

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UTCC)

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st October 2024, at 7pm in Broughton Village Hall

Present. Steph Stewart & Justin King (Co-Chairmen), Susan Brown (Treasurer), Tess Goodwin, Alison Dunlop, Shona Scott, Gwen Sapsford, Councillor Eric Small SBC, Mark Davey of Peebleshire News, and 30+ members of the public.

Apologies. Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Chelsea Shapiro-Waugh, Jen McBeth

Minutes from the last meeting and Matters Arising. The Minutes from the meeting held on 16th September, 2024 were approved and there were no Matters Arising that were not to be discussed in the Agenda.

Note of Thanks. Stephanie Jackman has been the UTCC Secretary for 5 years and is stepping down from the role. We thank Stephanie for the considerable impact she has made to UTCC and would ask anyone interested in the position to make themselves known.

Actions Register:

1. Given storm conditions over the past week, request for follow up on Tree Survey (*follow up – tree officer was going to Dreva Road – issues on SBC land given to SBC for action, with private landowners to be contacted directly if deemed necessary*)
2. New Action – park / toilet area inaccessible post recent works undertaken. Action for Councillor Eric Small SBC to follow up with contractors to remedy situation. Action for Committee to post new plans for the Playpark on the UTCC website.
3. New Action – two lampposts out on the Main Street need fixed (#27 & 34). Action for Councillor Eric Small SBC to follow up. Note for all residents – we can log issues with potholes and general issues such as lighting here: <https://www.fixmystreet.com> (see end of minutes for details)
4. New Action – two large potholes on Dreva Road require attention. Action for Councillor Eric Small SBC to follow up (again ask for all to log items <https://www.fixmystreet.com>)

Agenda Items:

1. **Bus Service / Scheme** – Extended discussion with the community to equip UTCC members to represent views at meeting on 22nd October. General consensus was to oppose plans given that this increases feelings of isolation, loss of income for those travelling to work / Broughton services for those visiting, challenges for school children, impact to independent living and discrimination against rural communities. An extensive list of questions created for the meeting on the 22nd. Action with Steph and Tess to provide additional information post meeting.
2. **Planning** – no objections to retrospective planning application (1)
3. **Treasurers Report** – received and agreed by members present
4. **Youth Bursaries (YB)/Micro-grants(MG)** - all members present approved youth bursaries received (3)
5. **Multi Member Ward Report** – not discussed as September report not received

6. **SBC Councillor's Report** – nothing material of note – key items include Bus plans (discussed in full earlier) and playpark (discussed earlier in meeting)
7. **Resilience** – It is mandatory for communities to have a resilience group. Shona looking for volunteers to support in the event of an emergency (e.g. move sandbags / clear paths / collect medicine). Steph Stewart, Lynn Smith, Gwen Sapsford, Justin King and Liz Ferrie offered. Request for additional volunteers to contact Shona via UTCC Facebook page. Action for UTCC to contact Broughton Village Hall Committee for use of hall in emergencies.
8. **Speeding**
 - a. Gwen updated that work underway for the “Be Speed Aware” children cut outs. The school children will be involved in decorating the cutouts – likely to be after Halloween.
 - b. Tweeddale West Road Safety group resuming – UTCC to get a schedule of meetings and rotate attendees at the meeting.
 - c. Co-Chairmen have meeting with Sgt Crawford Laing on October 24th and will raise this as a concern.
9. **UTCC Place Plan** – feedback received from Bite and Blether. This will be summarised and shared with UTCC.
10. **Initiatives Update**
 - a. **Children's Play Park** – works started. Completion estimated for March (due to grass taking time to seed)
 - b. **Community Neighbourhood Watch** – on hold – pending formal guidelines. Co-Chairmen have meeting with Sgt Crawford Laing on October 24th and will raise.
 - c. **Thermal Imaging** – Meeting took place in Tweedsmuir, with Broughton having two volunteers. Ideally we would like four volunteers, so anyone interested, please get in touch.
 - d. **King George V Park Improvements** – preliminary plans received which are currently under review. These will be shared with the community broadly for input – they will not be finalised until community views have been gathered, with initial plans to form a grant application for beginning of new calendar year.
11. **Other Items** – Christmas lighting initiative – Justin and Malcolm will measure lights needed for the school (lights in a state of disrepair) to assess what can be done prior to Friday 6th December. Volunteers will be required to assist.

Information on FixMyStreet (from their website): What is FixMyStreet?

Is this a council website?

No, it isn't – but FixMyStreet does send your reports directly to your local council, or whichever other authority is responsible for dealing with a problem.

We also publish them online, so that others in the community can see what's already been reported and subscribe to any reports they're interested in.

Then who are you? And why are you doing this?

FixMyStreet is an independent website, built by the charity [mySociety](#). We wanted to make it easier to report problems in your community, even if you don't know who those reports should go to.

So we made FixMyStreet. All you have to do is type in a UK postcode – or let the site locate you automatically – and describe your problem. Then we send your report to the people whose job it is to fix it.