

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 15th June 2020

Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Present Simon Edwards (Chairman), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Andrew Beveridge, Chris Lewin, Rosalind Birchall, SBC Councillor Heather Anderson and SBC Councillor Eric Small

01.06.20 Apologies
Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Penny Wedderburn Scott, Robert Cook, SBC Councillor Kris Chapman

02.06.20 Minutes from last Meeting (held 18th May 2020 via Zoom)
The Minutes were agreed.

03.06.20 Matters Arising from previous minutes (via Email)
No matters arising.

04.06.20 Planning Applications (via Email)
There were no new planning applications on the SBC Planning Portal since the last meeting.

05.06.20 Microgrants (via Email)
There were no new Microgrant applications received since the last meeting.

06.06.20 Police Report
The Police report for the 1st to 31st May was issued by email on the 10th June; no comments were received in reply.

07.06.20 Councillors Report
Councillor Eric Small:
- reported that a number of complaints have been raised about the number and speed of motorcyclists passing along the A701. Police Scotland have been made aware of these complaints.
- and a reminder of the road closure on the A72 at Neidpath Castle for the clearing of trees. The road closure will be in place from the 16th to the 19th June from 09:30 to 15:30 each day.
Councillor Heather Anderson:
- gave an insight into the difficulties of reopening schools including school transport etc. We await further instruction and guidance from the Scottish Government and Scottish Borders Council.
- 'The Reaching 100% Programme' (aka R100 Broadband Project for Scotland) is set to start in southern Scotland in July this year. BT are the sole supplier and it should be envisaged that some disruption to travel by road may be encountered as new fibre and general connectivity is installed.

08.06.20 Any Other Business

Bank Account. We are STILL waiting for the Bank of Scotland to amend the signatories on the UTCC bank account. The Chairman is ringing the complaint line weekly.

Funds received from The Bridge. The Bridge recently transferred £500 to the UTCC in support of the Resilient Communities group; however the amount transferred should have been £300, not £500. The Bridge have kindly confirmed that the Resilient Communities group can keep the overpaid £200 [email from Morag Walker dated 4th June 2020].

SBC Covid-19 Support Fund. SBC have provided a further £1,000 grant to support individuals and families who are suffering financially due to the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions. As at 15th June, Broughton Village Store has helped twelve needing financial support to the value of £940

Broughton Primary School. The school are planning to give all pupils and staff a gift bag for the end of this academic year and the start of the new academic year (whenever they happen!). It was proposed and seconded that the UTCC donate £100 from the SBC Covid-19 Support Fund towards these gift bags.

9.06.20 Date of next Meeting – Monday 20th July by Zoom unless notified otherwise

Any issues in the meantime can be raised and dealt with by email or telephone, as appropriate.

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