

**UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 April, 2023, in Drumelzier Village Hall

**Present**

Andrew Beveridge (Chairman), Rosalind Birchall (Vice-Chair/Treasurer),  
Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Tess Goodwin, Jen McBeth, Christopher  
Lambton, Jayne Cook, Chris Lewin, Simon Newstead, Nick Shapowal,  
Councillor Eric Small SBC

- 01.04.23 Apologies.**  
Councillor Viv Thomson SBC, Councillor Drummond Begg SBC
- 02.04.23 Minutes of Meeting held on 20 March 23**  
The Minutes were agreed.
- 03.04.23 Matters Arising from Minutes**  
There were no matters arising.
- 04.04.23 Actions Register**  
The Secretary went through the Actions Register (see attached).
- 05.04.23 Planning Applications (0)**  
Councillor Eric reported that the Appeals Planning Review Body had sat with two rejected Applications in the Broughton area being discussed. He explained that the Body heard appeals but also reviewed Planning Applications that had attracted several comments (15+).
- 06.04.23 Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer's Report had been circulated with the Agenda (and should be included with these Minutes on the Website); point highlighted was that there was someone new at the helm of the Glenkerie Fund and that funding received had been £363 lighter than expected with the shortfall now having been remitted.
- 07.04.23 Microgrants/Youth Bursaries. (1+1)**  
One Microgrant request from Charlie Riding for improvements to Broughton Village Hall. The CCs were content but the Vice-Chair suggested it might be better if Charlie Riding got in touch with the Federation of Village Halls as they have monies set aside for this and agreed to take an Action to speak to Charlie. (Microgrant funding being limited).  
  
One Youth Bursary was awarded; the details of which having been circulated prior to the meeting, the CCs agreed to its award.

**ACTION:** Rosalind Birchall to speak to Charlie Riding to establish if he had approached The Federation of Village Halls for his funding.

*AFTER MEETING Note: It was established that funding was not available for various reasons from The Federation. An Out-of-Committee decision was therefore made by the Vice Chair to agree to the Micro grant request which would otherwise have been awarded at the meeting had she not suggested a very sensible and appropriate alternative route.*

**08.04.23 Police Report - emailed in advance.**

Secretary confirmed she had once again not received a report, Councillor Eric SBC commented he felt sure they were being produced as Monthly Meetings were held with the Police, but clearly the reports were not being distributed widely enough. Jen McBeth brought the Car Crash to everyone's attention that had happened only the previous week, and the Chair expressed he was aware there had been a spate of Quad Bike thefts. Councillor Eric further reported that the 'Pop-Up Bobby' was making it's mark across the region once again, the Secretary mentioned how effective the one in Skirling was having recently seen it.

**09.04.23 Broughton Fayre - Broughton Big Coronation Lunch (BBCL).**

Jen McBeth, lead for the Working Group (WG) for the BBCL, outlined the details for the event to be held on 7 May 23. Focused on the Village Hall, set up includes a Marquee of which the shop has now managed to buy a second hand one (10 x 5), still to collect it and put up but for the cost (£300) this was an excellent deal. Food will include Hog Roast and Ice cream with families encouraged to bring their own picnics and Christopher Lambton is organizing the Broughton Ales Beer tent (wine also available) as he did for last year's event; entertainment will be a band and an accordion player plus there will be a Bouncy Castle and Magician for the children. Jen plans to complete a plan of action for the day. Chris Lewin mentioned the requirement for a Risk Assessment and the Secretary confirmed the additional Insurance had been applied for (as well as completing the form for the general insurance) and that a temporary licence for selling alcohol on the day had also been applied for. Everything was confirmed to be on track.

**10.04.23 SBC Councillors' Report.**

Councillor Eric Small SBC commenced his report by responding to our concern about the state of the roads locally, Neil Pringle will be completing a 'walk round' and compile a list. Next was an update on our Village Public Toilets, giving confirmation that they are to be 'saved', this is good news as Councillor Eric explained that out of the total of 40 Public Toilets across the Borders only 22 are to be saved. In addition it was understood that SBC are keen that local communities take over their

own Public Toilets, for obvious reasons, sooner rather than later, and it was pointed out to Councillor Eric that whilst general maintenance was required on our ,Toilets this would not be an option. It was also expressed that there was a plan to put a path around the Park to increase use of the Park (and thereby it would follow the toilets would be used more) plus with Destination Tweed trying to put the area on the map the need for Public Toilets would only increase. Councillor Eric went on to say the Council had been on holiday so there was not much more to report apart from it should be noted that now a solution had been found for the Dumfries to Edinburgh Bus route and the service was saved, it must be used or we will be in danger of losing it. It was pointed out to the Councillor that we are still keen to know if the Route 91 Connection will link in with the new schedule and on a completely different matter the Clothing Recycle Bin is long overdue requiring it to be emptied.

#### **11.04.23 Any Other Business**

**Defibrillators.** The Chair delivered an update on this topic explaining that Jamie French had been very proactive since he had been engaged - there was a new Defibrillator at the Village Hall in a heated cabinet which replaces the one previously located at the garage. He continued to say that the British Heart Foundation's target for getting everyone no more than 500m away from a Defib was a tough challenge in our community but with one at the Village Hall, Rachan Farm and a new one to be located at Drumelzier Hall our own position is improved although there was a question mark as to how the Glenholm valley is covered. Signs were still required, the cost of which could be funded through a Windfarm application.

**Coronation Woodland Creation.** Tess gave an update on where she was with her 'Tree for every child' to mark the Coronation. The Primary School had the trees, she had sought advice on planting and what was required and an email from Simon Roberts had provided most of the information necessary, there was just the question of 'mulch' mating and potential labels for each child's tree. It was agreed that any expenditure could be covered by TNL funds including the printing of Certificates. It was unanimously agreed this was an excellent project, and Tess was praised for her super idea.

**King George VI Park Woodland Walk.** It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a number of trees had fallen down in the small wood in the corner of the Park which due to their precarious location required the skills of a tree surgeon to remove them. Councillor Eric suggested this was something else for Neil Pringle and he would bring it to his attention.

**Elections.** The Returning Officer, Julian Birchall, reminded the meeting of the forthcoming CC Elections. He explained he had put notices up in

the Shop and they were also on the Website. There was a brief discussion about the process with the Returning Officer suggesting that we should encourage more of the Community to come forward. He proceeded to give an update on Elected Members, Co-opted Members and that we had a number of vacancies. The AGM will be held next month following the Monthly meeting.

**Traffic Calming.** Jen McBeth in the light of the recent car crash, asked if there was not something more that could be done to stop the speeding through the village, she was in favour of Traffic Calming measures. This was discussed and it was agreed we should go for another professional review of the whole road through the village as some were in favour of a speed camera, others a 'Pop-up Bobby' and others full traffic calming measures. With the road being a main arterial route from the M74 up to Edinburgh it was agreed we may be restricted in what we can do. The Chair/Councillor Eric SBC agreed to request a review from SBC.

**12.04.23 Date of next Meeting - 7.00pm, Monday, 15 May, 2023, in Broughton Village Hall**

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