St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via Teams on 28th Oct 2021 7.15p.m.

Date of next meeting to be advised
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of Inaugural meeting of new Community Council held on Thursday 28th Oct 2021

Attendees : Cllr Hamilton, W. Burns, Y.Clement, C. Emond, A, Farnish, C. Richard, C, Strang, G. Tweddle, A. Patterson

1. **WELCOME and INTRODUCTION**
   - 1.1. Cllr Scott Hamilton opened the inaugural meeting of the new Community Council as Returning Officer.
   - 1.2. There having been sufficient candidates nominated, 9 out of a possible 10 spaces, there was no requirement to hold an election.
   - 1.3. All nominees are duly elected to St Boswells Parish Community Council for a term of 3 years.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   - 2.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Scott, Cllr Brown, M. Barrie, A. Drummond

3. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
   - 3.1. Order of Business is as laid out by Scottish Borders Council requirements

4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
   - 4.1. Community Council Members are reminded that they should declare any personal interest at the beginning of meeting s if possible or at any relevant point in the Agenda.
   - 4.2. There were no declarations of Interest made.

5. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCII**
   - 5.1. The membership of the Community Council is duly noted as :-
   - 5.2. Mr Michael Barrie, Mrs Wilma Burns, Mrs Yvonne Clement, Mr Craig Edmond, Mrs Angela Farnish, Ms Annette Patterson, Dr Christopher Richard,

Mr Charles Strang, Mr Gavin Tweddle

6. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

6.1. Gavin Tweddle was nominated by W. Burns and seconded by C. Richard.

6.2. **Appointment Agreed**

7. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

7.1. Chris Richard was nominated by Y. Clements and seconded by A. Patterson

7.2. **Appointment Agreed**

8. **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY**

8.1. Charles Strang was nominated by A. Patterson and seconded by W. Burns

8.2. **Appointment Agreed**

9. **APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE SECRETARY**

9.1. To spread the workload it was agreed that a Minute Secretary be appointed.

9.2. Annette Patterson was nominated by C. Strang and seconded by Y. Clement

9.3. **Appointment Agreed**

10. **APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

10.1. Wilma Burns was nominated by A. Patterson and seconded by Y. Clement

10.2. **Appointment Agreed**

11. **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHCH THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT**

11.1. The new CC is required to adopt and sign the Constitution, Equalities Statement and Code of Conduct. To be circulated via email ***CS to liaise with Fiona Henderson, SBC***

12. **AOCB**

12.1. **Cow trampling incidents** - Two disturbing incidents have been reported to CC. These took place on the public footpath downstream from Mertoun Bridge which is part of St Cuthbert's Way. Both incidents were serious and required medical attention. The Landowner , Police and SBC have been made aware. After much discussion it was agreed that a meeting between CC, SBC and Police would be requested again to discuss what measures could be put in place to reduce the risk of this type of serious incident from happening. . Cllr Hamilton to discuss with SBC Legal Dept. ***Cllr H/CS***

It was agreed to use Facebook to gather information on other people's experience of this stretch of footpath. ***GT/AF***

Anyone wishing to contribute please contact The Secretary

12.2. **Pen Portraits of CC Members** – CC members were asked to submit short profiles that could be posted on the CC page of the Village Hall website. ***ALL***

12.3. **Remembrance Event** is planned for Sunday 14th Nov. A wreath has been purchased on behalf of CC. The Road Restriction Order is in place. Cllr Scott will attend a lay a wreath.

12.4. **The Recycling Area** at the Bus Stop has been overflowing at times. It was confirmed that Viridor are contracted to uplift every 2 or 3 weeks but will make additional pick-ups if requested. WB confirmed that they attend quickly once contacted. ***Anyone should feel free to contact the recycling company directly using the number on the containers.***

12.5. **Car Boots Sales** on The Green were discussed . It is not clear when these could resume or indeed whether they should resume in their pre-Covid format. Concerns about how non-CC Boot Sales are marshalled still to be addressed.

12.6. **The Community Woodland** provided the venue for a bushcraft event run by Beyond Earlston, an organised youth group. CC would like to thank Keith Farnish for organising and running this. It certainly looked well attended and lots of fun!

12.7. **The Primary School** have been in touch about a litter-pick event. Keith Miller, SBC can provide 'pickers' etc.

12.8. **Community Energy Schemes** was raised as a topic for a future meeting. It was noted that Keep Scotland Beautiful have offered to support some small communities in looking at options. ***CS/AF to pursue***

13. ***Date of Next Meeting – 25th Nov 2021***

Discussion took place as to the venue, format and timing of CC meetings over the winter. Possible alternative venues and times were discussed but meeting in person in unventilated spaces would require mask wearing which limits effective communication. It was agreed that we would continue on electronic format utilising 'Teams'.

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

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.

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