

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 23 March, 2022,  
in Drumelzier Village Hall

**Present**

Andrew Beveridge (Chairman) Rosalind Birchall (Vice Chairman), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Chris Lewin, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Fiona Pagett, and 10 members of the public

**01.03.22**

**Apologies**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Drumelzier and expressed how very pleased he and the other members of the CC were to see so many members of the public join us for the meeting. He then moved to the apologies from Christopher Lampton, Simon Edwards, Councillor Heather Anderson SBC, Councillor Eric Small SBC,

**02.03.22**

**Minutes from last Meeting (held 23 Mar 22 via Zoom). Comments received by email in advance.**

The Minutes were agreed.

**03.03.22**

**Actions Register**

The Secretary went through the Actions Register and updated items accordingly (see Actions Register).

**04.03.22**

**Matters Arising (Minutes and Actions Register)**

There were a couple of Matters arising, one item already tabled as an Agenda item and the other although on the Agenda, the Chair only had brief comment to make regarding installing a public (Rapid) Electric Vehicle Charger (EVC) in the village. He explained that he had written to Councillor Euan Doyle of SBC who had informed him that the SBC Strategic Plan for EVCs was established, and they were currently undergoing a Feasibility Study about which we would be informed of the outcome in due course. The Secretary then expanded on the progress she had with an Action placed on her under the same topic. This was to find the contact within Scottish Power to obtain an understanding of the scope of installation and also the ongoing running costs. Euan Norris is the contact within Scottish Power, and he gave a very positive account of himself explain he would welcome the opportunity to attend one of our meetings to appraise us of the whole process as well as an idea of the costs involved in terms of initial installation and on-going running costs. It was agreed that the Secretary in the first instance should set up a Zoom call with Euan Norris with the Chair and Vice Chair engagement would commence in this way.

**ACTION:** The Secretary agreed to set up a Zoom call with Euan Norris of SP to discuss installation of an EVC; the Chair and Vice Chair to attend.

**05.03.22**

**Planning Applications**

There were two applications for discussion as follows:

1. **22/00387/FUL** – Mrs Jemima Elliot - Change of use of storage and garages and alterations to form 2 no holiday lets with garages and storage. Site: Storage And Garages Between Stables Cottage And Garage House **Broughton Place, Broughton**

Mrs Elliot was in attendance at the meeting and was invited by the Chair to give the history and circumstances behind the planning application; she explained that the application was actually for single bedroom units as long term lets and that the issues identified had been addressed, a traffic survey had been completed and Listed building consents attained. The Chair was concerned about any effect on the Walkers Car Park and it was confirmed there was no change to the exterior. Mrs Elliott left the meeting as the CC discussed the application. There were no objections.

**2. 22/00390/PPP – Mr David Evans - Erection of 10 No. dwelling houses and associated access road. Site:, Land East Of Catscleuch Springwell Brae, Broughton**

Chris Lewin commenced by stating that he and his wife own the field, which is currently used for grazing, and that he had been approached by a developer, David Evans, to whom he had agreed to sell part of the field to if he was able to obtain Planning Permission, this was now the planning application that related. The Chair then explained to the meeting that what was currently being asked for was Outline planning permission and that detailed planning of the properties etc would come at a later stage.

There was considerable interest in this application from the public, particularly regarding the size of the properties proposed, regarding access requirements during development and who would be responsible for what aspects of the field especially the part that currently held drainage pipe work. Chris explained how the responsibilities for the new site would be split, the field being divided in two, North and South, the North section with the drainage would remain the responsibility of himself and his wife and the South section would be owned by the Developer and thereby his responsibility. Chris was then asked to step out of the meeting in order for the application to be considered, an extensive and in-depth discussion followed with strong objections raised by the members of the public attending. The main areas of concern were surrounding inadequate drainage which caused considerable issues and was not properly maintained; regular flooding issues in the area; an old sewage system that currently struggles to cope; and the road, which is narrow, lacks a sub base and would be the cause of considerable access issues during and after development with the increase in traffic. The Chair explained to the meeting that with the number of objections to the planning proposal the Community would be well advised to individually lodge their objections to the Council as this would have a stronger voice than an objection from the CC which although a collective response would only be seen as one objection. Those attending agreed that they would be lodging their objections with SBC.

**ACTION:** The Secretary to lodge CC comment regarding item 2 above on the SBC planning website.

**06.03.22**

**Treasurer's Report**

Nick Shapowal delivered a very comprehensive Report stating that the account was showing a healthy picture despite negative top up of Funds and that the CC should be aware that the Foundation Scotland Funds were absorbed into the Microgrant Fund. The detail of his report is as follows:

The current Bank Balance is £4,414.15, this amount is made of the following Funds:

UT Resilient Communities Group	£	338.88
SSE Youth Bursaries	£	905.00
SSE Micro Grants	£	657.00
Glenkerie Micro Grants	£	13.51
Glenkerie Covid Support Fund	£	1,078.21
UTCC Funds (SBC)	£	1,421.55

The Treasurer also noted that the Insurance for the year was still to be paid and Simon should be contacted for the details as he completed last year's form.

