

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 February, 2023, in Broughton Primary School

Present

Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair/Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Tess Goodwin, Jen McBeth, Christopher Lambton, Jayne Cook, Chris Lewin, Simon Newstead, Councillor Viv Thomson SBC plus 4 members of the public and Reporter, Mark Davey from The Peeblesshire News

01.02.23 Apologies.

Nick Shapowal, Councillor Eric Small SBC, Councillor Drummond Begg SBC

02.02.23 Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November, 22

The Minutes were agreed.

03.02.23 Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising that would not be taken in the Agenda that follows.

04.02.23 Actions Register

The Secretary went through the Actions Register with the following updates:

05.01.23 - Planning - Glenkerie. The Chairman has been in discussion with Gavin Parker of Tweedsmuir CC and are looking at a Joint Approach. Ongoing.

09.01.23 - Community Defibs. The Chairman has been in discussion with Jamie French, Scot Ambulance Service plus First Responder. A further Community Defib has been delivered to the school and it has been confirmed this will be situated on an external wall to ensure it is available to all. Further explained that all Defibs will be listed on a central website and that ideally no-one should be more than 500m from a Defib. Unfortunately, in rural areas this is not possible without many more being sourced and located in the area. One or two of our current ones may be re-sited to give greater access and it was confirmed all our Defibs are 'Automatic'. Jamie French was at pains to explain to the Chairman that ideally it is felt Defibs should be Semi-automatic to allow for 'Handler decision making process'; in time our current ones will be replaced at least we have them, access is more the priority issue now. Prior to replacement strategy, better storage cabinets must be obtained (like the one erected for the Defib at the Gillespie Centre in Biggar). In general, most agreed we would look to Jamie French to take responsibility and advise.

13.01.23-Drains/Roads. Several issues had been raised that had also been reported numerous times, Councillor Viv SBC agreed to take away to assist with getting resolved. Particularly looking at the Dreva Road and the deterioration in the state of the pavement to the far south of the Village.

13.01.23-Broughton Resilient Group. Councillor Viv Thomson agreed to put us in touch with Andy McLean, Emergency Planning SBC, to organize a 'Zoom' Meeting.

05.02.23 Planning Applications (1)

a) Glenlodd Hill By Glenkerie Wind Farm Broughton Scottish Borders

Ref. No: 23/00182/FUL | Received: Thu 02 Feb 2023 | Validated: Fri 03 Feb 2023
| Status: Registered.

Not our concern.

b) Modification of condition No1 of planning permission 15/01355/FUL to allow the holiday chalet to be occupied as dwellinghouse

Land at Disused Railway Line Rachan Broughton Scottish Borders

Ref. No: 22/01811/FUL | Received: 21 Nov 22 | Validated 23 Nov 22

Update. Planning permission for this has been refused.

06.02.23 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated with the Agenda (and should be included with these Minutes on the Website); point highlighted was the bank balance which currently stands at £5,502.25.

07.02.23 Microgrants/Youth Bursaries. (1+3)

Firstly, the CC confirmed agreement of the paying of a small Micro-grant, application made by Tess Goodwin (considered 'Out of Committee') for her to show a series of Films in the Village Hall to raise funds for 'Restorative routes'.

Secondly the CC agreed a Microgrant to the Primary School Parent Council followed by two Youth Bursary requests for Pony ride Lessons and Swimming Lessons. The latter caused some discussion as the application was made for three children of the same family with one or two CC members feeling one family was to receive a considerable sum. It was therefore agreed that acknowledgement that the monies were spent on what they were destined for was to be sought. It was also agreed that the School should advertise Youth Bursaries on their Notice Board but must bear in mind the UTCC Youth Bursaries could only be award to youths of the ward itself. Other local area CCs take responsibility for their own communities.

08.02.23 Police Report - emailed in advance.

Secretary confirmed she had not received a report, but Councillor Viv SBC was able to advise that there had been one just clearly not circulated. She read out any pertinent details of which there was little.

