

St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on 1st Dec 2022 7.15p.m. This replaced the meeting postponed from 24th Nov 2022.

Date of next meeting 26th Jan 2023 venue Church Hall

Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at stbosppccsecretary@gmail.com or 07736 969 226

DRAFT Notes of Community Council meeting held on Thursday 1st Dec 2022

1. **ATTENDEES** : G. Tweddle (Chair), W. Burns, C. Emond, A. Farnish, C. Richard, A. Patterson
2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllrs Brown, Hamilton, Scott, M. Barrie, Y. Clement, C. Strang
3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** Proposed – AF. Seconded - CE
4. **TREASURERS REPORT**
 - 4.1. **Foodbank** - It was noted that several residents are kindly making cash donations towards the Foodbank. Contributions come into the CC account and are ring-fenced so they can only be used for this purpose. The previously agreed allocation from Covid Grant has been used for the necessary fresh food additions but there have been more referrals than anticipated and additional funds will be required. An application for separate funding is being made.
AF to add info on the number of recipients. **AF**
School and Church are continuing to refer residents if necessary and some other emergency needs are being met through this network.
It was proposed to add an additional £100 to the Foodbank allocation pending the grant application decision.
GT Proposed. CR Seconded. Proposal was agreed by all present.
 - 4.2. **Defibrillator** – it was suggested that Small Schemes may be a possible funding source. Gillian Jardine, Cheviot Community Adviser, SBC, to be approached for advice. **CR**
 - 4.3. **CC Maintenance Grant Application** - due to be made and all CC Members need to confirm that they will abide by the Code of Conduct and Equalities Statement. **WB to circulate email to all CC Members**

4.4. Balance at 1/9/22	£6,695.35
Held in 2 accounts Clydesdale £6648.60	
Royal Bank of Scotland £46.75	

4.5 Expenditure

3/10/22 Green St Boswells	£97.30
10/10/22 Church hall hire	£21.00
25/10/22 Hedge Cutting	£168.00
26/10/22 Hall website	£80.00

4.6 Balance at 26/10/22 in Clydesdale account	£6,282.30
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4.7 Income since statement

4/11/22 Foodbank	£20
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7/11/22 Border Berries	£410
8/11/22 Paths For All Grant	£1,125

4.8 Expenditure since statement

3/10/22 Church Hall Let	£26.25
26/10/22 Poppy Wreath	£49.60

4.9 Balance as at 27/11/22 in Clydesdale account	£7,771.45
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4.10 Expenditure since statement – cheques not yet cashed

26/11/22 Foodbank	£25.13
26/11/22 Green St Boswells	£98.12
26/11/22 Admin – photocopy paper	£6.50
26/11/22 Woodland – poster	£5.14
26/11/22 Let fee for CC meeting	£30
26/11/22 Piper for Remembrance Days 2021 & 2022	£50

Information Below Carried forward from 27/11/22 with deductions for payments made

4.11 Monies ring fenced

Covid Group Grant Balance	£846.46
Foodbank costs (£150 allocated + £30 donation)	£154.87
Fallago Environment Grant (£230 to woodland bridge)	£1792.13
Polwarth Fountain	£100
Green St Boswells	£852.18
Expenses	£143.50
Residues of Pathways Grant	£359
Christmas Lights	£70
Village Centre Enhancements Grant	£325
Community Woodland	£282.86
Gypsy Fair monies	£415
Paths For All Grant	<u>£1,125</u>
Total Ring Fenced	£6,466

Leaving an adjusted balance of **£1,305.45** as at November 2022

5. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

- 5.1. A short report 16/11/22 was presented for discussion.
- 5.2. A new '7-year' battery was fitted 2 years ago but this is dead. The pads go out of date in early 2023. The cabinet is not fit for purpose – the inside is running with condensation which has probably contributed to the unit's demise in conjunction with cold exposure. It is considered by some that the current positioning is too exposed and a more sheltered site would be preferable. It appears that cabinets for external use now come with full waterproof IP66 rating as well as electrical heating to maintain an internal temperature above 10 degrees. Obviously this requires a mains power supply.
- 5.3. A new defibrillator and cabinet would cost around £1500 - £2500. British Heart Foundation will provide some support but a balance will need to be found. CE to contact Gillian Jardine, SBC, to discuss possible options for grant funding. AF to put out FB post advising that the current defibrillator is not working. CR to explore possible options for relocation site.

6. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

- 6.1. Community Woodland – the horse logging event is planned for 3rd Dec 2022 with the aim of gathering up the loose timber that has been left lying around the woodland floor following Storm Arwen. Further tree removal by a qualified tree surgeon is planned after this event. This is largely funded by Paths For All grant but will need a small top-up, £100, from CC funds.
- 6.2. A small herbaceous planting area has been started in the grass area by the Bus Stop toilet building. Bulbs have already been planted.
- 6.3. Bulbs have been added to the mini-meadow area on the Lower Green.
- 6.4. GSB are supporting the primary school Parent Friend Partnership in their grant application for micro-orchard and Queen's Green Canopy mini-woodland.
- 6.5. Springfield residents are looking to create a Community Garden in the old play park area at the south end of Springfield Road. GSB is helping them co-ordinate with SBC Parks & Recreation.

The Community Council receives a small grant to help maintain a small number of footpaths around the village. We are looking for someone who regularly walks the village paths to help us spend this money. Please contact the Secretary or any CC Member if you would like to help in any way.

7. **SBC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

7.1. Councillors were unfortunately not able to attend this rescheduled meeting.

8. **2023 Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies Boundary Commission for Scotland Consultation** - deadline for comments is 5th December 2022. There does not appear to be any immediate impact for our area.

9. **PLANNING**

9.1. Two planning applications have been notified by the SBC. Any comments should be circulated to the Secretary for onward transmission to Julie Hayward.

(9.1.1) Replacement windows and door: 4 Viewfield St Boswells

(9.1.2) Installation of photovoltaic array to outbuilding: Narrowgates Stable Cottage Main Street St Boswells

10. **POLICE REPORTS** - Jedburgh and Selkirk MMW Reports were circulated previously

11. **AOCB**

11.1. Update should be requested from SBC for 20mph signing and temporary road closure arrangements/programme. **GT**

11.2. Update should be requested on Playing Fields Playpark Consultation. **CS**

11.3. Question was raised regarding the lack of maintenance to the Conservative Office on Main Street.

11.4. Agreed that an annual calendar of community events and associated deadlines would help with future event planning and co-ordination. **AF/CS**

11.5. Remuneration to Tony (Newsagents) for hosting Christmas lights was discussed. It was agreed that a 50% uplift would be in line with current inflation and energy costs. **WB**

12. **Date of Next Meeting – 26th Jan 2023 at 7:15p.m. venue Church Hall**

Any members of the public wishing to join the meeting or raise an issue of local concern please contact The Secretary at stbospcsecretary@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 make your views known.