St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Church Hall on 26th May 2022 7.15p.m.

Date of next meeting 30th June 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 26th May 2022

1. **ATTENDEES** : C. Richard (Chair), Y.Clement, C. Emond, C. Strang, A Patterson. Cllr Pam Brown was welcomed to the meeting following her success at the recent elections. Cllr Hamilton was also welcomed back.
2. **APOLOGIES :** Cllr Scott, M. Barrie, W. Burns, A. Farnish, G. Tweddle

With only 5 CC members able to attend, the meeting was not quorate. It was agreed that the meeting go ahead for discussion purposes only. No formal decisions could be taken.

3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3.1.	Previous Minutes – Proposed YC. Seconded CE.	
3.2.	Payment for Remembrance Day musicians	GT
3.3.	DO/AD to be consulted re transfer of War Memorial Funds to main CC account.	CR
3.4.	Planning – no landscaping at Slaters Yard yet.	
3.5.	Awaiting suitable dates from SBC Road Safety (Philippa Gilhooley)	CR
3.6.	Food Bank donations – contact made with Selkirk organisation	AF

4. **TREASURERS REPORT**

4.1. The Treasurer was not able to attend but submitted a short summary explaining that some small expenditure has been made since last month and further adjustments are likely to be needed before submitting claim for CC Maintenance Grant.

4.2.	**Balance at Banks**	**£7,572.35**
	Clydesdale	£7,525.50
	Royal Bank of Scotland	£46.85

4.3. **Monies ring fenced**

Covid Group Grant Balance	£996.46
Fallago Environment Grant (for bridle path and woodland)	£2,022.13
Polwarth Fountain	£100
Green St Boswells	£1,250
Village Hall Website	£120
Expenses	£150
Residue of Pathways Grant	£282
Christmas Lights	£70
Village Centre Enhancements Grant	£316
Jubilee Commemorative Tree and Plaque	£500
	£5,806.59

Leaving an adjusted Balance of **£1,765.76 a**s at 31st March 2022

NOTE : This figure includes £500 which was previously allocated for an outstanding Invoice for Community Payback Team from 2020 – it is not clear whether this invoice still requires to be submitted.

WB/AP

5. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

5.1. Awaiting response from Village Hall Committee regarding the possible installation of an emergency generator hook-up point.

5.2. Suggestion to approach Minister regarding whether Church Hall might be suitable as an Emergency Resilience Centre.

5.3. Explore whether grants may be available. ***CE***

6. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

6.1. **Planters** – planting largely completed. Watering rota is an ongoing item. ***AP***

6.2. **Community Woodland** – Friends of The Woodland Group are exploring possible grant funding to remove hanging and fallen trees as there is no indication as to when Buccleuch Estates may get around to this work.

6.3. **Paths –** the CC has some responsibility for some paths around the Village. SBC generally carry out their verge grass-cutting during June/July. CC sometimes has some difficulty getting contractors to carry out work. ***CC Members please pass info on condition of paths around village to AP.***

7. **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

7.1. Commemorative Tree - the cast iron plaque has arrived. Awaiting approval from Vets for the proposed post.

Post Meeting Note : approval has been received and post is ordered.

7.2. The Village Hall has organised an unveiling event for the Commemorative light. The Duke of Buccleuch is to attend.

8. **SBC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

8.1. Cllr Hamilton was congratulated on his appointment as Deputy Leader of the Council.

8.2. Newly elected Council Member for Jedburgh and District, Pam Brown, commented on the quick election count carried out by SBC. All new Members are now undergoing Induction Training.

8.3. Cllr Brown's working background is with the Pensions Agency. She would like to hear what communities want. She will Chair the Cheviot Area Partnership.

8.4. Watson McAteer is the new Convener and Euan Jardine is the new Leader.

8.5. St Boswells Play Park - funding is confirmed for 2022/23 financial year.

8.6. Mobile CCTV reports are available form Community Action Team. Deployment locations are assessed on the level of potential for criminal risk.

9. **GYPSY FAIR**

9.1. The anticipated dates for this year's Fair are : ***Arrival*** Thursday July 14th, ***Fair Day*** July 18th, ***Departure*** Tuesday July 19th. There is a new SBC Co-ordinator. It was proposed to engage as soon as possible. ***CS***

9.2. It was reported that it was felt there were some issues last year which it would be helpful to address in advance of the Fair.

10. **PLANNING**

10.1. **Demolition and erection of Garden Room** - The House Of Narrow Gates 22/00822/FUL – no comments from CC.

Post Meeting Note : further Planning Applications were received in May

10.2. Extension to House – 8 Springfield Tce 22/00838/FUL

10.3. Formation of Off-street Parking – 33 Springfield Tce 22/00857/FUL

10.4. Work to Trees – Footpath Adj + garden ground Narrow Gates 22/00791/TCA

10.5. Work to Trees – Summerlea 22/00867/TCA linked with 10.6 below

10.6. Removal of Tree – Annfield House 22/00868/TCA

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. Non received

12. **AOCB**

12.1. **Police Report** – Received Jedburgh Report. Selkirk Report via Newtown CC.

12.2. CS to invite Police Rep to attend CC meeting to explain the increase in crime

figures. ***CS***

12.3. **Car Boot Sales** – a question was asked about whether these would be resuming. There have been discussions previously about the lack of proper marshalling at non-CC car boot sales. Agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

12.4. It was agreed that an extended agenda item was required to discuss current finance situation and whether we could look at providing small grant funds to groups within the Parish. ***CS/WB***

12.5. AP attended an online workshop run by The Bridge titled 'Greening Community Buildings'. Ettrick Village Hall provided information on how they applied for grant finding and made savings by insulating and upgrading to an air-to-air heat exchange system. There is an opportunity to look at a feasibility study across the various community buildings within the Village to see if this is something that any organisation wishes to pursue further.

12.6. It was suggested that a presentation on the Borders Railway Extension could be held in the Viallge. ***CS to investigate***

13. ***Date of Next Meeting – 30th June 2022 venue TBC***

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