

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 June, 2022,
in Broughton Village Hall

Present

Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair) (Chaired the Meeting), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Tess Goodwin, Simon Edwards, Simon Newstead, Councillors Drummond Begg, Eric Small and Viv Thomson, plus 5 members of the public (including a reporter from the Peebleshire News)

01.06.22 Welcome Notices and Apologies.

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if we could go round the table and introduce ourselves. Apologies were noted from Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Christopher Lambton, Chris Lewin. The Vice-Chair then announced that since the last meeting two members of the CC had stood down (Fiona Pagett and Ian Sharman) and that it was an opportune moment to co-opt a new member to the CC. It was proposed that Jen McBeth, the Manager of Broughton Village Shop, be co-opted onto the CC, this was met with unanimous agreement.

02.06.22 Minutes of Meeting held on 16 May, 22

The Minutes were agreed.

03.06.22 Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

04.05.22 Actions Register

The Secretary went through the Actions Register. Regarding the Pilot Bus Scheme currently in progress, it was suggested that the time of departure from Broughton and arrival in Peebles was too late if one wished to then go on into Edinburgh. For this to work the bus departure time from Broughton needed to be brought forward. Regarding the insurance and the UTC Drivers, the Vice-Chair asked for this to be put on hold until she had had an opportunity to discuss the matter with UTC Drivers members.

05.06.22 Planning Applications

Simon Newstead as the UTCC Planning Officer brought the following applications to the attention of members,

- *Erection of dwellinghouse with outbuildings & associated work including new access 21/00030PPP. Land South West of Rachan Woodlands Ref NI 22/00899/AMC, received 7 June 22*

Simon Edwards commented that the access road had now been moved and our concerns regarding flooding in the area was not an issue for the CC to comment on.

- *Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage; land to west of Quarter House 22/0863/FUL 31 May 22*

No comments were raised.

A short discussion ensued regarding updates to current planning applications and how these were seen, plus it was noted that the Springwellbrae application was still open and accepting public comments. Simon Newstead commented that views submitted to SBC on Planning applications by the CC might not accurately represent views of residents.

06.06.22 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer explained that his report as detailed below, is not in the full format it has been before, as there are still matters outstanding from the Jubilee celebration outstanding.

Jubilee Celebration.

For the PitP we have paid out from the UTCC account the following:

To Stephanie for Posters and Licence	£ 48.38
to village store for sundries	600.00
for burgers	330.00
to Rosalind for tree and compost	65.99
for ices	575.00
to band	350.00
we'll pay to photographer (no invoice or photos yet)	150.00

Subtotal	<u>£2118.37</u>
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We have had income as follows:

From Rosalind for burgers	£ 55.00
from Christopher, bar profits.	236.50
from SBC QPJF, will be paid shortly,	1706.98

Subtotal	<u>£1948.48</u>
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The difference is what the UTCC funds will be down from the PitP:

Total	<u>£169.89</u>
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The **UTCC Bank Account** presently has a balance of £1799.94, having provided PitP outgoings and received money from burgers and the bar profits.

The QPJF grant will arrive shortly. SBC have sent me a remittance advice for the amount specified.

07.06.22 Microgrants.

Three applications were discussed as follows:

Ella Scott-Bruce – Attendance at the Fringe Festival – agreed (£195)

Paula Roy – Badminton Tuition for Glen Roy (£250) – it was agreed in principal but that more information was required regarding the figures before confirmation.

Broughton Bowling Club – Award Boards – agreed (£250)

ACTION: Secretary to obtain further information regarding the Microgrant Application from Paula Roy. .

08.06.22 Police Report – emailed in advance.

There was no Police Report this month.

09.06.22 After Action Review – BPitP

The meeting discussed the Jubilee event held on 3 June under the headings of The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. The Vice Chair reported that it was overall a tremendous success with the Lord Lt commending us on delivery a fine Community event, very appropriate for the occasion and because it was a dry evening brought everyone together as it had been hoped. The Chair has written to all involved to thank them for their help and assistance in pulling everything together to make it the success that it was. The Treasurer outlined the specific financial aspects as detailed in his report, particularly stating that it was difficult with not know exactly how much of a grant we would be eligible for, not receiving the monies till after the event and not having a complete picture of costs before we went to print. Christopher reported that the bar with beer from Broughton Ales did a roaring trade and made a slight profit and all praised Jen for the children's bags that she produced. The Ice cream van was a great success, and the Burger Van was good although a mix up with costs and payment for the burgers caused some consternation and if we were to do it again twice the number of burgers should be ordered. The photo we hope will be good although has not yet been seen. A further success was the Tree Planting, and many thanks must go to the Vice-Chair for the delivery of this. Broughton in Blook agreed to help with the on-going watering of the Tree to ensure it is given the best opportunity to establish itself in situ. All agreed that the marquees borrowed from Tweedsmuir were a huge help and although the Band was thoroughly enjoyed it was thought perhaps some music from the era might have been more appropriate. It was further agreed that the CC would consider doing something every year now that we had pulled off this event, but next time might consider doing it more on a Village Fete/Gala Day theme although it was pointed out that monies would need to be raised and more folk involved as there would be no grant to rely on.

11.06.22

UTCC Website

Simon Newstead, the new Administrator for the Website, reported that following a prompt to the CC by Emma Reid, the previous Administrator who was responsible for the initial establishment of the website, and following discussion, he would now be taking the task on and would be driving forward with a number of changes and updates to the site. In addition, it was reported that Emma had been reimbursed with any monies owing. This update was welcomed by the meeting as many had felt Emma had been left in a difficult position and all were pleased this had now been resolved as well as being pleased with the progress Simon was now making.

