St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via Zoom on 26th August 2021

Date of next meeting 30th Sept 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 26th August 2021

1. ATTENDANCE

Chair : G. Tweddle

Attendees : Cllr Hamilton, W. Burns, Y.Clements, C. Edmond, C. Richard, A. Patterson, A. Drummomd

Apologies : Cllr Scott, Cllr Brown, M. Barrie, A. Franks, C. Strang

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not discussed

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CC ELECTIONS AND AGM

3.1. All Residents are to be encouraged to consider standing for the Community Council through posting Minutes on Noticeboard asap and Facebook. ***AP/GT***

3.2. Nomination Forms to be made available from Tony at The Old Post Office. ***GT/AD to drop off blank forms asap***

3.3. If existing CC Members, including those co-opted and those who have filled casual vacancies, wish to continue they should submit a new Nomination Form.

3.4. Electoral Roll Numbers are available from Scottish Borders Council.

3.5. If there are more than 10 Nominations then an election will need to be arranged.

3.6. If the number of nominations is 5 or more then candidates will be deemed to have been elected to the Community Council.

SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS is available online from Scottish Borders Council. Link here Establishment of Community Councils

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1. Balance Brought Forward £4,433.38

4.2. Expenditure

John Laidlaw & Sons – Polwarth Fountain £285
Annette Patterson – Planters & Repairs £39.25
Oakwood Tree Care – Beastie Lane Strimming & Hedge £168
St Boswells Village Hall Website (monthly) £10

4.3.	**Balance in Bank**		**£3,931.13**
	SBC – Covid Support Grant		£996.46
	Balance not inc Covid Grant		£2,934.54
4.4.	**Funds Already Allocated**		
	Bridle Path - SBC Criminal Payback Team O/S Inv	£500	
	Polwarth Fountain	£51	
4.5.	**Projects In Hand or Partly Completed**		
	Green St Boswells – planters, woodland etc	£1,000	
4.6.	**Unallocated Funds ex Covid Grant**		**£1,383.54**
4.7.	**Anticipated Income**		
	Grant from Fallago C-19 Path Repair		£2,022.13

4.8. There was some discussion on the criteria for spending the Covid Grant money. It was agreed to approach the Village Hall Committee to see if they required any additional support for their ongoing Covid measures. ***WB***

5. ST BOSWELLS FAIR FEEDBACK

5.1. The Fair was very well attended this 00^{th} Anniversary year. Some attendees arrived earlier than the anticipated date which led to some issues with toilets and skips not being in place.

5.2. The usual issues of lack of adherence to the Emergency Access Zone were noted. It was agreed that a meeting with SBC Liaison Officer would be beneficial. ***GT to arrange.***

5.3. Thanks to A. Marks for meeting with the Fair Organisers and collecting site fees, albeit at a reduced level.

6. COMMUNITY WOODLAND

6.1. Thanks to J. Pollock and others for continuing their work arranging delivery and spreading wood chips on the upper woodland path.

6.2. JP sent 'Thank You' letters to Scottish Woodlands and Ballantyne's Tree

Services for the woodchips.

6.3. JP has carried out many hours litter-picking and keeping the paths clear of brambles and weeds and ensuring the bin is put at the roadside for collection.

6.4. Fallago Grant money has been secured to install a new footbridge over the outlet from the pond/wetland area and to regrade the path on the slope. Part of the grant is to repair part of the Bridle Path. The Contractor has been instructed and hopes to carry out the work before the end of October.

6.5. The gate at the end of the Right Of Way to the south of the grazing field has been taken from it's hinges. This has been reported to SBC but needs to be pursued. ***AP***

6.6. The hawthorn boundary hedge to the east of the upper woodland is now very overgrown. Negotiations with McCorquodales are ongoing. ***AP***

6.7. The trees lining the driveway are starting to impede access to the grass verge and may need some crown lifting. To be discussed with Tennis Club. ***AP***

6.8. A joint Management Plan for the Woodland would be helpful. ***AP/CS/MB***

7. GREEN ST BOSWELLS

7.1. SBC has promised pants for A68 planters during September.

7.2. AP has contacted the Village Hall, Village Week, Church (SWI) and Primary School regarding planning for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Tree. All have responded except the school.

7.3. AP to meet with Village Hall to discuss plans for the Bus Stop planter.

7.4. AP to explore setting up Facebook Group to more effectively communicate Green St Boswells activities.

8. SBC COUNCILLORS' REPORT

8.1. **Build Back Better Borders Fund** is now open. Up to £2,500 is available for individual new projects.