09.02.23 King George V Park Plans Project.

The Chair appraised the meeting that it had become apparent that the proposals for the Park were going to be more difficult to implement than it had first seemed. Jayne explained to the meeting her original thoughts behind the project had stemmed from Lockdown when it became apparent to her that the Park was not as accessible to everyone as it might be and that we could improve it to make it a space for everyone. She further explained that she was happy to continue with her plans for the woods but that the Project itself was more than she could do without backing of the whole CC especially as planning permission would be required. Following discussion, it was agreed the idea was a good one, that support for change was definitely there from the wider community and that we should progress with the project but it might just take longer than anticipated and require involvement of the whole CC. The Secretary suggested we get an artist's impression of what we want the Park to become and put this up in the Shop so the whole community could see. Concurrently, we look to find a landscape planner with a view to obtaining Wind Farm funds to be able to put in for planning permission and see the project through. Jayne explained her engagement with Randal Dodds, SBC Planning Officer.

10.02.23 Broughton Fayre 2023 - Broughton Coronation Big Lunch (BCBL) - 7 May, 2023

The Chair explained to the meeting that with the Coronation taking place on 6 May, there was now an opportunity to have our annual Community event to coincide with the Coronation celebrations happening across the UK. As with last year's Platinum Jubilee, funding had been confirmed and despite some controversy over this funding, Broughton CC could apply for circa £500 from SBC. It was therefore proposed to hold a BCBL in line with what had been suggested monies could be used for from the Official Coronation office. During a discussion it was decided a Working Group (WG) would be set up with members of the CC but also members of the Community who might like to be involved in order that we ensure the views of many are taken into consideration. What needed to be decided in swift order was where the event would take place, what format it would assume, what if any 'Coronation gift' would be given and to whom (everyone or just the young). The most pressing item was funding as without funding no event could take place as anything held in the Park would require a marquee or even if held in the Village Hall still a marquee would be needed to expand the size of the hall as it would not hold the anticipated numbers (going on last year approx. 350). Tweedsmuir have advised they are using their own marquee that we borrowed last year so we must apply for funding to either purchase or hire a marquee. Further discussion resulted in Jen McBeth agreeing to

lead the WG with the Secretary and Treasurer as members and others in the Community would be found and that the priority would be funding.
ACTION: Establishment of a WG (Jen McBeth) and apply for funding (Secretary)

11.02.23 SBC Councillors' Report

Councillor Viv Thomson SBC commenced her report by informing the meeting about the **No Mow May** campaign. SBC have recognised the importance of letting things have a chance to grow during the Spring and asked for us to identify areas we would wish not to be mowed in May. Clearly grass cutting keeps places tidy but there might be areas we would wish to allow nature to take its own course for the month of May. Following a discussion an area not too far from the War Memorial was identified. Next the Councillor informed the meeting that **Budgets** were the priority for SBC now and although not finalised all funding was committed, plus it had been agreed to raise Council Tax by 5% to allow more choice of services. The meeting unanimously agreed this would not be welcomed with the current economic situation but was not unexpected. Chris Lewin stressed he felt SBC should hear the views of those this budget decision would affect the most and that perhaps comments should be gathered for SBC in Dec/Jan time, ahead of Budget planning, so they could have a greater idea of what impact their decisions had. Councillor Viv SBC agreed to pass this back to the Council, but we should be aware further economies of scale were required as savings had to be made. The Councillor then advised that the previous week the Council had signed off on the **101/102 new Bus Route** contract and that it was likely a couple of journeys had had to be dropped to make 'Connections' work and that she was not aware if bus fares would rise or not. Also, on Buses she advised that SBC were now looking at the outcomes from the Pingo Bus trial, nothing to report yet but that it might not have been as successful as had been hoped. Finally, Councillor Viv SBC gave an update on the new build for **Peebles High School** stating that revised plans had now been agreed and although there were some issues around capacity a compromise had been reached with the new plans about to go up on the Website. She also added that there was a visit to the new Jedburgh High School on 24th and although different to that which is planned for Peebles the Campus idea is similar.

12.02.23 Any Other Business

Microgrant Limit to be raised. It was asked if the plans outlined some while ago to raise the limit of Microgrants to £500 was to come into practice anytime soon as it was felt with the cost of living this was a more realistic amount. The Treasurer said she had not heard anything about this from the Windfarms but would investigate it.

ACTION: Find out from the Wind Farms if there are plans to raise the limit of Microgrants from £250 to £500 (Treasurer).

13.02.23 Date of next Meeting - 7.00pm, Monday, 20 March, 2023, in Broughton Primary School

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