St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A Zoom meeting was held on 28th Jan 2021

Date of next meeting 25th Feb 2021 via Zoom
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of meeting held on Thursday 28th Jan 2021

Chair : G. Tweddle

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

Apologies : Cllr Brown, M. Barrie, A. Franks

1. **POLICE REPORT**

Residents are reminded to report any issues that cause them concern to CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111 or 101 or JedburghDistrictCPT@scpotland.pnn.police.uk

Some discussion took place about the new format of reports received from Police Scotland. These now cover Jedburgh and District and it is unclear whether this is of relevance to St Boswells. Police Scotland cannot attend meetings via Zoom.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not discussed

3. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUCCESSION PLANNING

3.1. 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 Treasurer's posts vacant.

3.2. 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 than 10 nominations received).

3.3. 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.

3.4. Existing Members are asked to canvas for new Members.
JP to post on Noticeboard. GT to post on Facebook Page. ***ALL TO ACTION***

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1. Balance Brought forward **£5,177.84**

Income received

Cash donation £26

Expenditure

Ruthven Alarms – Festive lights check	£60.00
Robertsons Timber – planters	£346.80
Croft Castings – Polwarth plaque	£306.00

Annette Patterson – Green St Boswells plants/compost £212.82

Cash Donation – spent on Green St Boswells Plants £26.00

Sheila Pollock – Christmas Gratuities Refuse Man/Volunteers£27.00

Tony Grieve – Christmas lights electricity contribution £25.00

Balance in Bank not inc Covid Grant **£3,203.76**

COVID Support Grant Balance **£996.46**

Balance at Bank **£4,200.22**

4.2. Funds already allocated

SBC Community Payback Team – work on Bridle Path £500

4.3. Projects in Hand

Polwarth Monument – repair to stonework £314

4.4. Projected Income

Action Earth Grant for Green St Boswells £250

Uncommitted Balance Remaining inc COVID grant **£3,636.22**

5. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

5.1. Speeds had initially slowed but seem to be creeping up again.

5.2. The junction from Main Street onto the A68 at The Buccleuch feels to be an improvement.

5.3. The reduction from 40 to 20 on the A68 seems to be causing some issues

with sudden braking.

5.4. Comments were made about the locations of the data collection points for the trial, particularly the one on Jenny Moore's Road ie near a corner where speeds would naturally be low, so the quality of the data gathering seems a little questionable.

5.5. Things will be in place for an 18 month trial period although it is questionable how valuable this will be with the extended periods with limitations on travel during the trial period.

6. CAR BOOT SALES & SUMMER FAIR

6.1. It was agreed that there would be no resumption of the Car Boot Sales for the foreseeable future. To be reviewed around Midsummer.

6.2. A much reduced Gypsy Fair Gathering took place in 2020 on The Green with support from SBC and PoliceScotland. It is assumed that a similar arrangement will happen this year.

7. 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.

7.1. Council made their annual budget announcement. Further cuts will be required.

7.2. COVID vaccine delivery is building capacity and is progressing.

7.3. Local Development Plan was discussed. Although the deadline for comments has passed it was agreed that Secretary would submit comments with regards to :-

1. Railway extension beyond Tweedbank,
2. Requesting a Village Conservation/Enhancement Plan and
3. Eildon/Leaderfoot National Scenic Area.
4. Agreed to endorse the paper circulated by Michael Marshall as adopted by Peebles Community Council.

7.4. Discussion followed about the route of the railway extension. Future consultation will be Borders-wide rather than only with Locality Areas directly affected.

8. CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP

This is now held via Microsoft Teams and any member of the public can view live online via the Committee Diary and may ask questions via Chat function.

8.1. COVID numbers are reducing but are still high. A fixed testing unit is at Langlee Community Centre with two mobile units in Hawick and West Linton.

8.2. COVID support can be found online or by contacting the Council on **0300 100 1800**

8.3. A presentation on the Local Development Plan timetable was given. The Plan was agreed by Council Sept 2020. The examination of the Plan by the Scottish Government Reporter is expected summer 2021. New legislation covering the strategic Planning process is expected soon.

8.4. Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues within Scottish Borders is currently out for consultation. Access via the Council's website.

8.5. Under Fit for 2024 Programme, the Area Partnership Working Group has recommended that changes are made to the assessment panel of the Community Fund to include Members of the Public who would have equal voting rights.

8.6. A call for future agenda topics was made. Already being considered :- Neighbourhood Services, Climate Change, Community Plan, Winter Maintenance, Cheviot Locality Plan.

8.7. Date of Next Meeting - 24th March 2021.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

9.1. DECISIONS

APPROVED

9.1.1. **Land NE of 2 Elder Bank, Main Street –** New dwellinghouse **20/01407/FUL** Subject to Legal Agreements, Archaeology watching brief, Passing Place on Braeheads Road

9.1.2. **Flat 3 Grosvenor Place** Alterations **20/01485/FUL**

9.1.3. **Greenside Place** – Demolition of 3 garages **19/00853/CON** and new dwellinghouse **19/00819/FUL**

9.2. ONGOING APPLICATIONS *:*

9.2.1. **Laburnum Cottage** - Alterations **21/00073/FUL**

9.2.2. **Lessudden 21/00131/TCA** – Work to Trees

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. Insurance Renewal received

10.2. An offer of presentation re National Park has been received.

10.3. Website – a proposal to make a joint grant-funding application for a new website shared with the Village Hall to be explored further. This could include for training for Administrators to maintain such a site.

11. AOCB

11.1. G.P Surgery NSB – it was reported that the sale of the current surgery building is caveated to enable the lease to continue as a Primary Care facility.

11.2. Maintenance issues along part of St Cuthbert's Way was raised – steps rotting and slippy. To be reported to SBC.

11.3. The Bridle Path has a lot of water – it was thought this was due to poor winter weather. Parts of the path have been repaired by Community Payback Team but they are not currently able to carry out any work due to Covid restrictions.

11.4. The cutting back of a tree at the corner of St Modans Rd/Weirgate Ave was raised. CS to raise with Tree Officer, SBC.

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or approach any Community Council Member