

## UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

In Broughton Village Hall

**Present** Simon Edwards (Chairman), Andrew Weston (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), David Campbell, Chris Lewin, Christopher Lambton, Emma Reid, Nick Shapowal, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Rosalind Birchall, Kirsty Hughes, Councillor Kris Chapman (SBC), Councillor Eric Small (SBC), plus two members of the public:

**01.09.19** **Apologies:**  
Sally Walker, Andrew Beveridge, Councillor Heather Anderson (SBC),

**02.09.19** **Minutes from last Meeting (held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019)**  
The minutes were agreed and a request to keep them shorter in the future.

**03.09.19** **Matters Arising from previous minutes**  
Transport Matters. It was reported that the Bus from Peebles has now returned to running at 1730 hrs; thanks go to Timothy Stephenson.

**04.08.19** **Community Plan**  
- 5'x 3' Notice Board: Nick has heard nothing to date so agreed more time be given to him to address this matter.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging points: Agreed Planning Permission will be required for Change of Use of any ground and installation of EVC points. Acknowledged 2 Fast Chargers preference plus 2 E-Bike Chargers. Also acknowledged that UTCE best to progress this not the Hall Committee. Following discussion, all agreed it is hoped to see some revenue coming from the EVC points and noted that Scottish Government are providing funds for people to have Chargers at home. The Chair advised that there was to be a UTCE Board Meeting at the end of September where this would be a topic for discussion.

Bite & Blether: Emma confirmed to the Committee that the Questionnaire is now ready to go – now on double A5, printing costs £36 + VAT for 200 copies. Chair agreed to send to Elm Bank Printing for printing; distribution by UTCC members to be done by 4<sup>th</sup> October with completed forms to be returned to Broughton Village Store by 11 Oct, to be conducted by Committee Members.

Community Speed Watch: Action fallen by the wayside due to the mechanics of the programme; permission being sought to stick 30 mph stickers to wheelie bins along the 30 mph stretch of the A701 and the Chair will continue with this.

VE Day Event – 8 May 2020: Excellent meeting with the School attended by Andrew Beveridge and Gavin Parker of Tweedsmuir Council. School activities building to the event will commence in the New Year. A suggested National Timetable for the day itself promulgated for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 1455 hrs Bugler to play Last Post, 1500 hrs Pipes play followed by a Toast to the Heroes – Sir Hew Strachan, Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale to propose Toast; 1855 hrs Town Crier 'Call

for Peace', 1900 hrs Church Bells to ring – Parties and Celebrations to commence. Chair informed he has booked the Hall for the evening although the day Wet Weather Programme will be the Hall/School. Period Dress is to be the theme of the Day with Trestle tables and bunting to add to the atmospherics. Plans all taking shape and the School are very keen.

CCs Training on Planning Applications: Barry Fotheringham, Lead Planning officer suggested attendance at St Boswells or Peebles during Office hours with two Reps from each Council. Not as originally envisaged, the Chair will take this forward and email the Committee.

Laurel Bank Tea Room: Christopher Lambton reported that he and the UTCE were exploring options and the matter would be discussed at the next UTCE Board meeting. The Tea Rooms are closing at the end of the month. Christopher will do a pop up bar.

Scout Hut: It was reported that the School are keen to use the Scout Hut if it was made serviceable, unfortunately it was also reported there may be Asbestos in the building so nothing may happen. More to follow.

BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme: The Consultation period ends on 14 Oct so it is anticipated news will be forth coming after this date. It was agreed that the Rachan Junction Defibrillator should remain as it is; Agreed that a proposed new Defibrillator should be in the Drumelzier Kiosk that will remain the responsibility of the UTCC, the Chair noting that the power must be left on. Agreed after discussion that the third Defibrillator should be at the Garage adding to the proposed additional one at Broughton Hall giving full coverage through the village and beyond. Springwell Brae Kiosk to be adopted by Broughton in Bloom.

Roadworks: 91 & 93 Bus re routing worked adequately throughout the closure of the B712 at Merlindale Bridge.

Parking at School: The Chair is to write to the SBC again requesting that there is no parking from the War Memorial round to the old Railway Line.

Resilience: Chair briefed the meeting that there is to be an All Scottish Borders area, Resilient Community Co-ordinator Meeting on 24 October 2019.

Community Website: Emma Reid was congratulated on her excellent work with the website and she suggested that it was not yet populated with enough local organisation's information. A note should be put round to all local societies and Kirsty confirmed she would be happy to help.

Transport Survey: Chris Lewin advised that there are still Grants available for pilot Transport schemes and so he would be circulating a questionnaire either in November or the Spring.

- 05.09.19**                    **Broughton Bonfire & Fireworks.**  
Dave Campbell briefed the meeting on progress. No health and safety documents were produced as detailed in the UTCC Minutes from August. Chris asked that Dave ensured that the Risk Assessment documentation addresses all of the points detailed in the Zurich Insurance 'Managing Events Safely'. It was pointed out that failure to provide adequate health and safety documentation would make the insurance cover null and void. The Chair will email the complete Insurance document for reference. To date the Power Poles in the field have not been moved, the Village Hall Car Park will be used but with the Disclaimer Notices up and sadly, the Red Cross and St Johns Ambulant are very reluctant to attend so he is approaching Moffat Mountain Rescue for medical cover. It was again stated that First Aid cover needs to be provided by an accredited body, not individual First Aiders (insurance requirement).
- 06.09.19**                    **Accounts**  
Accounts, scanned and circulated by the chair were Agreed by all.
- 07.09.19**                    **Planning Applications.**  
Three to Note:  
- Formation of Forestry Track Land SE of Glenhighton  
- Formation of an additional Tennis Court and Installation of Floodlights within fenced enclosure. This caused a number of comments; the Chair will compile the comments and write to SBC detailing the concerns. Andrew Weston observed that the road to the tennis court required improving.  
  
- Upgrade Existing Forestry Track Land South of Drumelzier
- 08.09.19**                    **Mircrogrants.**  
Two applications were Agreed for two young students (9 year old and 13 year old) to cover Tykwando course Fees of £250 each.
- 09.09.19**                    **Police Report.**  
Nil. Still hopeful for a generic report to be produced each month as promised.
- 10.09.19**                    **SBC Councillors Report**  
Nothing of note but all to be aware that the Budget Committee is due to sit shortly, news of which will be promulgated following a consultation period.
- 11.09.19**                    **AOB**  
  
Complaint: The Chair has received a complaint from a Wiston Lady regarding the state of the graveyard that is looking very untidy. Unfortunately the Councillors advised that grass cutting had been moved from every 10 to every 20 days and could stop altogether due to cutbacks.  
  
Code of Conduct Community Councillors. Andrew Weston made an enquiry as to the existence of this.  
  
Springwell Brae Drain. Malcolm Bruce enquired of the Chair regarding action needed here.

The Bridge Community Transport. Chris Lewin passed the Newsletter re funding of this to the Chair following a renewable notice stating costs now £15.

Local Generation – Wind, solar, water. Penny suggested we should be looking to produce our own resource for EV Chargers on the basis of Renewable Energy. Discussion ensued with Nick suggesting we could put back into the Network.

Bottle Bank: Emma stressed that the signage needs updating to the effect 'If full don't fill'.

**Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 21 October 2019 in Broughton Village Hall.