UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 18 May 2020

Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

**Present** Simon Edwards (Chairman), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Andrew Beveridge, Chris Lewin, Rosalind Birchall and SBC Councillor Eric Small

**01.05b.20 Apologies**Emma Reid, Penny Wedderburn Scott, Robert Cook, Kirsty Hughes, SBC Councillor Heather Anderson

**02.05b.20 Minutes from last Meeting (held 4th May 2020 via Zoom)**

The Minutes were agreed.

**03.05b.20 Matters Arising from previous minutes (via Email)**No matters arising.

**04.05b.20 Co-Opted Member**The Chair opened the meeting by announcing that Robert Cook had approached him with a view to becoming involved in the UTCC and as we are keen to encourage new members he would like to invite him to join as a Co-Opted Member if all were in agreement to this proposal. This was unanimously supported and Robert Cook was duly proposed as a co-opted member by Chris Lewin and Seconded by Rosalind Birchall.

**05.05b.20 Planning Applications (via Email)**

The Chair announced that there were three new Planning Applications for consideration, all of which had been emailed out to Members with a request for any comment to be returned by 29 May 2020. Chris made mention of one of the Applications which involved a considerable extension of a property by Hartree which he considered would significantly impact on the neighbours. It was discussed but agreed with the mandatory Neighbour Notification the neighbours would have opportunity to comment themselves. The Chair then raised the issue of one of the vagaries of CCs comments only counting as only the ‘One’ comment despite being a collective of comments from a group. The Chair had raised this with Barry at SBC and although was assured that at the Committee Stage the CCs comments would be given heavier weight the Chair still had his concerns.

**06.05b.20 Microgrants (via Email)**

The Chair reported there was only the one Microgrant application and this had been emailed to all members who confirmed their support.

**07.05b.20 Police Report**

Nil

**08.05b.20 Councillors Report**

Councillor Eric Small reported that the Council had been fairly quiet as we continue in lockdown but he did have two points. First of all a report of Fly Tipping with 5t of rubble having been tipped in woods off the A702 plus a Van that had been stolen again off the A702 and asked that in the light of these two incidents we are vigilant. The Chair commented that the Recycling Centres would be reopening on 1 June which will be good.

**09.05b.20 Any Other Business**

**Website.** Chris reported that he has now taken over the management of the Website and he was just getting to grips with it and would be open to any suggestions for improvements.

**Drumelzier Phone Box.** Rosalind commented that the Phone Box in Drumelzier was in desperate need of painting and after a discussion about when it was last painted plus the type of paint and difficulties in sourcing it, it was agreed that BT should be contacted.

**Drumelzier Bridge Chevrons.** Rosalind reported that repair was required of the Chevrons near the Bridge and it was suggested this be reported to Elaine Nichol at SBC attaching a photo.

**Document Distribution.** Nick commented that all documents distributed round committee members should be in pdf format to ensure security. It was agreed this would be done from now on.

**Shielding Personnel.** The Chair commented that there had been no change to the numbers of personnel Shielding but there had been an increase in those requiring support through our Shop Card Scheme and hence more direct questions were being asked. The Chair further commented it was good we could support the Community and no-one was in desperate need of help.

**10.05b.20 Date of next Meeting – Monday 1 June via Zoom**

The next meeting will be on an informal ‘chat’ basis and will not be an official meeting, to be held via Zoom on 1 June at 1900hrs. The Chair will once again send out email invitations but there is no need for attendance at this one and a further formal meeting will be held in approx. 4 weeks time.