

St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Church Hall on Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7.15pm

Date of next meeting AGM 27th April 2023 in Village 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 30th March 2023

1. **ATTENDEES** : C. Richard (Chair), W. Burns, Y. Clements, C. Emond, A. Farnish, M. Barrie, Cllr Scott, 1 Member of Public
2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr P. Brown, G. Twedde, C. Strang, A. Patterson, Cllr S. Hamilton
3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** : Proposed AF, Seconded YC
4. **MATTERS ARISING not on Agenda**
 - a. Since confirming our SBC Local Development Plan 2 representations to DPEA , it was noted that the Secretary has received a further eight sets of comments from them. No further action is required by the CC at this time.
5. **TREASURERS REPORT**
 - 5.1 The report was circulated, monies for Bridal Path and Hall let still to come off, WB to follow up.
 - 5.2 Some foodbank donations still to be returned, WB to follow up.
 - 5.3 Defibrillator purchased at a lower cost than previously quoted, request from Travellers for a plaque dedicated to one of their community in memoriam, this was agreed, CR to look at pricing.
 - 5.4 It is proposed that £330 be allocated for the upcoming Christmas lights. **This was agreed.**
 - 5.5 The Village Hall has requested the £500 King's Coronation grant for an afternoon event over the Coronation weekend, This has been awarded this week and will be coming into CC account this week. AF to check with Village Hall and CS re the route of this application.
 - 5.6 Thanks given to WB for her hard work on the accounts this month.
6. **DEFIBRILLATOR**
 - 6.1 Defibrillator in place and fully functional. Awaiting information from St John's re community training. Plaque to be added see 5.3 above. The defib comes with a 10-year warranty, CR to check frequency of maintenance checks and these to be added to the annual plan.
 - 6.2 Tony's Newsagent to complete the wooden support and RCD installation
7. **FOODBANK**
 - 7.1 Collections will continue at Tony's Newsagents and Church Hall and will be delivered to Jedburgh and/or Selkirk Foodbank for onward distribution. (AF)
 - 7.2 After discussions with Foundation Scotland, The Rooney Trust grant of £480 has now been spent on supermarket vouchers to be delivered to Jedburgh Food Bank this week. (AF/ AP)
 - 7.3 Some cash donations are still to be returned. (WB)

8. **GENERATOR CONNECTIONS and CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

8.1 Installation is being planned to tie in with other electrical work at the Church Hall, still awaiting update but ready to go.

8.2 A4 laminated sheet will be attached to explain instructions. (CE)

8.3 There were 2 replies to requests for registration of emergency generators by members of the community, AF to check with CE re GDPR requirements for how these are to be recorded. Checking availability of these to be added to the annual plan. (AF)

8.4 Re Christmas lights: SPEN are due to install a feeder pillar over the next few weeks. It is hoped that this might help to establish land ownership as wayleaves will need to be approved. It will be available to the community for use, but locked under permit probably held by CE.

8.5 CR to speak to resident closest to this access point regarding this installation as a courtesy.

9. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM**

9.1 There is currently one vacancy on the CC. AF to advertise out on social media, village hall website and posters.

9.2 GT to write Chair's report for the AGM.

9.3 Some discussion about when the end of the tenure cycle for CC members is. To be clarified by GT.

10. **CORONATION EVENT GRANT and CORONATION CHAMPIONS AWARD**

10.1 See 5.5 above

10.2 Details for nominating Coronation Champions Awards explained to all present.

11. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

11.1 Community Woodland Spring Tidy Up this Saturday 1st April – all welcome to collect litter picking equipment. Any resident welcome to collect this at any time for individual litter picking.

11.2 Community Gardens £3000.88 awarded from Cheviot Neighbourhood Support fund to support a group of Orchard Park residents to create a Community Fruit and Veg communal growing area.

12. **LAND OWNERSHIP** AP in ongoing meetings to clarify this, to update CC via email (AP)

13. **SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL** Councillors' Report from Cllr Scott

13.1 Play Park Jenny Moore's Road – emails noted with update from SBC regarding successful contract awarded to Kompan. This project will potentially start in the next couple of months, with plans for benches / shelter / bins put to next financial year.

13.2 Community Cycling Fund – grants available of between £3000 and £15,000 to community groups

13.3 Lowood House / Tweedbank proposed development, not yet agreed, still in discussion in contrary to press coverage

13.4 Coronation Day Holiday – all SBC schools will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023

13.5 My SBC Tax online. All residents are encouraged to sign up for an account to use the new digital customer platform.

13.6 St Boswells Village Hall were successful in their application for £3335.36 to replace the boiler and dishwasher

13.7 St Boswells OAP Social Club were unsuccessful in their application for £1662.75 for trips, but were awarded £500 for ongoing costs

13.8 Cheviot Community Fund Assessment Panel – if anyone would like to become a member of this panel please contact SBC

13.9 SBC front office appears to be closed on a Friday to the public, reducing opportunities to use face-to-face facilities, Cllr Scott to enquire on behalf of CC

13.10 RBS van is inaccessible to disabled/elderly residents, Cllr Scott to enquire on behalf of CC

14. **PLANNING** – no objections to Willow Cottage installation of electric vehicle charging point

15. **POLICE REPORTS** – previously circulated to CC, no comments

16. **AOCB**

16.1 St Boswells Fair – Trap Race currently going through planning process with SBC for this portion of the Fair. Although some concerns were raised, it was agreed that this is the best course of action to ensure improved communication and the best outcome for all involved. AF to enquire who gets a voice in the approval/rejection of the planning application and if alcohol is allowed under these conditions.

17. **Date of Next Meeting** – *AGM Thursday 27th April 2023 from 7:15pm in the Lesser Village 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.

There is currently a vacancy on the Community Council, please consider joining us to make your views known.