**UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UTCC)**

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th January 2025, at 7pm in Broughton Primary School

Present. Steph Stewart (Co-Chair), Susan Brown (Treasurer), Shona Scott, Tess Goodwin, Jen McBeth, Alison Dunlop, Gwen Sapsford, Councillor Eric Small SBC

Apologies: Justin King (Co-Chair), Chelsea Shapiro-Waugh, Mark Davey

**Minutes from the last meeting and Matters Arising**. The Minutes from the meeting held on 28th November approved and there were no Matters Arising that were not to be discussed in the Agenda.

**Actions Register:**

1. Update - Tree issue – someone has been out to review the situation.
2. New – Salt bins – concern these were not being managed. These have now been filled.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Community Forum**
2. FixMyStreet – How do we know if an item has been closed out? Ask to understand the overall process (added to action log)
3. Bus update –Councillor Eric Small updated that tenders returned, and to be reviewed. A formal update will be provided as soon as there is one.
4. Expressions of interest requested for future use of hall cottage. Please contact BroughtonHall [villagehallbroughton@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallbroughton@gmail.com) with any ideas or suggestions!
5. **Planning** – no objections raised with current planning applications. General question around how we get notified (added to action log)
6. **Treasurers Report** – received and agreed by members present
7. **Youth Bursaries (YB) / Micro-grants(MG)** - all members present approved youth bursaries and micro grants received
8. **Multi Member Ward Report** – shared with UTCC ahead of meeting. Reminder to all to submit any issues with the police to allow tracking. Gary, our local Community Officer attended the meeting – his attendance was much appreciated. Gary is new in his role and looking forward to understanding what matters to the community – if feasible, he will be in the village to conduct speed checks. Gary will advise how we can get “No Cold Calling” signage. Ask for the community to express areas of concern to UTCC.
9. **SBC Councillor’s Report**
10. Passing place issues persist at Glenholm – request from those present to find a workable long-term solution
11. **Initiatives Update**
    1. **Children’s Play Park** – Confirmed by Councillor Eric Small that completion still estimated for March
    2. **‘Cut out kids’ speed deterrent** – Gwen updated cut outs will be decorated by school – will be a Spring project via the JLSO initiative
    3. **Community Neighbourhood Watch** – Letters will be distributed to each house in the village this week. Ask to fill in and send back as instructed on form, or option to hand in to shop if more convenient.
    4. **Thermal Imaging** – Looking to move on to the next step – funding being issued for the heat survey which will be ringfenced by UTCC. Training being undertaken at present, with equipment procured, then looking at roll out plans. There is still time go get involved in the initiative – let us know if you are interested!
    5. **King George V Park Improvements** – The Park team are at the point of socialising draft plans for broader community input.
    6. **Resilience** – working on communicating contact information for community
       1. Request for use of hall during an emergency submitted and
       2. Salt bins replenished
12. **Other Items**
    1. Biggar Business group will provide a directory of services soon!
    2. Local resident requested politicians to come to village to discuss the changing climate (added to action log)
    3. UTCC AGM to take place in MAY. Let us know if you are interested in being part of UTCC as we are looking for members for the new year (particularly a secretary, but anyone interested in being more involved generally very welcome!)
    4. Venue for February meeting will change – new venue to be communicated asap

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Useful Links / Items discussed during meeting:

**FixMyStreet –** please log any issues (lighting / roads / etc) here – they are directed to the relevant department for remediation. <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

**The Upper Tweed Community** Drivers have received very generous donations particularly from the Broughton Farmers Dance for which the Committee is most grateful.   This has enabled the scheme to significantly subsidise the health related journeys and therefore ***reduce the amount suggested as a donation*** (eg to Biggar and Peebles £5,  Lanark £10 and other hospitals £15).  The service is available to ***anyone*** having difficulty with transport. Contact details can also be found on the website <https://www.utcdrivers.org.uk>

**Local Directory –** Tweedsmuir have led an initiative to gather local directory information, including clubs, sports, businesses and services. Click below for details: <https://tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/community-information/>