St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via 'Teams' on 24th Feb 2022 7.15p.m.

Date of next meeting 231st March 2022 via Teams
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbospccsecretary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of Community Council meeting held on Thursday 24th February 2022

1. **ATTENDEES** : Cllr Hamilton, W. Burns, Y.Clement, C. Emond, A. Farnish, C. Richard, G. Tweddle (Chair), C. Strang, A. Patterson, 1 Member of the Public
APOLOGIES : Cllr Scott, Cllr Brown, M. Barrie,

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1. Previous Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.
YC Proposed, CE Seconded.

3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

3.1. **Balance Brought Forward from 31st Dec 2021** **£8,463.68**
Includes War Memorial Acct £46.75

3.2. **Income since Dec 2021**

SBC Pathways grant	£450
Community Council Maintenance Grant	£630
	£1,080

3.3. **Expenditure**

01/01/22 Hall Website – Jan payment	£10	
01/02/22 Hall website – Feb payment	£10	
16/02/22 Christmas Lights – Tony Grieve	£30	
	£50	
Remaining Income		**£1,030**

3.4. **Balance at 31/01/2022** *exc. WM Acct* **£9,493.68**

3.5. **Invoice received but not yet paid**
Village Centre Enhancements - Amberol Planters £1,827

3.6. **Monies Already Committed/Ring-fenced – to be carried forward to 2022/23**

Covid Support Grant Balance remaining	£996.46
Fallago Environment Fund (Bridle Path/woodland)	£2,022.13
SBC Criminal Justice Team (outstanding Invoice)	£500
Polwarth Fountain Grant – remaining balance	£51
Green St Boswells – remaining balance	£883.05
Total Committed	**£4,452.64**

3.7. **Anticipated Spend/ Commitments 2021/22**

Village Hall Website – payments to end March	£10
Expenses	£25
Residue of Pathways Grant	£282
Christmas Lights	£70
Village Centre Enhancements	£2,143
Village Spring Clean	£250
Jubilee Commemorative Tree and Plaque	£500
Total Committed	**£3,280**

Actual spend on Christmas Lights is £30 against budgeted £100

Actual spend on Village Centre is £1,827 against budgeted £2,143

3.8. **Remaining Uncommitted Balance** **£1,761.04**

3.9. **Proposed Ring-fencing to Carry Forward**

CC contribution to Village Defbrillator Battery Replacement Fund	£100
Christmas Lights Enhancement Fund	£500
Total	**£600**

3.10. **TOTAL REMAINING UNCOMMITTED** for 2022/23 **£1,161.04**

3.11. CC Maintenance Grant has been received (as above).

3.12. Cheque for Amberol Planters is in the post today. There was a cost increase in Jan 2022 but this is able to be contained within current Village Centre Enhancement budget

3.13. GT to pursue whether there is a payment for Piper/Bugler for Remembrance Sunday. ***GT***

4. **HEALTH & SAFETY : livestock attacks on walkers**

4.1. This Item is ongoing and relates to recent concerning incidents on the long distance footpath St Cuthbert's Way as it passes through a field which is used to graze cattle through the spring/summer/autumn.

4.2. A meeting between SBC Ranger, the Landowner and a CC representative has been arranged.

4.3. ***Members of the Public are encouraged to continue to report any incidents (with dates) to Scottish Borders Council Countryside Rangers***

5. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

5.1. This Item is ongoing and relates to ongoing concerns with pedestrian safety concerns on a number of roads around the perimeter of the village.

5.2. A site meeting has been arranged with SBC Roads and representatives form CC.

6. ***COMMUNITY RESILIENCE***

6.1. There is currently no actively managed Community Resilience Group in the village.

6.2. Local Resilience Groups act as a point of contact between the Council and the wider community at times of emergency such as the recent power cuts during Storm Arwen which were unusually protracted.

6.3. SBC provides full training if required but maintaining an up-to-date list of interested village contacts would be the primary duty.

