

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting and AGM at Broughton Village Hall on 22nd May at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Michael Lukas (Chairman), Mr Neil Morrison (Vice Chairman), Mr David Halsall (Treasurer), Mr Chris Lewin, Mr Andy McGregor, Mrs Penny Wedderburn-Scott, Mrs Sarah Tyson, Mr Simon Edwards, Mrs Sally Walker (Minute Taker), Mr Andrew Weston (Returning Officer), Cllr Eric Small

Apologies: Mr Dave Campbell, Mrs Rosalind Hume, Mrs Sue Hope,

01.05.17 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved.

02.05.17 Matters arising from these minutes

Mr Chris Lewin has contacted Foundation Scotland and awaits a response with regard to the CARES scheme.

Mrs Sally Walker has agreed to set up a monthly digest of Planning matters affecting Upper Tweed for each meeting.

Mr Ranald Dods, the new planning officer for UTCC area has agreed to meet with the UTCC at a meeting in the future for a Q and A session possibly alongside Erica Niven the Access Officer.

03.05.17 Microgrants

SSE sent information regarding a Bursary Scheme for young people in the area to help with Sporting and Artistic activities and Mr David Halsall has been in touch to request further information to help us, this is hoped to be provided before the next meeting.

A Microgrant was applied for by a member of Broughton Primary School parent council seeking funds towards costs of sports equipment and football goals. This application was sent to UTCC alongside the two neighbouring Community Councils and it was agreed in the meeting that we would support an application made for the full amount to the Windfarm Panel but that the Microgrant scheme was not the right method of funding for this application, the application was thus refused but a supportive letter for a larger application to the Panel will be offered instead.

Broughton and District Bowling Club applied for a Microgrant to pay for two sets of junior bowls to encourage younger members to try out and join in, this grant was successful.

04.05.17 SBC Councillors Report

Upper Tweed Community Council thanked our outgoing Councillors for their hard work and excellent service and welcome Cllr Eric Small to our meeting.

05.05.17 Police Report

A report of activity in our area was read out.

07.05.17

Any Other Business

Bus Trips for the period have been agreed as July 8th (Seaside day out), August 7th (Festival), December 9th (Christmas Shopping)

There was an extensive discussion regarding broadband within our Community Council area. Those within the village are well served by super fast broadband, however those in outlying areas are struggling to connect. Some suggestions were made regarding the provision of a broadband hub area within the village to help out, children completing homework online, people trying to work from home or complete online forms which are too large to load on poor connections. David Halsall agreed to speak with a member of the Hall Committee to investigate whether some area may be able to be used for such a purpose.

Complaints have been brought to the attention of Community Councillors regarding pot holes on the Kilbucho Road and the cleanliness of the Public Toilets at the King George V playing fields. Sally Walker will inform Jason Headley.

Date of next meeting: 26th June at 7.30pm in Broughton Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report:

It has been a quiet year in Upper Tweed. I thank those both Ros Hume and Andy MacGregor who have given a great deal to the Community Council and who have decided for personal reasons not to stand again. Ros in particular has put a great deal of energy into providing Defibrillators at locations in the village and she was instrumental in getting the 1st Responders Group started which is going from strength to strength.

Minister's Walk has been a topic of discussion over many meetings and we are very pleased to see the matter settled with the new owners working with ScotWays and having the path added to the Rights of Way within Upper Tweed.

There was a very successful Bonfire and Firework display this year and thanks go to those who organised, ran, kept us safe and provided soup and sandwiches for afterwards. Moffat Mountain Rescue provided the first aid cover and we are very grateful as without you we could not have proceeded.

Many thanks to Dave Campbell for organising a very effective Litter Clean Up, more volunteers are always welcomed and the litter picker tools were much appreciated by the active volunteers.

We have received excellent service from our Scottish Borders Councillors with all but one meeting attended and clear and effective liaison provided with the officers at Newtown St Boswells. The Councillors have been very helpful at sorting out issues on our behalf.

Chris Lewin has organised bus trips which have been appreciated and attended by many within the community.

We are very pleased to have started Upper Tweed Community Council on the Resilient Communities Pathway with Scottish Borders Council and were delighted to have co-opted Simon Edwards to work on this matter.

Thank you to all the Community Councillors for their attendance and attention at our meetings, it has been a successful year through our joint efforts.

Treasurer's Report

The opening balance at 1st April 2016 was £1116.88 held in the UTCC account with Bank of Scotland in Peebles.

Total income for the period including the opening balance amounted to £7764.15
This was made up of the SBC Grant, SSE and Infiinis Glenkerie micro grants, a further grant from SSE for the bus scheme and money collected for the fireworks display and bus fares.

Total expenditure amounted to £5068.75

The closing balance on 31st March (year end accounts) was £2695.40

During the year, through the SSE and Infiinis Glenkerie Micro grant schemes, the UTCC have been able to support a number of local groups and, with a grant from SSE, have again run the bus scheme.

Election

Community Councillors who had served time and were (if wished) eligible for Re-election: Andy MacGregor, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Chris Lewin, Michael Lukas, Ros Hume.

The Returning Officer, Andrew Weston, reported that the number of nomination forms received did not exceed the number of places available on the Community Council so the new councillors duly elected to Upper Tweed Community Council are as follows:
Sarah Tyson, Chris Lewin, Penny Wedderburn Scott and Michael Lukas.

Appointment of Chairman: Michael Lukas (Proposed by Neil, Seconded by Penny)

Appointment of Vice Chairman: Neil Morrison (Proposed by Michael, seconded by Sue)

Appointment of Treasurer: David Halsall (Proposed by Neil, Seconded by Chris)

Co-opted Members: it was agreed to co-opt Mr Simon Edwards as Resilient Communities Officer; It was agreed to Co-opt Mrs Sally Walker as Minute Taker; It was agreed to co-opt Mr Andrew Weston onto the Community Council.

All Community Councillors present agreed to abide by Scottish Borders Council's Code of Conduct for Community Councillors.