St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

An informal Zoom meeting was held on 26th Nov 2020 with a reduced attendance and Agenda

Date of next meeting 28th Jan 2021 – via Zoom
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbospccsecetary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of meeting held on Thursday 29th Oct 2020

Chair : G. Tweddle

Attendees : Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Brown, W. Burns, Y. Clements, A. Marks, J. Pollock, S. Pollock, C. Strang, A. Patterson + 1 Member of Public

Apologies : M. Barrie, A. Drummond, A. Franks

1. **POLICE REPORT**

N/A

Residents are reminded to report any issues that cause them concern to CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111 or 101 or

Gary.Chisholm@scotland.pnn.police.uk

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Not discussed

3. **REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

3.1. Due to Covid restrictions attendance was limited. JP attended on behalf of CC. AF laid the wreath on behalf of CC. 2 minutes of silence was observed

4. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUCCESSION PLANNING**

4.1. The AGM is due April 2021 which is the end of the 3 year term for current members. SP, JP and AM have confirmed that after several years service they are looking to retire from CC duties. This will leave the Chair and Treasurers posts vacant.

4.2. The process for electing a new CC requires a formal procedure to be followed which will take a prescribed amount of time.

Nominations (must be on electoral roll)

Advertising period

Elections (required only if more nominations than 10 available seats).

4.3. Chair asked all to confirm before Christmas that they are happy to continue and to ask around for new nominees to make themselves known. Post on Facebook Page?

4.4. SBC have advised that due to Covid, the normal quorum requirements for CC's can be relaxed until August 2021 which allows extra time for elections if they are necessary. Further details are available from Fiona Henderson/Jenny Wilkinson, Democratic Services, SBC.

5. GREEN ST BOSWELLS

5.1. Planters have been delivered and are in place, awaiting compost delivery before completing planting.

5.2. Pre-planted coirmats are in place in Community Woodland.

5.3. Awaiting signage from Buccleuch Estates.

5.4. SBC have confirmed they expect to be able to deliver perennials for A68 planters but not until next spring.

POST MEETING NOTE : Meadow area now scarified and seeded. Thanks to all kind volunteers who have contributed so far.

6. POLWARTH FOUNTAIN

6.1. Signage expected delivery mid-December. AP to remind Laidlaws about the re-pointing.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1. Balance Brought forward		**£5,372.64**
Income received		
Border Berries signage		£410
Expenditure		
Remebrance Day Wreath – A. Drummond	£36.00	
Defibrillator pads – J Melrose	£54.00	
Comm Woodland Coir Mats – HabitatAid Ltd	£514.80	
Balance in Bank not inc Covid Grant		**£4,181.38**
COVID Support Grant Balance		**£996.46**
Balance at Bank		**£5,177.84**

7.2. Funds already allocated

SBC Community Payback Team – work on Bridle Path	£500

7.3. Projects in Hand

Polwarth Monument – repair & plaque	£620
Green St Boswells – wetland, meadow, planters	£575
Balance Unallocated	**£3,482.84**

7.4. Projected Income

Volunteering Matters Action Earth Grant	£250

7.5. Christmas lights switch-on has taken place. A new distribution box was required on the Village Hall in the amount of £50.

8. SBC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Any Member of the Public can report roads, lighting, and various public nuisance issues at any time on the Council's website under the "REPORT" tab.

8.1. Full Council Meeting was held today on Microsoft Teams. The main topic was South of Scotland Enterprise Agency (SoSEP) Partnership Agreement. 5 Key Development priorities were agreed.

8.2. A virtual Area Partnership (AP) meeting was held. The Community Fund is currently oversubscribed until April 2021 although Finance is currently looking for possible additional funds. A Working Group is looking at possible changes to the governance for the AP, including funding arrangements.

8.3. Budget setting process for 2021/22 has started.

8.4. C-19 vaccine is on the horizon but restrictions look set to continue for the foreseeable future. Cases are still popping up in various places throughout the Borders but are been dealt with by mitigation measures.

8.5. 20MPH restrictions are now in place in St Boswells although on A68 speed limits go straight from 40 to 20 which seems to be causing some issues with drivers breaking aggressively. The whole scheme will be assessed independently by Napier University after running for 18 months.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

9.1. Consultation on the Local Development Plan ends in Jan 2021. Although

there does not appear to be any direct issues affecting St Boswells it was noted that the Borders Railway Line route beyond Tweedbank is now indicated.

More information can be found on SBC website Local Plan Proposed

9.2. DECISIONS

9.2.1. **Former Slaters Yard Off Charlesfield Rd** - Boundary fence and gates (retrospective) and additional proposed fence : Link here 20/00115/FUL

The Secretary agreed to write formally to the Council once again on this matter.

9.3. ONGOING APPLICATIONS *:*

9.3.1. **Land NE of 2 Elder Bank, Main Street –** New dwellinghouse 20/01407/FUL

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. None received

11. AOCB

11.1. **Car Boot Sales** – it was agreed that it was still too early to consider whether theses will be able to go ahead next year.

11.2. **Tree** reported down on Braeheads Path – JP has tidies this as far as possible.

11.3. **Future of GP provision** was queried now the surgery has been on the market since Feb.

11.4. Borders Health Board is looking to recruit members.

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Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or telephone 07736 969 226 or approach any Community Council Member

Thank you for taking the time to read these notes.

Your Community Council are volunteers.

Our main role is to represent our local area, consult with residents and pass their views on to organisations such as the Council and NHS who have responsibility to consult about how local services are delivered.

Under normal circumstances your Local Councillors and Police are in attendance.