6.4. It was agreed that a “hook-up” point for a mobile generator would be a useful starting point. ***CS to approach Village Hall Committee.***

6.5. The Community Club had previously expressed an interest in being involved in preparing for emergency situations. ***GT to approach to gauge interest.***

6.6. ***Any Member of the community wishing to discuss this further please get in touch with any member of this Community Council.***

7. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

7.1. The planters for the Bus Stop area have been manufactured and the cheque has been sent.

Post Meeting Note : 4 Planters have been received.

7.2. Borders College Rural Skills students have been carrying out some small scale work pruning work.

7.3. A Contractor has been approached for an indication of the cost of clearing the fallen trees.

Post Meeting Note : Buccleuch Estates confirm that they still intend to clear

the Lower Woodland of fallen trees but are prioritising issues in their commercial forestry areas.

7.4. A Community Woodland FaceBook Page has been set up to communicate re. Workdays in the woodland etc. Please help by joining, liking and commenting on **St Boswells Community Woodland – Friends of the Woodland.**
Post Meeting Note : A woodland workday was held on Saturday 5th March. A good turnout saw fallen trees recycled as a 'dead hedge' in the Upper Woodland and snowdrops divided and replanted in the Lower Woodland

7.5. ***Any member of the community wishing to get involved in helping out with looking after the Community Woodland please get in touch with any member of this Community Council or Greenstboswells@gmail.com or our Facebook Page***

7.6. A flyer has been prepared for Springfield Community Garden. Bulk photocopying is in the region of £25/30. This will be paid from Green St Boswells budget.

7.7. It is still hoped to pursue making a mini-meadow by the seat on the Lower Green. Awaiting contact back from Primary School PFP (Parent Friend Partnership/Parent Council).
Post Meeting Note : A meeting has been arranged to discuss further.

8. **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

8.1. Plans for a Commemorative Tree are progressing slowly as it is proving difficult to source a suitable tree.

8.2. Plans by the Village Week Committee for a Platinum Jubilee Picnic-In-The-Park, Jubilee-themed Fancy Dress and games are well advanced.
POST MEETING NOTE : A grant application has been submitted to SBC Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund.

9. **PARISH LITTER PICK**

9.1. Agreed that a small event was possible. GT has the maps and will look for a suitable date to borrow extra litter-pickers and equipment from SBC.
POST MEETING NOTE : Date for your Diary - ***19th March 2022***

10. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

10.1. SBC Budget has been approved. This includes :
£1.3million aimed at priority roads, £0.5million for local events, £0.5million increase to Sports & Culture. £180,000 allocated to Jenny Moore's Road Play Park for older children.

10.2. Mobile CCTV units are to be deployed around the Borders. Requests for deployment can be made.

10.3. Councilor Scott Hamilton has been appointed the Executive Member for Economic Regeneration at Scottish Borders Council. The CC wish him well with his new appointment.

11. **PLANNING**

11.1. Slaters' Yard Development – the extended timescale to the landscaping condition for screening hedge and trees has been approved . Deadline is now end March 2022.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12.1. The CC Insurance Renewal Form has been submitted.

12.2. CC Network has issued Guidance for Community Councillors. It is hoped that training for CC Members will be developed based on CC Members ideas for what they feel is needed. ***Topic suggestions to CS***

13. **POLICE REPORTS**

13.1. Reports covering Jedburgh are received but Selkirkshire, which covers Newtown St Boswells, s still not appearing.

14. **AOCB**

14.1. The Village Hall Committee are meeting on 28th Feb 2022. CS to attend on behalf of CC.

14.2. Car Boot Sales on The Green were discussed. This is an ongoing item . There are issues with the running of these events. It was agreed to revisit this item at our June meeting.

14.3. Treasurer and Minute Secretary requested some small expenses for printer inks and paper for CC work. This was agreed.

14.4. Possible improvements to Christmas Lights were discussed. Subjects covered – provision of power, prices, logistics of testing, installing, storing etc. There was much discussion around whether the climate crisis should be part of our decision-making – should we look to offset carbon use? It was agreed that this should be discussed well in advance of winter in order to allow informed decision-making. ***CE to start some research***

14.5. CS has been included in the Community Council Network Core Group.

15. ***Date of Next Meeting – 31st March 2022 via Teams***

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or approach any Community Councillor

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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 make your views known