

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 21st October 2019

In Broughton Village Hall

Present Simon Edwards (Chairman), Andrew Weston (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), David Campbell, Chris Lewin, Christopher Lambton, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Rosalind Birchall, Kirsty Hughes, Councillor Heather Anderson (SBC), Councillor Eric Small (SBC), plus Gavin Williams, President of the Broughton Tennis Club-

01.10.19 **Apologies:**
Emma Reid, Andrew Beveridge

02.10.19 **Minutes from last Meeting (held 16th September 2019)**
The minutes were agreed with two minor adjustments – Christopher Lambton had not been present at the meeting; a revision of the wording re The Bridge and revised charges of £15.

03.10.19 **Matters Arising from previous minutes**
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points: No change apart from confirmation received that no land is currently available at the Village Hall Car Park.

04.10.19 **Community Plan**
Bite & Blether: See Agenda item.

Community Speed Watch: Reported that 29 signs are now deployed on bins.

VE Day Event – Nothing further to report apart from we are currently looking for a bugler if anyone can help.

CCs Training on Planning Applications: Andrew Beveridge and the Chair are to attend a meeting on Wednesday 23 October at the Rosette Road Council Officers to learn how to critically assess Planning Applications. Five of the nine Council Reps are anticipated to be in attendance.

Laurel Bank Tea Room: Christopher Lambton reported that the new tenants were in and they plan to start trading on 8 Nov 19. Plans for a Community Buy Out will be put to one side for the time being as the 'heat is off'. An alternate plan to the Community buy out is the possibility the Church would buy the Tea Rooms in order to build in the garden a small place of worship and it was agreed it would be nice to get 'the Church' back into the centre of the village where folk could access it although this would be contingent on the Manse being sold, planning permissions and other ecclesiastical authority as required. Whatever was built would only be used an hour or so a week and the rest of the time would be available to the community. Tearoom will start by opening from 5 – 11 pm, further details and plans to follow.

Scout Hut: The committee were notified that Councillor Kris is looking at the feasibility of the School using the Scout Hut and it would appear an asbestos survey has already been done. No further update at this time.

BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme: Advised that the decision as to whether phones stay in the kiosks or not is made by the SBC Emergency Planning Department. With regard to Drumelzier it could house a phone and the Defibrillator. More to follow.

Parking at School: The Chair wrote to SBC again requesting that there is no parking from the War Memorial round to the old Railway Line expressing the dangers to children etc but this restriction has not been supported as cars left parked on the road act as a traffic calming measure he has been informed and the Police have to enforce restrictions. The Council can work on a part-time 20 m/hr scheme if the school requests it. Considerable discussion was had regarding the dangers of this stretch of road for parents and children and it was agreed the Chair should write to the School to ask parents not to park along this stretch of the road.

Resilience: Chair briefed the meeting that the All Scottish Borders area, Resilient Community Co-ordinator Meeting planned for 24 October 2019 due to Brexit and the forth coming Jim Clarke Rally is to be postponed till December.

Community Website: Emma and Kirsty were thanked by the Chair for all the work they have done to date on the Website and it was agreed Chris Lewin would write a note drawing attention to it.

05.10.19

Broughton Bonfire & Fireworks.

Dave Campbell provided a very comprehensive plan for the forth-coming Bonfire and Fireworks event (See as attached at the end of these Minutes) and he was able to allay any further concerns from the Committee – the new Location was an improvement, there would be at least 6 Marshalls, 2 Paramedics would be in attendance, there would be an Accident Book on site and the Risk Assessment had been signed off. In addition 'Lost and Found' Children would be looked after by the Marshalls who would also cover any issues as people spilled out on to the road. There will be a Donations Box in the Shop and a bucket 'shaken' around the attendees on the night.

06.10.19

Bite and Blether

Emma informed the meeting that with the survey conducted, the answers were then analysed and the most favoured time to hold the event is on a Wednesday morning from 10 till 12. It should take place in the village hall as the establishment is covered by the Council insurance for Bite and Blether activities of this type and that there is the necessary paperwork to be carried out before, during and after each event and a requirement to adhere to the policy in all respects. Cost break down conclude that the refreshments (tea/coffee, hot bacon roll, milk, sugar) would come in at £1.02 per person asking for a donation of £2.50 with the hall at £8/hr and the kitchen £10 we would need 20 people to break even. There was considerable discussion about provision of home baking, volunteers required and people who would need to be picked up and brought to the event but it was finally agreed to conduct a 6 week trial. It would be advertised everywhere (Facebook, website, banner on the railings outside the Village Hall) and Emma Reid and Sal Walker would cover these weeks with others volunteering as they could.

07.10.19

Planning Applications.

There were no new Applications to consider but the Chair informed the meeting that following last month's meeting he had sent in a letter from the UTCC objecting to the

plans for flood lighting and a second court at the Broughton Tennis Club. The result of which was that Gavin Williams, President of the Broughton Tennis Club, was in attendance this evening and was invited to give a thorough and detailed presentation on the Tennis Club's Planning Application, which he did. The meeting were informed of the background and the desire to encourage greater activity, expand the membership, do more in terms of coaching, for adults as well as children and involvement of the school, broadening participation much wider across the community and beyond and that a second court would do this. The committee were unaware that they had 'objected' as such but merely had more general concerns. Following a full and informative discussion it was agreed that there were concerns about parking issues and the relationship between the two Clubs involved (the Tennis Club and the Bowling Club) but that a follow up letter should be sent explaining there was no objection in principal.

08.10.19

Mircrogrants.

3 Applications received and with limited funds, there is not enough to cover all 3.

- West Linton Football Club are looking for Football Strips for 19 Children. Only those from Broughton will be supported.
- School Halloween Party. Supported.
- Broughton Christmas Committee – Hire of the Village Hall for a Christmas Fayre with table space being sold. Supported.

09.10.19

Police Report.

Nil. Still hopeful for a generic report to be produced each month as promised.

10.10.19

SBC Councillors Report

The Committee were made aware of the Issues reported for Tweedale following the Planning meeting

- Social Care is to be brought back in house
- Early Learning & Childcare, Bananas is to close but more money to go to Newlands
- Ongoing consultations regarding Community Councils about their role and function, report to follow
- Scottish Government are introducing a Young Carers Fund (caring for someone 16 hrs +/-week) to provide additional support
- Remembrance Service, 10 Nov, the Chairman will lay the Community Council wreath and Councillor Heather will lay the SBC wreath.

Councillor Eric also informed the meeting that he had Neil Pringle to review the problems we had with the drains and leaves and were we not able to safely clear ourselves; in addition the Beech tree at the entrance to the School is to be felled.

11.10.19

AOB

Notice Boards: Nick has had no joy; a commercial equivalent 5' x 3' Board will cost circa £366.

Remembrance Sunday: 1000 hrs at Broughton Church and then to the War Memorial.

Council Public Toilets: Under a procurement review.

CC Constitution: The Constitution is out of date and will be reviewed and reissued.

Broughton Oil Group: Bruce has given notice as he no longer wants to run this and it requires a volunteer to take it on.

Biggar Community Council: Biggar CC wish to join forces with us to develop a mutually beneficial arrangement. They have advised that on 28 Oct they are hosting a Climate Change Conversation at the Gillespie Centre at 7.30pm should anyone wish to attend.

BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme: There was general consensus that the phones should stay in the Kiosks especially those in more rural areas.

Rachan Pavement: The state of the pavement was discussed in particular as it affects access and mobility and should a grant be applied for to address this issue.

Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on 18 November 2019 in Broughton Village Hall.