

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

21st. November 2011

BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Pat Middlemas (Chairman), Murdo Elder (Acting Secretary), David Halsall (Treasurer), Cllrs. Bhatia and Calvert, Chris Lewin, Michael Lukas, Gavin Parker, Penny Wedderburn Scott, PC Vanessa Hamilton, Celia Byers and Tony Butcher (Subcommittees) and 2 members of the Public.

11.11.1 APOLOGIES: Sally Walker and Cllr Archibald.

11.11.2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17.10.11 These were approved.

11.11.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

a) Resilient Communities Plan It was agreed to subscribe to this plan and thereby qualify for insurance for the activities outlined in SBC's proposal. It was agreed to invite SBC officer to our January meeting to discuss this further.

b) Clyde Wind Farm Benefit Fund. Chris Lewin reported that he had concluded that the best application would be for renewal of the paths in Broughton Knowe wood. This has been submitted.

11.11.4 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING RE PLANNING APPLICATION

10/00507/FUL. This was held and the minutes circulated to those who attended. They were approved. The conclusions have been sent to SBC for consideration of this planning application. It was made clear that while Sally Walker attended the walkabout she did not attend the meeting discussing the issues and writing the minutes.

11.11.5 COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

The camera safety unit had been in the area on 6 occasions. There was no further information. There were 3 damage only road accidents. Copper pipes, radiators and an old washing machine were stolen from the Crook Inn.

11.11.6 SBC REPORT Cllr. Calvert drew the meeting's attention to the advert seeking applications for future Trustees for the Chambers Institute, Peebles

Cllr. Bhatia drew attention to the fact that there had been damage to the road verges up Glenholm as a result of putting up power lines from the wind farm. The unsightliness of these feeder lines and the fact that they are not considered in the planning application was stressed.

There will be a demonstration of the new sports facility at Peebles High School in early December.

11.11.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Tony Butcher reported on items discussed at the recent Community Safety Panel. These were the possible location and use of defibrillators and the creation of a Cold Caller Zone. No decisions had been taken.

11.11.8 CLYDE EXTENSION PROPOSAL The meeting was informed that there was a CD available as well as a lot of printed information in folders in Laurel Bank. The disadvantages of this extension were stressed in that there would be 248 hectares of trees felled and 233 hectares of trees planted. There would be a large number of turbines erected, which would be 150 metres tall, this being 50% taller than the ones currently being erected in the area. The effects of lorry traffic, the overall effect on the natural area with effects on tourism, wild life and archaeology would be significant.

Members of the Public are urged to look at the information and to send in comments by December 3rd. to Sally Walker, who would submit a community response.

11.11.09 DRAFT LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY Nobody had any further information on this item which will be considered at the next meeting.

11.11.10 SCRUTINY The Community Council had no appropriate topic to suggest to the Scrutiny Committee of SBC.

11.11.11 RURAL EDUCATION No member of the Parent Council attended and so it was postponed until the next meeting.

11.11.12 ALLOTMENTS SBC would be very reluctant to lease the land in Springwell Brae due to difficulties in reclaiming allotments for housing in due course. A possible purchase of some nearby farm land is being considered.

11.11.13 TWEEDSMUIR OUTDOOR CENTRE This is owned by SBC and Gavin Parker indicated that the Tweed Community Company would be interested in discussing future use with SBC.

11.11.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **SES Plan** The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to this plan, which puts the borders in with Lothians and Fife in National Planning matters.

b) **Plans for the gardens at Hartree House** . There were no objections.

c) **Margaret Kerr Unit** Funds are being raised to provide a specialist palliative care unit at Borders General Hospital, which is badly needed. The Community Council supported the venture and will invite a member of the fund raising team to a future meeting to discuss possible help or collaboration.

d) **Photo album of Broughton** This had been in the John Buchan Museum. It had been supported by the Community Council in the past and has now been passed to the Community Council probably for future availability at Glenholm Centre.

e) **Emergency services** It is not clear whether the fire and ambulance services to this area are now provided from the Borders or Lanarkshire. Cllr Calvert will try to clarify the situation.

f) **Toilets** The need to refurbish the public toilets in Broughton was raised. The Councillors said that we should be wary of the new toilets being fitted by SBC as they are not very nice. They recommended visiting the new one in Peebles before submitting a request.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th JANUARY 2012 in BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL. Time to be notified with the agenda.