

St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Church Hall on 25th May 2023

Date of next meeting 29th June 2023 in the 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 25th April 2023

1. **ATTENDEES** : G. Tweddle (Chair), M. Barrie, Y. Clement, C. Emond, A. Farnish, C. Richard, C. Strang, A. Patterson, Cllr Hamilton
2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr P. Brown, Cllr Scott, W. Burns
3. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** : Proposed CS, Seconded YC
4. **MATTERS ARISING not on Agenda**
 - 4.1. **Christmas Lights** – quotations are now in from Scottish Power and SBCContracts for an electrical supply and associated groundworks. Quotes are between £1,750 and a little under £3,000. A full size/temporary tree will be required Christmas 2023 even assuming SBC are able to provide a tree for planting. Neighbours to be advised. Someone will need to take forward the co-ordination of the whole plan.
Post Meeting Note : LS had advised that she is unable to be this person.
Outline of plan and associated costs is needed to enable consideration of funding options. **CE**
 - 4.2. Resilience Generator – awaiting Church electrician. LS
 - 4.3. Foodbank – Remainder of money donated has been handed over as vouchers. Donations of food are still welcome at Tony's Newsagents, Old Post Office.
 - 4.4. Community Woodland - 3rd June Moth Count, Bug Hunt and woodland tour.
 - 4.5. Coronation Event – CC thanks the Village Hall Committee and all the individual volunteers for organising this event which was well received by all the attendees.
 - 4.6. Defibrillator – training to be arranged – Jed Hearts has offered to provide this. Servicing requirements to be clarified and included in CC annual calendar.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Balance at 31/03/23 **£5401.79**

Held in 2 accounts

Clydesdale £5354.85

Royal Bank of Scotland £46.94

1.2 Income

11/4/23 Foodbank donation £500

19/4/23 SBC Pathways Grant £500

1.3 Expenditure

13/4/23 Church Hall let £26.25

1.4 Balance at 19/4/23 in Clydesdale account **£6328.60**

1.5 Income since statement

2/5/23 Green St Boswells grant £3088.00

1.6 Expenditure since statement

5/5/23 Coronation Grant passed on to Village Hall £500

1.7 Balance at 8/05/23 in Clydesdale account **£8,829.48**

1.8 Expenditure since statement – cheques not cashed

28/2/23 Village hall let (January, February) £90

9/5/23 St Boswells OAP Social Club (covered by grant award) £500

9/5/23 Food Bank Donations to Jedburgh Food Bank £360

10/5/23 Coffee Flask for Woodland Activities £30.99

12/5/23 Community Woodland £21.98

Village Centre Enhancements £28 £49.98

TOTAL £1,030.97

1.9 Monies ring fenced

Pathways Grant £450

Scottish Borders Council Generator Point grant £861.98

Green St Boswells £750

Village Centre Enhancements Grant £325

Polwarth Fountain £100

Community Woodland £300

War Memorial £46.90

Christmas Lights Project £330

Green St Boswells Grant (Orchard Park/Springfield) £3088

Total Ring-fenced **£6,251.88**

1.8 Remaining

Unallocated tbc £916.63

Maintenance grant - for village hall website postings, Office sundries, poppy wreath, piper payment, electricity payment for Christmas lights etc £630

6. **GREEN ST BOSWELLS**

6.1. A Planning Pre-App will be submitted for Orchard Park Community Garden following advice received form SBC. No cost for CC.

6.2. Further conversations with SBC are required regarding the grass-cutting regime on The Green.

6.3. **Paths Around the Village**

The Community Council receives a small grant to help maintain **some** of the 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.***

We are also looking for suitably Trained and Insured Contractors who would be willing to carry out some of this work. Please get in touch.

7. **LAND OWNERSHIP**

7.1. A SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) needs to be set up to regularise the ownership of The Green. Community Land Scotland continue to support the CC to track down ownership of the 'Undivided Land' contiguous with The Green. Contact has been made with Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action (formerly The Bridge). Questions raised about The Fair and Car Boot Sales situation.

Post Meeting Note : SBC lawyers and Insurers have been contacted for further advice.

8. **WINDFARM**

8.1. Energiekontor have provided advice about dates for Unusual Load traffic movements. These are currently programmed for overnight during June and July but are subject to Police Scotland availability.

9. **CAR BOOT SALES**

9.1. There was some discussion about the possibility of car boot sales returning to be held on The Green. Possible alternative location (Playing Fields) were not considered suitable.

9.2. Further clarification is to be sought on the liability for the CC Office Bearers.

AP

9.3. Agreed to explore setting up a group of interested individuals to take on the organisation of this going forward.

MB

10. **SOCIAL MEDIA**

10.1. Brief 'Pen Portraits' CC Members to be passed to AF for posting on website. Please include a photo.

ALL

11. ST BOSWELLS FAIR

- 11.1. The Safety Advisory Group met to discuss the organisation and operation of Trap Race on the Saturday.
- 11.2. The Travellers have requested a change to the dates that their gathering runs as their lifestyles have changed. A meeting on this point is planned during this year's Fair.
- 11.3. Greg Aitken, SBC Liaison, to be invited to next months CC meeting to gather questions feedback and questions likely to arise.
- 11.4. A plaque for the defibrillator has been paid for by the Travellers in memory of the passing of one of their community. Event to affix this tba. **AF**

12. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- 12.1. Destination Tweed have presented their plan for an Outline Business Case staged over the next ten years.
- 12.2. Schloss Roxburgh are looking for hospitality staff.
- 12.3. SBC Living Wage Group now has Cllr Scott Hamilton as their Champion and will seek accreditation.
- 12.4. Live Borders Review is planned during September and will be carrying out public consultation.
- 12.5. NSB and St Boswells will be part of a Community Conversations event.
- 12.6. UCI Biking Championships at Glentress promises to be a large event with live tv streaming.
- 12.7. Electoral Boundary changes – St Boswells (Ettrick Roxburgh Berwickshire ward) unaffected.
- 12.8. There is currently a Housing consultation underway.
- 12.9. Scottish Parliament are looking at Community Empowerment.

13. POLICE REPORT

- 13.1. Jedburgh has been received but no Selkirkshire.

14. AOCB

- 14.1. Cows have now been put on The Haugh (footpath by the river from Mertoun Bridge to Benrig) with signs at either end.
- 14.2. CC have been approached by a group to have a Pride Picnic on The Croft. No objections.
- 14.3. A Pentecostal Church event is also planned.
- 14.4. The 'As-Seen-From-The-Road' Garden competition will be taken forward by MB/AM.

15. ***Date of Next Meeting – 29th June 2023 at 7:15p.m. venue Lesser 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.