

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 October 2022, in Broughton Village Hall

Present

Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Tess Goodwin, Chris Lewin, Christopher Lambton, Jayne Cook, Councillor Eric Small plus 1 member of the public and a Reporter, Mark Davey from The Peebleshire News

01.10.22 Apologies.

Jen McBeth, Simon Newstead, Simon Edwards, Councillor Viv Thomson SBC, Councillor Drummond Begg SBC

The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting as the Chair was delayed, she welcomed everyone to the meeting.

02.10.22 Minutes of Meeting held on 26 September, 22

Two amendments to the Minutes were agreed. First regarding the Pingo Bus Service that covers the 'Eastern' Borders, an area like our own and which was incorrectly stated to be a 'West Linton' Service. Secondly regarding 5.9.22 Planning Applications, it was stated that the Chair would get in touch with the Head of Planning, not Councillor Drummond as incorrectly stated in the Minutes. The Minutes were then agreed.

03.10.22 Matters Arising from Minutes

It was noted that Ian Whiteside, organizer of the Hill Running Event, the British Championships for Hill/Fell running, which took place on 15 October, had donated £500 to The Broughton Community Firework event.

04.10.22 Actions Register

The Secretary went through the Actions Register; it was commented that Crowd Funding had commenced for the Broughton Community Firework Event with £200 raised to date. Added to this is the £500 as mentioned above.

05.10.22 Planning Applications (0)

There were no new Planning Applications to discuss.

06.10.22 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report this month was delivered by the Vice-Chair who is currently standing in temporarily for the Treasurer who will be stepping down as soon as a replacement is found. She thanked Arthur Lucas for auditing the accounts and for his swift action in doing so. Currently we are low in funds, particularly Micro Grant funds and for Youth Bursaries but now accounts complete SBC monies will be forthcoming and an application will be made for Top-Up Windfarm funds.

07.10.22 Microgrants.

4 Applications for a Microgrant were discussed, as follows:

Ingrid Campbell on behalf of the Community Bonfire and Fireworks - £250, Agreed.

Jayne Cook for the Recycling Bins she has obtained for the Village Hall (Bras, Blister Packs, Ink Cartridges, Batteries), all agreed this was excellent and thanked Jayne for her hard work -£40, Agreed.

Jayne Cook on behalf of Broughton in Bloom for a Book Trolley (current one on loan), which is to be made to measure - £250, Agreed.

Ian Revell for the Christmas Fayre (2 Dec, Village Hall, 6.30pm to 8.30pm), two applications - £250 x 2. One payment of £250, Agreed, but he was to be informed that he must find funding elsewhere to cover the second application (only one application permissible under the rules of Microgrant applications).

08.010.22 Police Report – emailed in advance.

No report received. Councillor Eric SBC agreed to find out what was happening with regards to the reports and added that he was aware there was a spate of Vehicles being broken into across the Borders so vigilance required, as well as a report of Anti-social behaviour stemming from Peebles High School.

09.10.22 King George VI Park Path plus Upgrade Project

Jayne commented that there wasn't too much to report as yet; she had received a good response from the Forms distributed at Bite & Blether regarding her proposals for the Park. Nick Shapowal said he would pass the details of contacts for 'Fields in Trust' to Jayne in order to cover all bases from an ownership perspective. A variety of avenues are being sought for funding; the preferred material for the Path, Tarmac, was also the most expensive so other options were being looked at but the issue was regarding the need for the Council Tractor not being impeded when cutting the grass (tarmac enabling the tractor to go right over it with no problem); it is planned to tidy up the Woodland and finally, once the project is complete, what on-going maintenance would be required and who would carry this out. All agreed this was a great initiative and worth pursuing.

10.10.22 Forestry Upgrade Broughton Glen

Christopher gave the update, which confirmed the increase in Scots Pine. Chris aired his concerns regarding the John Buchan Way, suggesting a letter should be sent to ensure the protection of the route as it currently is. A discussion ensued ending with all agreeing that the John Buchan Way is a major tourist attraction in the area and the planting must not detract from the experience of walking the Way. The Secretary informed the meeting that they only had to look at the Glenholm Valley and what Tilhill were doing with their Forestry works to see what the impact would be. Tess made comment regarding Reforestation across Scotland asking what the plan was, is there a plan. It was explained that the project was now at the Public Consultation stage and this was the first opportunity to put comment on public record but it was to be noted that the window for comment was very short, ending 31 Oct. It was agreed Christopher would respond and Nick would ensure the Community was fully aware via Facebook.

ACTION: Christopher to draft the UTCC comment in response to the Public Consultation period now being open. The Secretary to post.

11.10.22 Website/Facebook

Nothing to report with Simon Newstead having sent Apologies.

12.10.22 Broughton Fayre 2023

It was noted that a request for Volunteers to form a Working Group in order to plan the Community event had been sent out; it was further noted and discussed that with the announcement of the Coronation of The King there was the possibility of funding being available.

13.10.22 SBC Councillors' Report

Councillor Eric Small SBC reported on the unfortunate change of dates for work to be done on the Merlindale Bridge and it had been noted it

had caused considerable annoyance and inconvenience, stating they were very sorry about this but the inclement weather had been the issue and reason for the dates changing at short/no notice. Regarding planning, he advised that there was currently a backlog of applications to be reviewed and made the meeting aware of the upgrade to an existing Telecoms mast at Cloverhill Farm which does not require Planning permission. His last point was to inform the meeting that the Council was currently in Budget discussions which on this round was being done altogether, cross party.

Councillor Eric was asked what the current situation was with talks about the 101/102 bus being in progress. He stated he was aware that Plan A was looking at the entire route as it currently stands and Plan B was looking at changing this. It was agreed that a public survey that had been undertaken, certainly showed the strong feeling for keeping the service as is. Tess also stated that the Bus was regularly very busy, again demonstrating the need for the service.

14.10.22 Any Other Business

Visit to Galashiels Recycling Plant. Tess informed the meeting that she was due to visit the Plant on 1 November with Drummond Begg and was very much looking forward to it.

**13.08.22 Date of next Meeting – 7.00pm, Monday, 21 November, 2022, in
Broughton Primary School**