12.06.22

EV Chargers

This item is currently on the Actions Register and as discussed with Councillor Drummond Begg is on hold until the results of the Strategic plan are known. Councillor Drummond noted the considerable importance which the CC place on having this facility in the village.

13.06.22

Transport to Youth Club

The Secretary made the meeting aware of a discussion she had had with a member of the Community who was concerned that there was no transport available to take the 8 to 9 young people from Broughton to Peebles in order that they could attend the Peebles Youth Club. The lady concerned had felt the youngsters were being severely disadvantaged and she had been asked as the spokesperson for the parents to see if a solution could be found. It was suggested that this might be discussed when Chris Lewin was at the meeting as it might be a task for his Barc Buses with the idea that due to the lack of interest in the Sunday Service, we might switch focus to provide a

service to youngsters to enable them to go to the Peebles Youth Club on a Saturday from 5pm to 9pm. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting. Simon N asked about the number and intended demographic of the pilot bus service and how this was established plus associated costs, he suggested that based on conversations with teenage neighbours that maybe something more flexible such as a free dial a cab service would be more useful.

14.06.22 SBC Councillors' Report

The meeting was delighted to see our three new Councillors in attendance, reports were individually delivered as follows; Councillor Eric Small explained that that all Councillors were currently being put into their various Committees and they were all still finding their feet with the new session. Councillor Drummond Begg communicated that he was on the Sustainable Development Group Committee and he would be working within this area. He further expanded that in order to reduce the carbon footprint of the Councillors and with 9 CCs to satisfy between the three of them, they would all be working a 1 in 3 rota for physical attendance at our meetings and that he would like to introduce hybrid meetings for the future. The Secretary said she would discuss this with Councillor Drummond outside of the meeting so that the CC would be set up for their next meeting well in advance. Councillor Viv Thomson announced that she was the 'champion' for the Volunteer sector and was keen to meet with any of the Volunteer groups within our area.

The Vice-Chair wished to make the Councillors aware of an unfortunate situation that occurred during the recent road closure of the Drumelzier road for necessary road works. The information had been incorrect, confusing and resulted in a build-up of traffic, what physically took place on the ground did not tally with the road signs displayed. The Councillors confirmed they were now aware of this and that the errors had been corrected.

15.06.22 Any Other Business

Broughton Primary School. Simon Edwards wished to make the meeting aware of the situation with the Primary School. He reported that for the new year the current 3 classroom set up would be reduced to 2 classes, P1, 2 & 3 in one class and P4, 5, 6 & 7 in another. This was due to a cut in the number of children attending the school. Currently there were 47 pupils in School, 16 of which would be moving to Peebles High School for the start of the new year in August which would leave 41 in total to attend the Primary School. He further reported that Eddleston School was being 'moth balled' and that Parents had been aware of the decline in numbers. This had served to encourage several parents to take their children out of the school in order that they may move on to attend Private School. Out of interest to the meeting, Simon further stated that 5 years ago Springwellbrae had had new housing bringing new families and new pupils for the School, the effects of the lack of anything to replace the new influx of families was now having an effect on the Primary School. New housing development needed to be supported to boost school numbers. Simon N suggested that one doesn't necessarily ensure the survival of the other, especially when migration and housing costs are considered, that affordable or social housing might bring more children temporarily. He asked if windfarm money could be used to support a comment made

about the lack of wrap-around care for children (breakfast and after school clubs etc). Councillor Viv commented that they were aware of this situation and made it be known that there was also to be no NQT this next year either. She explained that the Moth balling of Eddlestone was still in discussion. Councillor Drummond reiterated that our situation was different to Eddlestone which had been reduced to a single class. A discussion then ensued surrounding the potential lack of social housing that would draw people with suitably aged children into the area to the difficulty in finding teachers for After School Clubs. Councillor Viv agreed to note all the comments made and said that she would be speaking to the Education Department.

Community SHOUT. Simon Newstead introduced his UTCC Newsletter, the Community SHOUT, which had been distributed widely round the Community. Some were concerned it had gone ahead without full consensus from the CC but it had been very positively received and most considered it an excellent initiative. He also made mention of the Database he was developing for which there was a QR Code in the Community SHOUT, having researched Royal Mail website he suggested it would cost approx. £200 to leaflet drop the whole of UT. The Vice-Chair questioned it's requirement but Simon N explained that feedback so far indicated support for the Community SHOUT and a desire by residents to have greater dissemination of information from the CC and more engagement with the community.

Broughton in Bloom – Park proposal. The CC heard about a project Broughton in Bloom wished to see come to fruition which was their idea for tidying and enhancing the King George V Park. The initial plan would be to clear the woods at the back of the park of all the dead wood and make it far more accessible and nicer. It was explained that they would be involved and they wish to understand who they needed to speak to at SBC to seek permission. Councillor Drummond said he would help with this.

Plastic Problem. Tess Goodwin gave a report on how the Community did during the Big Plastic Count suggesting that we had a good local response, having delivered 140 leaflets to households in the village, the take up on return was about 10%. She gave some interesting details on how little plastic is actually recycled in the UK and that the Big Plastic Count will be amongst one of a number of things done that will be used to apply pressure on the Government to do more. Tess also spoke about TerraCycle, an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle materials as she is hoping to attain a set of recycle bins from them for the village.

Broughton Bonfire. The Vice-Chair asked if this item could be carried over to the next meeting.

Hybrid Meetings: Councillor Drummond asked whether hybrid meetings might happen in future to support the three SBC Councillors attendance, he explained that Tweedsmuir already do this, following a discussion as to its feasibility and how this would work, it was agreed that it would be discussed with the Chair on his return.

16.06.22

Date of next Meeting – 7.00pm, Monday, 18 July, 2022, in Broughton Village Hall, SMALL