

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2011

TWEEDSMUIR VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Pat Middlemas (Chairman), Sally Walker (Secretary), Cllr Archibald, Cllr Bhatia, Cllr Calvert, PC Vanessa Hamilton (Community Police Officer), Nico Alonzi, Celia Byers, Evelyn Dodds, Murdo Elder, Gavin Parker and two members of the public.

11.03.1 APOLOGIES: David Halsall (Treasurer), Gordon Fraser, Michael Lukas,

11.03.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17.02.11: after some discussion regarding a proposed amendment, these were approved un-amended.

11.03.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Floral Gateway Competition: a question was asked about whether or not people would be informed of the competition date. Residents will be made aware and asked for support prior to competition. Permission will be sought to put up posters in the garage and shop.

11.03.4 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT: During the previous month there have been several incidents: A hit and run accident (damage only) was reported at Polmood Gates in Tweedsmuir. On 12th March there was a disturbance at a Licensed Premises in Broughton which the police attended. A spate of Quad bike thefts has taken place in the local area during the past month and a quad bike has been stolen from Talla Farm. 2000 Coniferous saplings were stolen from Glenbreck Forestry. On 20th March police attended a 2 vehicle, minor injury, collision which had occurred at the junction of the A701/B712.

11.03.5 SBC REPORT: Cllr Bhatia reported that investigations into the collapsed section of retaining wall on the A72 west of Neidpath Castle are being undertaken. A localised structural survey of existing culverts beneath the road will be done to decide the best way to proceed. The estimated 8 week long remedial works are currently scheduled for no earlier than July 2011 and during that time there is likely to be a temporary road closure. It is expected that the road closure and works will be synchronized with school holidays to lessen the impact for residents. As soon as information becomes available updates will be given.

11.03.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: there were no items for discussion.

11.03.7 PLANNING:

- Ratchill Land North West of Ratchill Farmhouse – Erection of Dwellinghouse
11/00231/PPP

Much discussion was held regarding this application. As previous permission was granted at this location in 2000 and renewed in 2005 the Community Council have no objections to this proposal; however, the Community Council notes comments raised in the meeting regarding doubt over whether the existing buildings comprise a **cluster** of separate dwellings or whether they are ancillary to the main dwelling. The Community Council believe that this is a matter for SBC Planning Department to decide, but it will be brought to the attention of the Planning Officer on the statutory response.

- Hartree House, Biggar - External alterations to dwellinghouse and demolition of detached outbuilding
11/00209/LBCNN

The Community Council have no objection to this proposal.

- Hopcarton, nr Stanhope, Tweedsmuir - Erection of dwellinghouse **11/00179/FUL**
- The Community Council have no objection to this proposal.

- Planning Appeal – Garden Ground of Firknowe, Broughton 09/00146/FUL Appeal ref: **11/00003/RREF**

The Community Council was informed of this Planning Appeal; the application was refused in November 2010.

11.03.8 CARLOWSE BRIDGE, TWEEDSMUIR Cllr Calvert reported that investigations into the bridge have been undertaken by SBC and it is currently structurally sound, despite problems with the parapet. The road surface is suffering and requires attention but according to SBC Engineers the bridge is not structurally damaged. Tell tales have been installed (using adhesive). Cllr Calvert is going to investigate the documentation regarding the forestry to see if any agreements were made regarding alternative bridges at the time of sale of the land. Cllr Calvert will also look at the forestry east of Tweedsmuir too.

11.03.9 UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE we have been approached to put links on the Community Council website to local clubs and activities. The “links” page only currently provides links to organisations that can provide assistance. A new page was discussed however it was decided to reserve the links page for organisations that can help members of the community with issues and that other websites provide links to activities and it was not necessary to repeat on the Community Council site.

11.03.10 ENGAGEMENT WITH BORDER COMMUNITIES CONSULTATION PAPER Pat Middlemas and Nico Alonzi will read this and respond.

11.03.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parking on Pavements – Dreva Road

Any vehicles blocking the pavement along Dreva Road should be reported to Peebles Police Station on 01721 720637

Dog Fouling

Bins have been asked for on Dreva Road and at the Bowling Club in 2010. SBC Wardens will be asked again for the provision of Dog Waste Bins. Dog Waste is becoming a big problem on the George V playing fields – owners are requested to be responsible and clean up after their dog. The Wardens have the capacity to fine owners who do not collect their dog waste from public places. The Wardens can be contacted on: 0800 028 5711

Waste Bin at Bus stop

For some reason the waste bin at the bus stop at the north end of Broughton has been removed. Residents request that it return as rubbish has been left in the hedge.

Signs on Dreva Road

It has been requested that signs are erected at either end of the Dreva Road to signify that it is a single track road with passing places. It was also requested that the sign showing the passing place closest to Broughton was made more visible. SBC will look at lowering or cutting back vegetation around the passing place sign. The request for signs will be looked at in the next financial year.

Pot holes

Pot holes were reported on the Dreva Road.

11.03.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18th April 2011 in Drumelzier Village Hall at 7.10 or 7.30 pm as notified on the Agenda.