St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via 'Teams' on 31st March 2022 7.15p.m.

Date of next meeting 28th April 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 31st March 2022

1. **ATTENDEES** : Cllr Hamilton, Y.Clement, C. Emond, C. Richard, G. Tweddle (Chair), C. Strang, A. Patterson

   APOLOGIES : Cllr Scott, Cllr Brown, M. Barrie, W. Burns, A. Farnish,

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

   3.1. **End Of Year Report 2021-22**

Income		**Expenditure**	
SBC Grant – Polwarth Fountain	£336.00	Community Woodland	£34.26
Fallago Environment Grant	£2022.13	Polwarth Fountain Repairs	£285.00
Green- Fair Fees	£327.22	Green St Boswells	£220.63
Green – Donation for use	£410.00	Village Enhancements	£1827.00
Village Enhancement Grant	£1928.00	Path Maintenance	£168.00
SBC Pathways Grant	£450.00	Remembrance Day Wreath	£44.60
SBC Annual Grant	£630.00	Village Hall Website	£80.00
		Christmas Lights	£30.00
		Green St Boswells -flyers	£20.00
	£6103.35		£2709.49

Balance at 31.3.21 £4131.64 Balance at 31.3.22 £7525.50

3.2. ***Report from Feb 22 meeting***

Balance Brought Forward from Feb 2022		**£8,846.93**
Excludes War Memorial Acct £46.75		
Income		
Community Council Maintenance Grant		£630
Expenditure		
01/0322 Hall Website – March payment	£10	
Christmas ligts electricity	£30	
	£40	

3.3. **Balance at 01/03/2022** *exc. WM Acct* **£9,436.93**

Expenditure since statement

Village Centre Enhancements - Amberol Planters £1,827

3.4. **Ependiture Committed but not yet paid**

(Invoices received with payment pending)

26/03/2022 Green St Boswells – Annette Patterson £64.43

27/03/2022 Footeprint – Springfield Flyers £20

Bill expected for bridge work carried out at CWoodland (Fallago Grant)

3.5. **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	£798.62
Total Committed	**£4,368.21**

3.6. **Anticipated Spend/ Commitments 2022/23**

Village Hall Website – £10/month	£120
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

3.7.	**Remaining Uncommitted Balance**	**£1,048.21**

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

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

3.9.	**TOTAL REMAINING UNCOMMITTED** for 2022/23	**£448.21**

3.10. Treasurer would like to move War Memorial funds into the main CC account. The intention is that they will be kept as a ring-fenced item for spending on the War Memorial. ***GT to contact AD/DO***

3.11. ***GT to contact musicians that attended Remembrance Sunday re payment.***

4. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

4.1. Unfortunately the planned site meeting with SBC to discuss road behind Polwarth Avenue and Kelso/Maxton Rd crossing point did not take place due to unforseen circumstances. New date to be set.

4.2. Buccleuch Chase Residents have approached the CC regarding their issues with difficulties emerging from the Chase into the traffic on the Selkirk Road. The CC were supportive of the Residents Group in principle and will copy their letter to Philippa Gilhooley SBC for information. ***CS***

5. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

5.1. CE to contact the Village Hall to look at surveying to determine what size of generator might be required and a possible location for a hook-up point.

5.2. It was noted that although the Village Hall was perhaps the most obvious choice of Disaster Recovery Centre but there are other options in the village eg Church Hall, The Buccleuch Arms, Community Hub or School.

5.3. CS to circulate the Resilience template document for info ***CS***

6. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

6.1. **Bus Stop planters** have been delivered and filled with compost. Plants still to buy. This had been funded by SBC Cheviot Community Fund

6.2. **Mini-meadows** – two have been prepped and planted with Parent & Friends Partnership. One on the Lower Green by the seat and one within the school grounds.

