St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held via 'Teams' on 28th April 2022 7.15p.m.

Date of next meeting 26th May 2022 venue tbc
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 28th April 2022

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

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
   - 2.1. **Planning** - CS to contact Julie Hayward re the landscape condition at Slater's Yard for update.
   - 2.2. **Car Charging points** – this could be a desk-based exercise looking for potential locations. Investigate whether any compnaies provide feasibility studies. Possible Newcastleton CC may have had a feasibility study done. CS to pursue.
   - 2.3. **Community Resilience** – CE to pursue. CR to forward V.Hall contact details.
   - 2.4. Previous Minutes were accepted.
     YC Proposed, AF Seconded.

3. **TREASURERS REPORT**
   - 3.1. The Treasurer was not able to attend due to Covid but reported via email that the Auditor still has the accounts. ***WB to pursue***
   - 3.2. AP reported that further expenditure has been incurred against the Village Centre Enhancements grant from Cheviot Community Fund and Green St Boswells budget that was previously allocated. This will be reported at the next meeting. ***AP/WB***
   - 3.3. Payment for Remembrance Sunday musicians tbc. ***GT***
   - 3.4. DO/AD to be consulted regarding transfer of War Memorial funds to main CC account. ***GT***

4. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

4.1. Awaiting suitable dates from SBC Road Safety (Philippa Gilhooley). ***CR to pursue***

5. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

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

6. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

6.1. **Community Woodland Workday** - the next workday is planned for 7th May (first Saturday of each month) 10-12 a.m. Work planned is a Bug Hotel and to realign steps by the pond. All are welcome to come along and help, or chat. 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.**

6.2. **Lime Avenue on Main Street** – it was noted that SBC has carried out some pruning which is welcomed.

6.3. **Leaning Lampost-** on The Green by the fallen tree has been reported.

6.4. **Village Centre Planters –** weeding and watering is continuing. All are welcome to help on a Wednesday morning 10a.m. Meet at the Bus Stop. **Post Meeting Note :** an additional bulk water carrier and siphon has been purchased.

6.5. **Springfield Community Garden** – there was quite a low response rate to the flyer - 6 responses received. All were supportive of the idea of creating a community garden and most suggested some tree or orchard planting with some seats. All responders were contacted for further engagement but there was limited response at this subsequent stage. AP to meet with one neighbour for further discussion.

7. **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

7.1. Commemorative Tree - a cast iron plaque to match the other tree plaques has been ordered. A post will be required.

7.2. The Village Hall has made a successful bid to SBC Jubilee grant fund for a new light above the main door and hope to organise an event to mark the installation.

7.3. The Village Week Committee have made a successful bid to SBC Jubilee grant fund to hold the Picnic In The Park event on the Sunday at the end of Village Week.

8. **SBC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

8.1. Tour of Britain Stage event will be held in Galashiels on 4th May 2022

8.2. SBC is consulting on a proposed increase to taxi fares – 4.6% as of 15th May 2022. Consultation is available online.

8.3. Ukraine refugees – 63 visas have been issued around the Borders. SBC has vetted 30 properties. A maximum of 90 refugee places have been identified through an established scheme.

9. **PLANNING**

9.1. Alterations and Extension – Thorndene 22/00612/FUL. CC had no comment to make.

Post Meeting Note : 2 further aplications have been submitted :

9.2. Extension and removal of conservatory – West Lea, Jenny Moore's Road 22/00685/CLPU

9.3. Alterations to form pitched roof and cladding changes – Border Plastics, Charlesfield Estate 22/00711/FUL

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1. A letter has been received regarding inappropriate dog-walking within Benrig Cemetery. ***CS to approach the Minister for discussion***

10.2. A letter has been received questioning why the crime figures for the area are so poor. Refer to AOCB below

11. **HEALTH & SAFETY**

11.1. It was noted that SBC had been in touch regarding a necessary change in design for the proposed fencing along the Fens Haugh section of the Southern Upland Way to separate cattle and walkers. It was agreed to raise this with the new Councillor after the election. CS to write to SBC Ranger to formally ask about progress.

12. **AOCB**

12.1. **Police Report** – the Annual Report shows the crime figures fr the area worsening (as per letter noted in Item 10.2 above). It was agreed to write to Gary Chisholm, Community Police Liaison noting concern, requesting background information and to attend a meeting if possible, to discuss concerns. CS to contact CC Network to ascertain if they have a view.

12.2. **Placemaking Workshop** - AP attended an online workshop where SBC were seeking views on how to approach this new service planning process.

12.3. **Christmas lights** – it was confirmed that this item is on hold.

12.4. **Food Bank** – it was agreed to explore what is happening in other locations eg Galashiels, Selkirk and discuss whether they have identified a need within our Parish. ***AF to pursue***

12.5. **CC Meetings** – it was agreed that meeting in person was a desirable aim but that the Lesser Hall felt a bit small for the likely numbers and length of time of meetings. Could Church Hall or Community Club could be available on a trial basis? ***CR to investigate***

13. ***Date of Next Meeting – 26th May 2022 venue TBC***

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**
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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.
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