**ACTION:** The Secretary agreed to get in touch with Simon and submit the relevant Insurance Form to SBC (Greg Campbell) prior to the end of the month.

**07.03.22**

**Microgrants.**

The Treasurer introduced one application for a Microgrant from the Badminton Club, this was to generate new energy into the club in terms of membership, advertising and equipment, following its decline since the pandemic struck. Following brief discussion, the request for the Microgrant was agreed.

**08.03.22**

**Police Report – emailed in advance.**

No comments arose from the report.

**09.03.22**

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee – UTCC Plans**

The Chairman commenced the item by detailing the plans for the Broughton event which will be held on Sunday, 5 June in the King George VI Playing Fields and is being called, Community Picnic in the Park. He explained he was looking at obtaining Trestle tables and had had an offer for chairs, furthermore his enquiries for a marquee had yielded nothing to date since the marquee business has clearly picked up since the easing of restrictions from the pandemic; currently he had asked if we might have a loan of the Tweedsmuir marquee. In discussion it was generally agreed that timings for the event would be circa 1230pm to 4pm and that we should perhaps in addition to obtaining an ice cream van look at other vans and the possibility of having music at the event; Christopher Lampton might be the person to help with this. In terms of advertising, it was suggested the School could be asked to have a competition to draw up a poster and once done we will advertise on the Website and the Facebook page, Simon Edwards will be asked to follow this through.

**10.03.22**

**EV Charging Points Broughton – Progress**

Tabled under Matters Arising.

**11.03.22**

**SBC Councillors' Report**

In the absence of either of our Councillors, the Chairman informed the meeting that due to Council elections coming up in early May we probably would not be seeing Councillor Heather SBC and Councillor Eric SBC again in their current guise. He also stated that he was aware that Councillor Heather was not intent on standing again although Councillor Eric was. Due to this he gave himself an Action to write to both to express the CCs gratitude for the support we had received and for the work they had done for us during their tenure. This was received with unanimous agreement.

**ACTION:** Chair to write letters of thanks to Councillor Heather Anderson SBC and Councillor Eric Small SBC.

12.03.22

**Any Other Business**

**Dreva Road.** A member of the public raised the matter of the state of the Dreva Road with terrible potholes and the misaligned manhole cover. This received general agreement and it was discussed that the Council reporting process did work, admittedly it had taken a bit of time, but the main road had finally been resurfaced. The Chair encouraged the public to keep reporting on the state of the roads to ensure they get attended to.

**A701/B712 Rachan Mill Junction.** The Chair informed the meeting that following the successful conclusion to the issue of this junction, SBC agreed to remove the hedgerow in a southerly direction (140m) and replace with post and wire fencing and offered to reinstall a hedgerow elsewhere much to the delight of the landowner, Jim Warnock.

**May AGM Returning Officer.** Following brief discussion, it was agreed that Julian Birchall should be asked if he would kindly be our Returning Officer once again for our May AGM and the Chair said he would officially invite him.

**Bite 'nd Blether.** The Secretary had had an Action to put a proposal together for the re-introduction of Bite 'nd Blether but it had been surpassed by events as Bite 'nd Blether had returned with Emma Reid organising the return of the popular Coffee morning today, 23 March. The Vice-Chair confirmed that it had been extremely well attended and the Community was clearly pleased to have it back with an excellent turn out, Covid rules were being adhered to and it was covered by the CC insurance.

**Sunday Bus Service.** Chris Lewin gave an update on the proposed Pilot Scheme for the Summer Sunday Bus Service that would connect Broughton with Peebles, in order to connect with the Edinburgh bus service. Aimed at the youth in the Community, that are currently stuck without transport on a Sunday, and if the pilot proved successful, we would look at introducing the service on a more permanent basis. Chris explained that the first of the five trips would be on 29 May, 22, as this tied in with the Medieval Fayre taking place at Traquair and subsequent trips would be as follows:

29 May 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> trip (drop off Peebles, then on to Medieval Fayre at Traquair)

3 July 22

17 July 22

31 July 22

7 August 22 (Edinburgh Fringe)

Tickets would be available from the Shop (FOC) and must be collected before 4pm on the Friday before the Sunday travel day so that there is an indication of who wishes to use the service; it is hoped it will attract our teenagers but will need publicising. Chris also expressed that he would require some assistance in delivering this service, someone to check with the shop on the Friday as to how many tickets have been collected and then on the Sunday morning outside the shop to meet with the bus and assist with the boarding of passengers. The Secretary agreed to cover this duty on 29<sup>th</sup> May and Chris would be looking for volunteers to cover the other 4 trips.

