

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 20 September, 2021,

Via Zoom

- Present** Rosalind Birchall (Vice Chairman), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Chris Lewin, Christopher Lambton, Simon Edwards, Councillor Eric Small SBC
- 01.09.21 Apologies**
Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Fiona Pagett, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Councillor Heather Anderson SBC
- The Secretary raised the matter of an inability to attend from Fiona Pagett due to timing and it was agreed that Zoom Meetings in the future would revert to 7.30pm as per meetings held in person.
- 02.09.21 Minutes from last Meeting (held 16 Aug 21 in Broughton Village Hall). Comments by email in advance.**
The Minutes were agreed.
- 03.09.21 Matters Arising from previous Minutes (via Email)**
It was noted that SBC had agreed re comments pertaining to materials to be used on the Old Manse, were not in keeping.
An update was given on the Broughton Public Toilets matter; the Chair has written to SBC regarding the importance of keeping these facilities open and it is now understood they will remain open until the end of October. Simon explained that the issue is that of cleaning, in the past they were cleaned by Mike Scott of West Linton Primary School after his work but now particular strong chemicals are required to be used and training must be given, Simon was unaware if this was something Mike would or could take on.
Action: Secretary to establish position regarding the Toilets in particular cleaning arrangements
- 04.09.21 Planning Applications**
- Ref. No. 21/01406/FUL Formation of off street parking, 2 Hillside Cottage: Whilst the CC had no objection to these plans, it was understood that a neighbour had raised a strong objection pertaining to safety although currently the owners are having to park on the main road and with this are trying to establish off street parking.
Action: Secretary to write to SBC with the CCs view.
- Ref. No. 21/01379/FUL Change of use from Gallery to form additional accommodation to dwelling house, Hill House, Broughton. No objections.
- Ref. No. 21/01352/PN Formation of Forestry track, Glencotho and land North and South. No objections.
- 05.09.21 Microgrants**
None submitted. Chris questioned what the physical process of submitting a Microgrant to the CC currently is and what it actually should be, suggesting that if any were received they should be circulated in advance of the meeting. This did seem sensible and it was

also pointed out that our website talks little about the criteria for requesting a Microgrant and that perhaps there should be more to point people in the right direction. Following a discussion it was agreed that all Applications should be submitted to the Secretary who notes the Application, checking the criteria is met, and passes to the Treasurer to then collate and send round to all CCs. Simon explained that he had tried to keep it simple in the past and that we are able to determine which 'pot' the relevant funds come out of and the Wind Farm receives a letter of thanks. In terms of forms, individuals have a simple form and there is a longer 3-page form for organisations. It was further discussed whether Financial information should be requested up front in particular from organisations.

Action: Chris to ensure all relevant information and forms are loaded on the website

06.09.21

Police Report – None received.

The Secretary made mention that we were to expect a visit from our 'local ' Police Sergeant, date tbc.

07.09.21

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the bank at last meeting 16th August was £6947.34.

There has been the following expenditure:

Broughton Horticultural Society, £ 200.00 (Covid support due to exceptional circumstances)

To Simon, for replacement defibrillator batteries £ 98.40

Totalling £ 298.40

Hence current Balance £6648.94

08.09.21

SBC Councillors' Report

Councillor Eric SBC commenced his report by confirming that on current plans the Broughton Public Toilets would only be open until the end of October. However, he also confirmed that there was a lot of discussion regarding Public Toilets and a decision should be made soon. It was suggested they might be shut for the Winter. Other than the Toilets there were no other planning matters to raise. Chris asked Councillor Eric if there was any further information about the Glenholm Forestry works. Nothing more had been heard since the plans came out some while ago especially as it appeared the final proposal was issued without taking into account comments submitted regarding the mix of trees and pathways to be kept open; was anyone taking this matter further. Councillor Eric confirmed that Councillor Heather was dealing with Forestry issues in general, in particular the application process and timing for comments to be received, nothing more had been passed to him but he was aware Councillor Heather was very active in this area at the moment.

Action: Secretary to establish position from Councillor Heather.

Christopher also raised the matter of the Stobo Glen proposal and the Consultation Day which had been attended by Buchanan-Dunlop who were met with a 'softly, softly' approach.

Chris felt it would be good to know from the Forestry Commission if more points were being taken into consideration here and Eric suggested this was discussed with Councillor Heather who unfortunately could not attend the meeting.

09.09.21

Any Other Business

Resilient Communities: Simon informed the CCs that he had received an email from Andy McLean requesting confirmation the group is still active which Simon

would respond very much in the affirmative. Chris took the opportunity on behalf of the meeting to thank Simon for everything the Resilient Communities Team have been and continue to do.

Broughton Village Hall: Simon explained to the meeting that the railings outside the Village Hall had been removed as they had been hit. It is hoped to have them back up soon as SBC were informed and came to inspect the damage.

Transport for Schools: Simon in his capacity as the School Mini bus driver informed the meeting that from his experience Covid was on the rise again and it was essential we were all aware in order to keep safe by continuing to take the necessary precautions. Councillor Eric stated he had heard nothing from SBC regarding this.

Resilient Communities – potential Ambulance: As a follow on from Resilient Communities, Nick suggested in light of the Ambulance crisis was there a way in which support to the Ambulance service could be given. Chris expanded by explaining that if someone in Broughton had an emergency and needed an Ambulance but it was not forthcoming in a timely manner, could we not support by taking individuals to hospital. A detailed discussion ensued and the Secretary commented that this was not something we should be engaging with and was purely for the professionals as it was a difficult area when considering liability etc. The Upper Tweed Community Drivers were discussed in relation to this matter but it was agreed this was really not something we should be involved in however kindly meant.

Defibrillators: Simon raised the point that when one of our defibrillators is used it must be logged and reported and that currently there was nothing to say on the machines themselves what action was to be taken after use. He also made mention that of course they also required an electrician to check the workings and he was having difficulty in getting one. Following a discussion Simon agreed to take an Action to address the situation. Nick further mentioned that the Bowling & Tennis Club should have a defibrillator and Simon commented that he had also been approached by a number of people about defibrillators.

Action: Simon to introduce a 'Log' system for the Defibrillators and include in with them a card detailing a mobile number and Sec UTCC email explaining that after use action to report usage must be taken. He would also arrange for an electrician to come out.

10.09.21

Date of next Meeting – 7.30pm, Monday, 18 October, 2021, Broughton Village Hall (small hall).