

## UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

19<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Murdo Elder (Vice Chairman), David Halsall (Treasurer), Sally Walker (Secretary), Cllr Archibald, Cllr Calvert, Nico Alonzi, Chris Lewin, Michael Lukas, Gavin Parker, Penny Wedderburn Scott and Celia Byers (Brighten Up Broughton / Bonfire & Fireworks subcommittee and Diamond Jubilee Sub-committee).

**09.11.1 APOLOGIES:** Pat Middlemas (Chairman), Cllr Bhatia, Gordon Fraser and PC Vanessa Hamilton (Community Police Officer).

**09.11.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15.08.11:** these were approved

**09.11.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Community Council Events and support to other community events: it is necessary to define how the Community Council can provide support to events within the community; clearly the Community Council cannot fund or run all activities and events that occur in the community due to financial and capacity constraints. There are three kinds of support that the Community Council can give; financial, active (taking on tasks) and goodwill.

*Financial:* The Community Council discussed the matter at length, financial support is only to be given to Community Council run events unless the Treasurer's funds are able to support a small donation (which will be discussed and agreed).

*Active:* active support can be given if requested from individuals on the Community Council and from the Community Council as a whole if relevant.

*Goodwill:* the Community Council wants to make clear that it supports all community events and endeavours with goodwill.

*Insurance:* Community Council Event Insurance facility (available in addition to the umbrella cover from the SBC Community Council's insurance) can only be extended to events run by the Community Council where the Community Council is entirely responsible for the event and where the serving officers are fully aware of the liabilities relating to that event. For non Community Council events, those who are accountable for the event are required to make their own liability insurance arrangements, it may be the case that the Community Council would donate towards the cost of such insurance should funds allow and the Community Council agree.

Current Community Council run events are the Bonfire Night (open to the whole community) and the Diamond Jubilee Community Day. Future events will be agreed.

*Fireworks:* Due to large insurance costs there will be a reduced donation to the cost of fireworks on the Bonfire night from the Community Council fund, or no donation, this will become clear when insurance costs are known. The money to pay for the fireworks is usually raised from donations from community members. A future fundraising event run by the Community Council to help raise money for fireworks in 2012 is under discussion. Volunteers to help in the kitchen and donations of soup & sandwiches would be warmly welcomed.

**08.11.4 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:** There have been 3 false alarm calls, the camera safety unit carried out 8 checks between the 18<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> September, no news as yet of how many speeders were caught, if any. There has been one "damage only" vehicle accident near Tweedsmuir. Sadly a cyclist taking part in the event prior to the Tour of Britain was involved in an accident and later died from his injuries. A report was received that 270litres of fuel was stolen from a bulldozer near Broughton on 24<sup>th</sup> April; the thieves overcame the fuel cap.

#### **09.11.5 SBC REPORT:**

- Outstanding planning application, 10/00507/FUL will be sent back to the Community Council for re-consultation.
- There will be a weight restriction of 7.5tons on A701 at Riggs Culvert over a mile south of Tweedsmuir from 11<sup>th</sup> October for 5 weeks whilst the bridge is investigated and repaired. Should the subsurface not be suitable, the road may end up being closed. More information

will be made available as soon as we get it. Gavin Parker will tell as many Tweedsmuir residents as possible

**09.11.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:** there were no issues to report.

**09.11.7 PLANNING:**

- **Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Hartree House, Biggar – 11/01177/LBCNN** there were no objections to this proposal
- **Erection of dwellinghouse, Land north west of Smithy Cottage, Drumelzier – 11/01209/PPP** – there was no objection to this proposal however it was noted that parking would be very difficult in the lane and that it should be provided on the site. The difference in levels between the site and the road would mean that the access and parking would take up much of the proposed site.

**09.11.8 FIRE SERVICE SUPPORT FOR UPPER TWEED** it had been brought to the attention of the Community Council that fire engine support may not be available from Biggar fire station, the secretary has contacted Lothian and Borders Fire HQ and they have not heard of this, information will be given shortly from South Lanarkshire Area Command, however Lothian and Borders Fire HQ was of the view that reciprocal arrangements are legally in force and they have not been notified of any changes.

**09.11.9 ANIMALS ON KILBUCHO ROAD** – a member of the community asked this matter to be discussed. Clearly loose farm animals are a hazard to motorists; a member of the Community Council will speak with the farmer concerned and see how the situation can best be resolved.

**09.11.10 HM DIAMOND JUBILEE UPDATE** - an initial meeting was held with representatives for each housing area in Upper Tweed, lots of great ideas have been discussed the next stage is to meet with the school fair organising committee at the parent council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September and join forces. The Community Day is to be held in conjunction with the school fair this year on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The date for the bonfires and beacons is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**09.11.11 RACHAN POND FLOODING AND DRAINAGE – B712** – there remains an issue with the flooding on the B712 at Rachan Pond. The matter was discussed and Cllr Calvert will take the foreman and check both B712 and Glenholm, to establish what is the best method of solving the problem. Residents are concerned at the standing water and safety particularly in wintertime.

**09.11.12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Dykes are down on the B712 believed to be caused by timber traffic, the B712 also has had verges excavated by heavy traffic pulling over, these are to be filled with hardcore.

Nico Alonzi attended a meeting at SBC HQ regarding the new e-planning system and updated the Community Council.

Clyde Windfarm: the panel for the Clyde windfarm benefit fund have had their inaugural meeting; posters will shortly be put up regarding applications to the fund which are invited for the sums of £200 to £2000 from groups. The Scottish Community Foundation will be able to advise groups on which groups are eligible and how to apply. Application forms will be available shortly.

Upper Tweed Railway Paths: the group sent an email asking for a supportive statement from the Community Council to put on their website. The Community Council were in unanimous agreement that the initiative is a good idea and that they have supported it in the past and will continue to do so. A short statement will be composed, agreed then sent out.

**09.11.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17 October in Tweedsmuir Village Hall at 7.10 or 7.30 pm as notified on the Agenda.**

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