6.3. **Primary school -** GSB are working with the PFP and Primary School to look at ways to introduce more natural play and wildlife friendly areas.
A small planter and seeds have been purchased for Bizzie Lizzie's Childminding group so they can have their own planter to care for.

6.4. **Community Woodland -** AF, AP and CmcP paid a visit to Gordon Community Woodland to see how they organise their management tasks and to get ideas.
Workday #2 is planned in the woodland with the creation of a “Book Nook” in the Upper Woodland and a Bug Hotel in the Lower Woodland planned although access is still and issue. No word for Buccleuch Estates as to when they might be able to clear the fallen spruce.
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.**

6.5. Borders College Rural Skills students have been spending time doing small tasks in the woodland and have said they would like to have an ongoing relationship with the Community Woodland and may be able to help with wildlife surveys etc.

6.6. GreenWorks, Galashiels have installed the bridge at the outlet from the pond. This has been funded by Fallago Covid Path Grant Fund.

6.7. **Village Spring Clean Litter-Pick** – despite last minute positive Covid tests, this went smoothly thanks to AF and K.Tweddle. About 18 volunteers turned out on the day although many had been continuing to litterpick on their regular walks with equipment provided by the CC.
If any residents would like to loan any litter-picking equipment please contact The Secretary.

6.8. **The Lime Avenue** was discussed. Two trees have been lost in recent years. It was agreed that forward planning was needed with regard to replacement as trees reached the end of their natural lifespan. AP to approach SBC Parks

& Rec . ***Post Meeting Note*** : SBC have carried out some pruning.

6.9. A leaning lampost on The Green was noted. CR to report.

7. **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

7.1. A fastigiate Oak has been planted in the Vet's field next to the Golden Jubilee trees.A cast iron plaque similar to the other historic plaques is to be ordered and installed.

7.2. The Village Week programme including a Jubilee themed Picnic-In-The-Park on Sunday 5th May is largely in place although they are still looking for volunteers to knit Jubilee themed bunting. Simple knitting pattern available form Christine Holmes.

7.3. It was noted that he Village Hall have been successful in their bid for funds to install a commemorative Jubilee light by the main door.

8. **SBC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

8.1. Councillors are now in pre-election purdah therefore there will be no new announcements until post-election.

8.2. The Scotland Loves Local voucher scheme is to return to try and encourage local spending. Any shopowners wishing to participate should contact SBC.

8.3. Council Tax contact number is 0300 100 1800

8.4. Funding for school meals has been extended.

8.5. After extensive consultation, SBC has now agreed a policy that no Sexual Entertainment licenses will be issued in the region.

9. **PLANNING**

9.1. No new applications received.

9.2. It was noted that the extension of planning covering the landscaping condition at Slaters' Yard Development expires on 31st March 2022 with no sign of any planting having taken place. CS to pursue.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1. Correspondence received regarding litter/mess and wheelie bin issues at Community Hub. It was noted this has now been tidied.

10.2. It was noted that there is a new fence around the Community Club car park which tidies the area.

11. **HEALTH & SAFETY**

11.1. It was noted that an outline proposal had been received for CC comment.

While it was made clear that there is not yet any undertaking to install any fencing along this section of the Southern Upland Way it was generally felt that the discussion was a positive step forward and further dialogue was to be encouraged . GT/CR and AP would like to meet to walk the route proposed to get a collective view on the proposal.

12. **POLICE REPORTS**

12.1. Received.

13. **AOCB**

13.1. Christmas lights were discussed. It was generally agreed that additional lights would increase our our carbon footprint at a time when everyone should be looking to reduce energy consumption so this would not be pursued any further.

13.2. Electric Car Charging points were discussed. Various possible options for charging locations were discussed but it was felt that the infrastructure issues would need to be addressed at the same time. SBC are getting a feasibility study on the infrastructure. CS will look at options for consulting more widely.

14. ***Date of Next Meeting – 28th April 2022 via Teams***

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or approach any Community Councillor

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