

# St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Date of next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Church Hall  
Members of the Public wishing to join this meeting should contact the Secretary at  
[stbosppccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stbosppccsecretary@gmail.com) or 07736 969 226

## DRAFT Notes of Community Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

1. **WELCOME** : Fire evacuation and housekeeping
2. **ATTENDEES** : C. Strang (Secretary & Deputising Chair), M. Barrie, Y. Clements, C. Emond, A. Patterson (Minute Secretary), Councillor P. Brown
3. **APOLOGIES** : W. Burns, A. Farnish, C. Richard, G. Tweddle, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Scott,
4. **MINUTES of previous AGM** : Conducted via Zoom
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT** : see attached Report
6. **TREASURERS REPORT** : see attached Reports
  - 6.1. Reports approved subject to audit
7. **SUB-GROUPS**
  - 7.1. Various sub-groups are currently running :  
Car Boot Sales, Christmas Lights, Community Woodland, Defibrillator, Foodbank, Green St Boswells, Resilience Generator Point, Windfarms.
8. **AGREEMENTS**
  - 8.1. Members noted the St Boswells Parish Community Council Constitution.
  - 8.2. All Members have agreed to abide by SBC Code of Conduct for Community Councils.
  - 8.3. All Members have agreed to abide by the Community Council's Equalities Policy.
9. **AOCB**
  - 9.1. **Record of Assets** – SBPCC has historically taken ownership of The Green (see map) but it has recently come to light that there is a legal issue with that asset transfer. This situation requires to be regularised with the establishment of a SCIO.  
CC hold a number of litter-pickers for general community use.
  - 9.2. **Grants** - The Community Council receives an additional small grant to help maintain a small number of footpaths around the village (see map). We are looking for someone who regularly walks the village paths to help us spend this money.

Cheviot Neighbourhood Support grants conditions now state only one grant per calendar year per CC and one per sub-group.

- 9.3. **Term of Office** - current Members Term of Office ends in 2024.

## **THE AGM ENDED AND WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ORDINARY MEETING**

10. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** : Minutes agreed
11. **MATTERS ARISING** : None
12. **CORONATION EVENT GRANT** : The Village Hall made an application and will be running a Coronation event. Money has been received.
13. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS** : Application to Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund for community food growing and wildlife garden areas was successful but a planning application is required for the food-growing area which will slow things up. SBHA also require a lease arrangement.
14. **LAND OWNERSHIP MATTERS** : Strang, Richard and Patterson visited Newstead Community Trust for background. A SCIO is the preferred route to regularise the ownership of The Green. This will require village-wide consultation and a long-term plan. Community Land Scotland continue to assist to explore legal options.
15. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** :
- 15.1. There have been some behaviour issues noted on school buses.
- 15.2. Full Council meeting was online 31<sup>st</sup> March and discussed Community Wealth Building and Teviot Day Centre, Hawick which is to be re-opened.
- 15.3. Public questions for Council meetings should be submitted 15 days prior to meetings.
- 15.4. Children and Young Person's Partnership planning post was approved.
- 15.5. A new fund has been launched aimed at engaging people in activities.
- 15.6. Questions were asked about Under-22's bus passes and Community Representation at Council meetings.
- 15.7. Local Plan hearing is underway.
16. **POLICE REPORTS** – Jedburgh Report received
17. **AOCB**
- 17.1. Church Hall electrical works planned 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- 17.2. Scottish Power quote for lighting supply pillar has been received. CE to obtain separate quote for trench only.
- 17.3. SBC now has 24 car charging points at Newton St Boswells. What is their overall strategy?
- 17.4. CC still has a vacancy – anyone is welcome to come to a meeting to see what is involved.

- 17.5. CC Insurance has been renewed.
  - 17.6. An FOI regarding trunk road speed limit changes - decision was made by Transport Scotland.
  - 17.7. No Planning Application this month.
  - 17.8. Works to a site along Selkirk Road was noted – no Planning App received.
  - 17.9. J. Pollock still has paperwork to hand over to current CC.
18. ***Date of Next Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto: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.**