The one off £500k fund has been established as part of SBC's response and recovery efforts relating to COVID-19. The intention is to provide support for new initiatives, projects or events that will 're-boot' or 'kick start' activities relating to sport, culture, volunteering or tackling environment and climate change issues with the overall aim of strengthening community capacity, resilience and engagement. It will also be able to provide support to events and projects that recognise the significant contribution made by individuals and groups throughout the pandemic by way of increased volunteer activity and service to their communities.

8.2. The **Cheviot Community Fund** is now open.
Groups who wish to take forward projects that will be of benefit to the local community can apply for grants up to the value of £2.5k.

The impact of the project needs to be measurable in terms of both the number of community members benefiting and the scale of that benefit, but funding can be used for a variety of purposes such as:

•purchase of equipment
•small capital works
•hire and running costs
•maintenance costs
•capacity building projects

The grants are being allocated in four rounds with £13,722 available in Cheviot area for each round.

8.3. Placemaking is being taken forward at Area Partnership level. 9 Officers are supporting this initiative with Kelso in the first tranche. It is hoped that St Boswells could be considered for support next year.

8.4. Electric Vehicle Charging points are expected to be on the agenda at December's Area Partnership meeting. There was general discussion about the principle of charging point provision in and around the Village.

8.5. SBC is supporting the bid for City of Culture 2025 which is a cross-border bid includes Dumfries & Galloway, Scottish Borders, Northumberland , Cumbria and Carlisle City.

8.6. Public Toilets are on a programme of re-opening. St Boswells are expected to open very soon.

9. PLANNING

9.1. The Local Review Planning Body is expected to consider the Slater's Yard development. It was agree that CC were to reiterate their objections namely, there has been an unauthorised change of use, landscaping conditions cannot be enforced on land not in the ownership of the applicant, the detrimental impact of the removal of mature hedgerow and the significant number of Council Policies that the proposal contravenes. ***CS***

9.2. **Weirgate Brae** – Change of use of garage 21/01206/FUL
No objections were raised at the meeting.

POST MEETING NOTE : August Submissions

9.3. Ext 53 Springfield Tce Revision to PP 21/01237/FUL

9.4. Garden Ground of Cedar Cottage Discharge of Obligations 21/01410/MOD75

9.5. St Boswells Parish Church Work to Trees 21/01420/TPO

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1. It was noted that the fence between the Car Park and the Play Area by the Community Hub building has been repeatedly damaged and needed to be removed due to safety concerns. ***Cllr Hamilton to pursue this with SBC.***

10.2. CC Members agreed to complete Pen Portraits after AGM.

10.3. The Village Hall website is now live. Any constructive feedback welcome to CS. ***ALL***

11. POLICE REPORT

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

Police Scotland cannot attend meetings via Zoom.

11.1. Police Report for Jedburgh and District is available from The Secretary.

11.2. Selkirkshire Report which covers Newtown St Boswells , has been requested but has not been received regularly. ***CS to pursue.***

11.3. Police are happy to attend CC meetings by invitations when they are resumed in person by invitation.

12. AOCB

12.1. **Remembrance Sunday arrangements.** An application for the event needs to be made to SCB **6 weeks prior to the event.** ***CS***
AF to be approached to lay wreath on behalf of CC.
AD has a logo for applying to the centre of the wreath.
It was noted that Cllr Scott plans to attend and also lay a wreath.

12.2. Two manhole covers on The Green were noted as damaged.
POST MEETING NOTE : *SBC attended site 27th Aug and reseated one cover by the Kelso Road, and notified Scottish Water of the damaged cover by the Cottages. Thanks passed to SBC for their rapid response although they are not responsible for final repair.*

12.3. The Farm Manger at Benrig has cut back the hedge at Benrig Cemetery and is seeking road planings to improve the surface for car parking.
POST MEETING NOTE : AP sent link to SBC page for requesting road planings to AD.

12.4. Potholes at Benrig end of Kirk Road.
POST MEETING NOTE : Link to 'Report It' page sent to WB

12.5. Concern was raised about the extent of grass and weeds that have built up on the north side of Main Street. ***Cllr Hamilton agreed to raise with SBC***

Date of Next Meeting - next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30h September 2021 at 7:15p.m. Via Zoom

Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting or raise an issue of local concern please contact The Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or telephone The Secretary on 07736 969 226 or approach any Community Councillor.

Please consider joining us to become a Member or simply to make your views known.

Thank you for taking the time to read these notes.

Your Community Councillors 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.

One of your Scottish Borders Local Councillors usually attends our meetings.