**UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UTCC)**

Minutes of Meeting held on 17th February 2025, at 7pm in Drumelzier village hall

Present. Justin King (Co-Chair), Susan Brown (Treasurer), Shona Scott, Alison Dunlop, , Councillor Viv Thomson SBC

Apologies: Steph Stewart (Co-Chair), Chelsea Shapiro-Waugh, Tess Goodwin, Jen McBeth,

**Minutes from the last meeting and Matters Arising**. The Minutes from the meeting held on 20th Januarywere approved and there were no Matters Arising that were not to be discussed in the Agenda.

**Actions Register:**

1. Update - Tree issue – Council team have surveyed trees along the Dreva road and contacted private land owners related to trees of potential concern. Item closed.
2. New – The ‘Fix My Street’ app is not working. We are not sure if this is temporary or permanent. IN the interim we should report issues related to roads, pavements and lighting via the SBC website. <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/roads-pavements/report-pothole-road-problem>

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Community Forum** – No new points for discussion
2. **Planning** – no objections raised with current planning application
3. **Treasurers Report** – received and agreed by members present
4. **Youth Bursaries (YB) / Micro-grants(MG)** - None received in this period. We have supported 21 youth bursary applications this FY and only have £600 left through to June when the funding is renewed. Action log item raised to apply for additional funding through to June and to promote youth bursaries by posting a table of the types of initiatives that have been supported to raise broader awareness.
5. **Multi Member Ward Report** – Gary, our local Community Officer attended the meeting. A ‘Pop Up Bobby’ has been installed and will be moved periodically to keep us on our toes. Gary shared that he will have access to a hand held speed camera and will allotting 2 days / month to the Tweeedale area. Gary also advised that the police need support regarding unwanted cold callers, if possible to take number plates and report them. Some signs were provided.
6. **SBC Councillor’s Report**
7. Passing place issues at Glenholm - No update… Added to action log to maintain traceability.
8. 2 ‘Pop Up Bobby’s’ will be made available to share between Skirling Tweedsmuir and Broughton.
9. **UTCC meeting frequency** – A proposal to reduce the number of UTCC meetings from 11 to 9 per year was approved by the team. There will be no UTCC meetings in the months of April, July , Dec. The community council guidelines mandate a minimum of 3 meetings per year.
10. **Initiatives Update**
    1. **Children’s Play Park** – Confirmed by Councillor Viv Thomson 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 were distributed to ~ 200 houses in the village. So far approximately 13 responses.
    4. **Thermal Imaging** – £800 funding for software and expenses will be transferred and ring fenced for this initiative.
    5. **King George V Park Improvements** – Councillor Viv SBC shared that the park was at some point designated as a ‘Key Green Space’. Other key green spaces have had similar developments, so the team will proceed to socialise the plan across the community to gather input & support before moving on to detailed planning.
    6. **Resilience** – Awaiting response from Hall committee regarding proposal to make the hall part of the resilience plan.
11. **Other Items**
    1. 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!)

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Useful Links / Items discussed during meeting:

**SBC website for issues with ROADS/Pavements & Lighting –** please log any issues (lighting / roads / etc) here – they are directed to the relevant department for remediation.

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/roads-pavements/report-pothole-road-problem>

**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/>