

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting at Broughton Village Hall on 20th March at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Michael Lukas (Chairman), Mr Neil Morrison (Vice Chairman), Mr David Halsall (Treasurer), Mr Chris Lewin, Mr Dave Campbell, Mr Andy McGregor, Cllr Willie Archibald(SBC), Mrs Sally Walker (Minute Taker) Mr Simon Edwards (Resilient Community Officer Co-opted)

Apologies: Mrs Rosalind Hume, Mrs Sue Hope, Mrs Penny Wedderburn-Scott

01.03.17 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved.

02.03.17 Matters arising from these minutes

It was commented that Caldwell's in Innerleithen are taking over Post office duties which may put the Mobile Post office van in jeopardy. There will be a formal consultation but we await further information.

David Campbell has reported that plans are all in place for the annual Litter Clean Up on Saturday 25th March. Many thanks to those volunteers who give their time and efforts keeping the area clean.

Broadband: Many people have issues still with broadband, it is worth asking provider and requesting better download speeds.

03.03.17 Microgrants

The Scottish Country Dance Club sent thanks for their earlier grant. Brighten Up Broughton requested a £250 grant for hose reel to keep plants watered at the Village Hall. This was agreed. Arts for All requested £208 for children's activities and art supplies. This was agreed.

04.03.17 SBC Councillors Report

Cllr Archibald summarised his 10 years of service as a Councillor representing Tweeddale West. He noted the increase in Tourism and mentioned the Tapestry moving to Galashiels. Alcohol and substance abuse figures are down for the Scottish Borders helped by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership with the NHS. SBC is a leaner council, offering better value for money. Cllr Archibald encouraged us to continue to send a representative to the Area Forum where more money is available for funding requests and grants. Upper Tweed Community Council thank Councillor Archibald for his attendance and assistance over the years.

05.03.17 AGM - May

Upper Tweed Community Council requires more local representation, despite members asking individuals to step forward we do not yet have representatives from Hawdene or Smithycroft. Younger people are encouraged to apply, we want to represent the whole community and have various viewpoints put forward at meetings. Forms will be available in Broughton Village Stores for nominations to the Council. Duties are not onerous, UTCC hold only 10 meetings a year held on the third Monday of every month.

06.03.17

Police Report

PC Nicola Craig sent in a police report to the Council.

07.03.17

Any Other Business

Signs:

A request was made for SLOW signs for funerals. The Secretary will approach Ms Philippa Gilhooly to request.

The Electric Speed Flashing Signs in the village are now broken and a repeat request was made for renewed Electric speed signs showing actual speed in red/green flashing lights as per Mountain Cross. Cllr Archibald said he would chase this matter up.

Repeater 30 signs were requested for the Calzeat straight, despite streetlights speeding remains an issue in this area.

There are a growing number of horse riders in the area and some warning signs along the A701 would enhance road safety.

Potholes:

Kilbucho Road

Cross Cryne / Coulter road

Dreva Road - pot holes and blocked culvert at Springwell Brae -Grill missing

Main road in village pot holes appearing

B712 Turning to Rachan Farm

B7016 despite previous requests this road has sharp edges and drop offs, pot holes and as yet no sign of improvement. From Broughton to County Boundary.

Community Council Survey: Please would all Community Councillors complete this survey.

Resilient Communities

Simon Edwards has very kindly volunteered and been co-opted on the Community Council as Resilient Communities Officer (Proposed Neil Morrison and Seconded Michael Lukas). Simon's work with Raynet links in with First Responders Group, Mountain Rescue and 4x4 response teams.

Bus Trips

It was agreed that a Bus trip to the festival co-inciding with the 2for1 ticket deal would be a good community facility. Another Bus trip on 9th December for Christmas Shopping in Edinburgh was also agreed. Discussions were held regarding a third trip during the summer as an outing perhaps to North Berwick or similar however it was felt that demand would need to be demonstrated for before the Community Council applied for funding for a third trip. Any residents wishing to make their support for a third trip should contact Chris Lewin.

08.03.17

Date of next meeting: 17th April at 7.30pm in Broughton Village Hall