

**UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UTCC)**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 18 March 2024, in Broughton Primary School**

**Present :** Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair) acting as Chairman, Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Steph Stewart, Susan Brown (Treasurer), Jen McBeth, Tess Goodwin, Councillor Drummond Begg, 1 member of the Community, Mark Davey from the Peeblesshire News

**01.03.24    Apologies :** Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Justin King, Chelsea Shapiro, Councillor Eric Small and Councillor Viv Thomson

**02.03.24    Minutes from the last meeting** on 19 February, 2023, were approved.

**03.03.24    Matters Arising.** None

**04.03.24    Actions Register.** No change.

**05.03.24    Planning.**

- a.    **Alteration to Chalet (revision to existing planning permission 15/01355/FUL)**  
Land At Disused Railway Line Rachan Broughton, Ref No: 24/00262/FUL

The Chair explained planning permission had originally been turned down due to 'change of use'. This revised application was for alterations within the house and some external works. No issues with it and therefore it was agreed there would be No Comment.

The meeting heard that Andrew Beveridge had attended the Planning Meeting held by SBC on 29 February in St Boswells and would feedback at the next meeting. It was understood the Local Development Plan for the next 5 years was almost complete; there was to be a Police Plan and that the meeting's focus had been on SBC's Planning Portal, how to access and giving clarity on how to utilise fully. More to follow next month.

**06.03.24    Treasurers Report** was circulated prior to the meeting. It was reported that the Balance @ 18 March was £6,874.31; there had been no income during the reporting period (since the last meeting); expenditure had been just over £800 with annual subs due for maintenance of the Website (£108), 'Hire' of a classroom each month for the last few meetings (£100) and 3 x Youth Bursaries totalling £600. The Treasurer explained that she would be 'moving' monies from our Micro-grant pot across to Youth Bursaries to ensure monies available prior to the annual top up.

- 07.03.24 Youth Bursaries (YB)/Micro-grants(MG):** 1 x application had been submitted for a Micro-grant for Driving Lessons and following discussion regarding eligibility in this category it was suggested that the Secretary should ascertain if the individual was 18 or under and if so a Youth Bursary could support the application. It was agreed that this could be done without further consultation of the CC members.
- 08.03.24 Broughton Village Day.** Jen McBeth commenced the discussion on plans for Broughton Village Day outlining what she thought we might do. She suggested we could deliver a fun entertaining day whilst keeping costs down. It was agreed that the last two years had seen special events which had generated additional funding (grants) but this year we needed to deliver something more sustainable for future years. All agreed the format worked ie Bring your own Picnic, in the Park, with music, a bar and entertainment provided. In terms of provision of a Bar, we would need someone else to take this on as this had been run by Christopher Lambton previously, the Secretary agreed to find out the details from Christopher and someone else would need to be approached to run it on the day; being very much a family day and potentially getting the Parent Council members from the Primary School involved, it was thought Races could be organised for children and adults alike such as tug-o-war. Jen reported that the Shop would provide their Marque and that she had someone to provide the Music. It was agreed we would not provide any other additional food but would explore the option to have an Ice Cream Trolley (Taylors) and it was also agreed 12noon till 4pm would be the timings for the event. The Secretary agreed to obtain the Temporary Bar Licence, Susan Brown would focus on getting some Stalls there on the day such as a cake Stall, second-hand clothing stall, a craft stall potentially; the Secretary also suggested for another year a Companion Dog Show might be incorporated and there was a suggestion of a 'Dunk' Tank. Following further discussion all agreed there would be some expenditure required but this would be kept to a minimum and the Treasurer agreed we had the means for limited costs.

**Actions:**

**Poster - Jen McBeth**

**Website Notice - Chelsea Shapiro**

**Facebook - Secretary**

**Bar - Secretary to approach Christopher Lambton for details of last year's event, plus obtain a temporary Licence from SBC**

**Races - Steph Stewart**

**Stalls - Susan Brown**

**09.03.24 Councillors Report:** Councillor Drummond commenced his report by informing the meeting that the Councillors were continuing with their very joined up and collaborative way of working, particularly in the light of one Councillor having been absent for a short period, and stating that they were happy to be able to cover for each other. The Chair confirmed that the CC appreciated how well the Councillors worked together for the best interests of the Community. Councillor Drummond continued to report his recent visit to the Recycling Centre near Forth to get a better understanding of where our waste goes and how it is dealt with. Members commented that they felt despite separation it would appear much of the waste is mixed together at the point of collection and it would be good to have a better understanding of how materials were separated in terms of metals, recyclable materials and organic matter. The members were directed to a video on SBC website but the Councillor agreed more work was required in this area. Councillor Drummond reported he had visited the Chambers Institution Trust, Tweeddale; furthermore was looking into the area of the Arts, in particular Eastgate Theatre, that like many has significant issues, especially with funding, wishing to high light the importance of this cultural hub and drive support from high-net-worth individuals. Councillor Drummond commented on the Village Recycling area that was now looking tidy, to which the Chair outlined what had happened and explained we are still awaiting the stickers for the Bins which Councillor Drummond said the Council could possibly produce. He also commented on the work currently in progress to install solar heating panels to the properties at Hawdene removing the storage heaters which must be a good thing. The Chair then rose the matter of Speeding which had been the main topic at the Joint Community Councils Meeting, where volunteers were involved in recording vehicles speeds which initiated a discussion on how to encourage better driving and adherence to speed limits with larger vehicles and courier vans being identified as repeat offenders. Councillor Drummond felt feedback to companies was the way forward and further stated that the topic of speeding had been mentioned in the Multi-Members Ward Police Report as one of the policing priorities in addition to reducing crime it was also road safety.

**10.03.24 AOB:**  
**Notice Board.** Tess reported that although it had taken longer than anticipated, the old Notice Board by the School had finally been taken down and once it had dried out it would be repaired. The Chair confirmed that in addition, the new all weather, long lasting Board being purchased (as agreed back in September 2023 utilising funding set aside from TNL funds) would suitably compliment the Community's requirements.

**Broughton Community Shop.** Jen updated the Meeting on the move of the 'Shop' to it's new temporary location in the annex of the Village Hall. Works have commenced and it is hoped that the 'Shop' will return to its remodelled home before Christmas.

**Returning Officer.** It was announced that Julian Birchall has very kindly agreed to Stand as the Returning Officer for this year's May CC Elections and AGM. The Community Council are looking for new people to come onto the Committee and help contribute to improving life in the Community.

Next meeting is on **Monday, 15 April, 2024 at 7pm, in DRUMELZIER VILLAGE HALL.**

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