantry wall but has been advised, via **M Cook**, that the wall is sound. **M-L Watt** advised that Eyemouth Maritime Centre has secured some funds to renovate the wooden exterior once the weather is more clement and that plans are afoot to move the Junk boat and the dredger, Bertha, out of Eyemouth.

MEETING CLOSED: 9pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 29th February 2016 7pm Community Centre