

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 16 May, 2022,

in Broughton Village Hall following AGM

Present

Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair) Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Christopher Lambton, Tess Goodwin, Simon Newstead, Fiona Pagett, Ian Sharman, Chris Lewin,

Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and the new Committee. There were no apologies.

01.05.22 Minutes from last Meeting (held 23 Mar 22 via Zoom). Comments received by email in advance.

The Minutes were agreed.

02.05.22 Matters Arising (Minutes and Actions Register)

Chris Lewin raised the matter of the Barc Bus Project (Broughton – Peebles Trial) stating that advertising of this was key to its success and urged all to 'get the word out'; the leaflets were now in the shop and he thanked the Secretary for making up the posters and leaflets and getting the printed. Chris reiterated that the target audience were teenagers who can travel to Edinburgh free and the bus is a 16 seater. Success of this project would mean there is a regular service next year. Councillor Eric commented that Newlands have a new bus, he would find out more. Those helping with the Trial on the specified dates is as below, duties are not onerous and require checking ticket numbers on the Friday before and being there for loading the bus on the Sunday:

Stephanie - 29 May Bus
Tess – 3 July Bus
Christopher – 17 July Bus
Andrew – 31 July Bus
Simon E – 7 Aug Bus

03.05.22 Actions Register

The Secretary went through the Actions Register and updated items accordingly (see Actions Register).

Discussion was had regarding EV Charges with Councillor Eric commented that this was being discussed at Council level plus that West Linton had a new EV Charger

04.05.22 Planning Applications

There were no new Planning Applications for discussion. Simon informed the meeting that there was an updated plan on the SBC Planning site for the proposed 11 new houses at Springwellbrae. There was further comment regarding on going works at the Dreva Road Junction with the line of site being improved as well as works at Rachan Home Farm to lower the ground level. The Secretary suggested the appointment of an UTCC Planning Officer responsible for trawling the SBC Planning site and keeping CCs updated on new and existing planning applications; it was suggested this might be a good role for Simon Newstead a newly appointed CC with his interest in the Local Development Plan

(10yr). The Chair reminded CCs that he and Simon had received training on the planning process in 2019 and that he would share the Guidance on Planning Applications they received.

ACTION: Chair to circulate Guidance on Planning Applications.

05.05.22

Treasurer's Report

This was taken during the AGM (16 May 2022).

06.05.22

Microgrants.

There was one application for a Microgrant from UTC Drivers to cover the cost of their Public Liability Insurance (£209). There was a discussion as to whether this would come under the UTCC Public Liability Insurance and the Secretary was tasked with ascertaining if this was the case or not.

ACTION: Secretary to establish if UTC Drivers are covered by the UTCC main Public Liability Insurance.

07.05.22

Police Report – emailed in advance.

No comments arose from the report.

08.05.22

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – UTCC Plans

The meeting turned to the Task Organiser as produced by the Secretary and had a detailed discussion regarding the delivery of the Broughton 'Party in the Park' event being held on 3 June, 2022. Details of which are found on the Broughton Party in the Park Task Organiser.

09.05.22

SBC Councillors' Report

Our new Councillors were welcomed, Councillor Eric Small SBC and Councillor Viv Thomson SBC both reassuring the meeting they would do their best to support us over the coming year along with Councillor Drummond Begg SBC who had been unable to attend.

10.05.22

Any Other Business

Communications. The Secretary wished to collect members mobile phone numbers to develop a WhatsApp Group/s to enable swifter and more efficient comms between CCs. This was met with understanding and acceptance from the majority.

ACTION: Secretary to set up UTCC internal WhatsApp Group/s to aid swifter and easier dialogue internal to the UTCC.

Broughton Social Club Fridays. Tess Goodwin explained that her pilot scheme of the Friday Social Club had been a success and that she would like to plan for it to become a permanent calendar feature but wished to understand the best way to find the funds to cover the hire of the Village Hall where the Friday Club was held. After some discussion it was agreed that she should apply for a Microgrant (which could be received and taken Out of Committee if time was a constraint) and that rather than looking for external funding for the hire of the Hall she should consider asking participants for a donation when attending. She agreed to consider this and in the meantime would put in an application for a Microgrant. (AFTER MEETING NOTE: An application for a Microgrant of £250, as described, was received and agreed by the CC, OOC).

11.05.22

Date of next Meeting – 7.30pm, Monday, 20 June, 2022, in Broughton Village Hall, SMALL hall.

