

St BOSWELLS PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Village Hall 29th June 2023

Date of next meeting 31st Aug 2023 in the Church Hall

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

DRAFT Notes of Community Council meeting held on Thursday 29th June 2023

1. Chair welcomed all attendees.
2. **ATTENDEES** : G. Tweddle (Chair), W. Burns, Y. Clement, A. Farnish, C. Richard, C. Strang, A. Patterson, Cllr Hamilton + 2 Members of the Public

Police : Community Sergeant A. Grainger

SBC : Community Liaison, G. Aitken

3. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr P. Brown, Cllr S. Scott, C. Emond, M. Barrie
4. **PREVIOUS MINUTES** : Proposed AF, Seconded YC

5. **MATTERS ARISING not on Agenda**

- 5.1. **Christmas Lights** – estimates have been received for the electrical supply. We are looking for someone to lead this project, submit grant application and organise Christmas event.
- 5.2. Community Woodland – our Moth Event is planned for Saturday 5th August 8:30-12:00am at the Tennis Club car park.
- 5.3. Land ownership issue – this is in abeyance until we get further information about setting up a SCIO.

Post Meeting Note : CS and AP met Fiona Benton, Borders Community Action on 6th July.

6. **TREASURERS REPORT**

- 6.1. Accounts have been successfully audited.
- 6.2. Bank Account name has changed to Virgin Money (formerly Clydesdale).
- 6.3. Border Berries fee for use of The Green was reviewed and it was agreed that the fee would stay the same for 2023. To be reviewed next year.

6.1 Balance at 31/03/23 **£5,401.789**

Held in 2 accounts

Virgin Money £5354.85

Royal Bank of Scotland £46.94

6.2 Income

11/4/23	SBC King's Coronation Grant	£500
19/4/23	SBC Cheviot Fund grant for Pensioners	£500

6.3 Expenditure

13/4/23	Church Hall let	£26.25
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6.4 Balance at 19/4/23 in Virgin Money account £6,328.60**6.5 Income since statement**

3/5/23	Cheviot Fund Grant – Springfield, Orchard Park, The Green Community Wildlife & Food Growing	£3,000.88
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6.6 Expenditure since statement

5/5/23	St Boswells OAP Social Club	£500
12/5/23	Woodland activities – coffee flask	£30.99
12/5/23	Food bank donation to Jedburgh Food Bank	£360
16/5/23	Community Woodland £21.98 Village Centre Enhancements £28	£49.98
25/5/23	St Boswell's Village Hall- King's Coronation	£500

6.7 Balance at 27/06/23 in Virgin Money account £7,888.51**6.8 Expenditure since statement – cheques not cashed**

27/6/23	Church hall let (May)	£26.25
27/6/23	Plaque for defibrillator	£37.99

NB (I need to follow up a cheque not cashed from Feb - £90 for village hall lets)

ADJUSTED BALANCE £7,734.27**6.8 Monies paid into account - from March 23**

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

6.9 Ringfenced Monies

Pathways Grant	£450
Scottish Borders Council Generator Grant Hook Up	£861.98
Village Centre Enhancements Grant	£325
Polwarth Fountain grant	£100
War Memorial	£46.90
Green St Boswells allocation	£750
Community Woodland allocation	£300
Christmas Lights Project	<u>£330</u>
	£3,793.88
In addition from 3/5/23 Cheviot Fund Grant	£3,000.88
Total Ringfenced projects	£6,794.76

Uncommitted to date £939.51 tbc

7. ST BOSWELLS FAIR ARRANGEMENTS

Locals were invited to attend this month's CC meeting and were made aware Police Scotland and SBCs GTLO would be in attendance with the fair coming up. It was noted only 2 members of the community attended the meeting.

GA was asked by AF to give a short update on the fair itself this year.

- 7.1. GA explained although the fair itself is not an SBC event there is a yearly safety Advisory Group which takes place. This includes representatives from SBC Emergency Planning, Police Scotland and BEAR. GA also confirmed that the Fair dates were 13th - 18th July.
- 7.2. GA made its clear St Boswells Fair is not an official SBC event but is a longstanding custom through a charter agreed with the community back in the 1700's. SBC work closely with partners such as Police Scotland and the village Community Council to support both the GT community and the settled community on the build-up, during and after the fair. With this in mind GA was happy to release the GTLO email address to further support the community.
- 7.3. SBC would supply waste skips & wc's.
- 7.4. Once finalised Traffic control measures would be circulated with a copy being sent to elected members.
- 7.5. The Trap Race organisers have been encouraged to apply for an Event License which will allow for forward planning by the various agencies. This would also mean set times would need to be agreed and the route marshalled. The date for this will be Sat 15th. CC requested sight of the outline of license however SH commented it was not clear if this was possible.
- 7.6. A road closure for the A68 would be made available to police to allow horses & traps to cross the road down to Charlesfield ind est. Full detail would be shared.
- 7.7. Question was raised re. Event Insurance. This will be part of license process.
- 7.8. AF confirmed a Memorial plaque commemorating the 30th anniversary of the passing of one of the Travellers at a Fair, will be fixed in place on the Saturday. Residents are welcome to attend.
- 7.9. The fair dates were questioned by a member of the community, with particular regard to the importance of the 18th of July. GA & AF agreed that clarification on the dates for the fair each year would be discussed with the GT families upon arrival.
- 7.10. Community Liaison Officer will circulate the leaflet containing information about the organisation of The Fair and agency contact details. GA & AF agreed to leaflet drop to properties in proximity of the green and also local businesses.
- 7.11. AG explained the background work Police Scotland had carried out by attending Appleby and the learning points from there were explained.

- 7.12. AG confirmed resourcing levels were planned to be higher this year with regular patrols not only on the green but also through the village.
- 7.13. AG encouraged members of the public to communicate with any officers at the fair at the time of any issues/incidents.
- 7.14. AG explained issues experienced last year from the trap race and agreed that the work done this year would help but also made it clear that officers would continue to take learning points from this year. AG also explained the limitations officers have when following legislation in place.

8. **CAR BOOT SALES**

- 8.1. Poster and Facebook post required to gauge level of interest for participants to form an organising Sub-Group. **MB**
- 8.2. SBC has requested sight of waiver form used when groups other than CC are organising car boot sales, to check the Insurance and liability position of the CC particularly Office Bearers. **CS**

9. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- 9.1. A review of Festival Funding and Community Council funding arrangements is taking place.
- 9.2. Gala Academy plans have been approved.

10. **AOCB**

- 10.1. The 'As-Seen-From-The-Road' Garden competition going ahead during August. **MB/AM**
- 10.2. Pen Portraits of CC members to be completed.
- 10.3. 20MPH additional measures response has been received.
- 10.4. Two paths around the village looked after by C have been reported as overgrown. It is proving difficult to get Contractors to carry out this work.
- 10.5. Village Hall website – CC agreed to forward payment for the whole financial year.

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11. **Date of Next Meeting – 29th June 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.