**Planting of Wildflowers in the Verges.** Tess Goodwin delivered an excellent presentation to the meeting on the importance of reintroducing planting of wildflowers in the verges explaining how we have lost 97% of this habitat since the 1930s. With this decline the effect has been the loss of habitat for insects and naturally less food for birds with the RSPB reporting the loss of huge numbers of certain species of birds. Tess explained that she was keen to see the reintroduction of planting in the verges in the local area and she had approached the Council who were initially not that keen but since she had been introduced to Andrew Dunlop, she

now has the support of the Council but they asked her if she has the support of her local CC which was partly the reason for her presentation at the meeting. Tess is very keen that we support the improvement of biodiversity and go back to teaching youngsters about nature and how significant the effects on nature are to the overall environment. Following a thoroughly fascinating presentation the CC were very happy to confirm that they would be happy to support this initiative and look forward to hearing her ideas in the future.

**13.03.22**

**Date of next Meeting – 7.30pm, Monday, 11 April, 2022, in Broughton Village Hall, SMALL hall.**

## UTCC ACTIONS REGISTER @ 23 March 22

(Note: Old Actions from 2021 have been removed unless not completed, all records are archived)

Ser	Meeting	Agenda Item	Action	Assigned to	Completion Date
8.9.21	Sep 21	SBC Councillor's Report (Councillor Heather Anderson)	Receive an update on planning process for Forestry	Secretary	(Councillor Heather absent)  Closed. Overtaken by events – agreed by all. 23/03/22
04.11.21	Nov 21	Matters Arising	Invitation to Jamie French, Area First Responder Co-Ordinator, to one of our meetings, either in January or March 2022, to deliver a Defibrillator Brief.	Fiona Pagett	Jamie French will be invited to attend the June Meeting. 23/03/22
11.01.22	Jan 22	Scottish Borders CC Network	Obtain Member information of other local CCs from Peter Maudsley.	Secretary	Email list obtained and circulated. 23/03/22
12.01.22	Jan 22	EV Chargers	Write a letter to SBC, Alex Young, requesting Broughton be considered for a Rapid EV Charger and include an invitation to the next UTCC meeting.	Chair	Completed. Chair established contact with Ewan Doyle, persuing Feasibility Study. 23/03/22
10.02.22	Feb 22	Broughton Hope Forestry	Submit comment to revised Broughton Hope Forestry Plan.	Christopher Lambton	Completed 23/03/22
09.02.22	Feb 22	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Volunteered as the POC for Broughton's Event.	Andrew Beveridge	

	Mar 22		Follow Up: Ask Chris Lampton if he could look at 'Music' for the event Ask Simon Edwards if he could speak to the School about designing a poster Obtain an Ice cream Van /Food Vans	Secretary	07/04/22  07/04/22
12.02.22	Feb 22	EV Chargers	Approach Scottish Power for a quote for supply.	Secretary	Contact established with Euan Norris.
04.03.22	Mar 22		<b>Follow Up:</b> Arrange a Zoom Meeting in first instance – Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary with Euarn Norris.		
13.02.22	Feb 22	Sunday Bus Service	Organise a Summer Trial of a Broughton to Peebles Service commencing at the end of June for 6 consecutive Sundays.	Chris Lewin	Ongoing 23/03/22.
AOB	Mar 22		<b>Follow up:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Trip 29 May 22 Helpers required (Secretary to cover first trip).		
15.02.22	Feb 22	AOB Meeting Dates	Revised meeting dates to be advertised well in advance on the UTCC Website and Facebook Page.	Chris Lewin & Nick Shapowal	23/03/22
15.02.22	Feb 22	AOB Bite 'nd Blether	Make enquiries and put together a proposal for the re-introduction of this event.	Secretary	Overtaken by Events. Emma Reid re-

					introduced, commenced on 23/03/22
05.03.22	Mar 22	Planning Applications	CC views to be lodged on SBC Planning Website	Secretary	Completed 07/04/22
06.03.22	Mar 22	Treasurer's Report	Discuss with Simon Edwards and submit Insurance Form to SBC (Greg Campbell) for renewal (by 31 Mar 22).	Secretary	Completed 30/03/22
11.03.22	Mar 22	Councillor's Reports	Write to Councillors Heather Anderson and Eric Small of SBC to thank for all their hard work in supporting the CC during their tenure.	Chair	Completed 01/04/22



Completed Actions

WIP Work in Progress