

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2011

BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Murdo Elder (Vice Chairman), Sally Walker (Secretary), David Halsall (Treasurer), Cllr Bhatia, Cllr Calvert, Celia Byers, Evelyn Dodds, Michael Lukas, Gavin Parker

11.01.1 APOLOGIES: Pat Middlemas (Chairman), Cllr Archibald, Nico Alonzi, Gordon Fraser, PC Vanessa Hamilton (Community Police Officer)

11.01.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22.11.10: these were approved.

11.01.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The flooding issues at Rachan Pond have not yet been addressed, the adverse weather conditions will have prevented work until now. It is hoped that works will be undertaken now that the weather has improved. A Question was asked regarding a visit made to The Crook Inn by Scottish Borders Council, a report has since been sent on detailing that an Enforcement Officer had visited the property in October and found minor deterioration since the previous visit in January 2010. The owner's agent has been contacted with further actions required.

11.01.4 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT: Since November there have been no incidents of note in the area other than road accidents.

Road Accidents: on the Kilbucho Road a driver lost control of a vehicle which ended up on its roof, the driver was reported for drink driving and has appeared at Peebles Sherriff Court in December. There have been 5 other damage only incidents and 3 minor injury accidents.

11.01.5 SBC REPORT: There is to be a meeting at Hay Lodge regarding Social Work function and Bed Numbers which a member of the Community Council will attend.

Eildon Housing; a meeting was held between Eildon and Tenants, Phase 1 will have work done on housing issues some time in the spring. A questionnaire will be circulated round all housing by the Community Council to assess further issues the results of which will be reported to SBC and Eildon.

Police issues: Tweeddale are losing Inspector Sandilands who will not be replaced when he moves post this month, Tweeddale are being amalgamated with Galashiels and Melrose police districts and we will also lose 3 Sergeants. It has been decided that most issues in our area can be dealt with by the Community Policing team and if an incident warrants a Sergeant attending one can be sent over.

11.01.6 THE UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE: the website is up and running and can be found at: www.uppertweedcommunitycouncil.org.uk. Minutes of previous meetings, agenda of the next meeting (week before) and general information such as news items and contact details of your Community Councillors can be found there. Please do go and have a look. The next meeting's agenda and minutes of meetings will continue to be published as paper copies in the usual places. On the website currently there is some information regarding the Clyde Windfarm and the Clyde Extension Proposal meetings.

11.01.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: there were no items for discussion.

11.01.8 FUEL SUPPLIES TO RURAL AREAS: during December it was brought to our attention that domestic fuel supplies were not getting through to our area and that some customers were waiting exceptionally long times for fuel deliveries and that prices were very, very high. Emails were sent to both David Mundell MP and Jeremy Purvis MSP regarding these issues.

To ensure that the situation does not arise again it is important to give our representatives some data to work with. A sheet requesting information will be provided in Broughton Village Store and Halsalls Garage. This information can be collated and sent back to David and Jeremy to enable them to work on our behalf. If you prefer to send information electronically please email: secretary@uppertweedcommunitycouncil.org.uk thank you.

11.01.9 CLEAN UP OF BONFIRE AREA: Volunteers will clean up the bonfire site on Saturday 21st January at 10.30am extra volunteers welcome. The weather has not helped us clear the site over November and December. There have been reports that rubbish has been dumped on the site since the bonfire and we would ask that residents ensure that this does not happen.

11.01.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ML12 Postcode: some members of the Community have had problems when phoning the emergency services due to the postcode being Lanarkshire rather than Peeblesshire. This issue was raised some time ago and for many reasons it was decided to leave the ML12 postcode. However, with the current trend for centralising emergency services there was discussion regarding opening up the issue again. It was decided to put it on the agenda for a subsequent meeting and in the meantime some preliminary work will be undertaken to look at how the postcode affects us now.

At some point in the future a survey will be undertaken to find out the views of the whole community.

Play Park, Broughton: the problems with the play equipment has still not been resolved. Councillor Bhatia will look into the issue for us once she has received all previous correspondence.

Flood Waters from Merlindale to Crown Bridge Dawyck: the recent flooding in this area resulted in the road being closed on Sunday but the signs were not removed until late on Monday. It was felt that the signs should be removed more swiftly as it led to motorists ignoring the signs and this could be dangerous. Local residents have offered to consult with the Roads department to notify them of problems, there are also council employees in the surrounding areas who could be asked to remove signs to prevent them being left in place when not required.

Road problems: Tweedsmuir: a stone has fallen out of the bridge over into the village and more look loose, there is concern locally about the weight of the vehicles using this bridge. The River Tweed sign has fallen over. A wood lorry has driven over the verge at the T-junction and taken out the give way sign.

Stanhope: 200yds down from the Stanhope junction on the corner near the Tweed there is an area of the A701 liable to flooding. Some investigative work is required.

Road West of Dawyck Woods. The drainage is an issue here with water on the road which is liable to ice. This issue was resolved previously by unblocking a culvert but has arisen again, the culvert may be blocked.

Road from Broughton to Hartree and Coulter:, there are **URGENT** repairs required to a section of road 150yds out of the village on the North side where a section of the road bank has fallen away, queries have been raised whether the road will go too.

Drainage issues have been noted over the past few months between Broughton and Kilbucho Place along the straight section of road where thick ice sheets were forming this winter causing a significant hazard to motorists.

Hartree: close to the junction where the road approaches Hartree the side of the road has eroded away and now poses a risk to vehicles.

In Broughton within the 30mph limit the Kilbucho road has quite a few pot holes developing.

11.01.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st February 2011 in Broughton Village Hall at 7.10 or 7.30 pm as notified on the Agenda.