

**Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council, at Tweedsmuir
Village Hall, on Thursday, 1 November 2018 (7.30pm)**

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, treasurer and vice chairman), Paul Greaves (PG, secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Lesley Mason (LM), Ralph Glatt (RG). Duncan Davidson (DD, chairman of Tweedsmuir Community Company), Heather Anderson (HA, SBC councillor), Eric Small (ES, SBC councillor) and 2 members of the public.

The minutes of the council's meeting on 3 October were approved

01.11 APOLOGIES

Community councillor Lesley Kirkwood and police representative Nicola Craig.

02.11 MATTERS ARISING

None

03.11 BROADBAND

MC reported that the broadband committee had held two meetings over the past month, with Duncan Nisbet, of R100, and a representative from a company which offered an alternative solution - wireless - to the self-dig part of the project. With the latter, a further site meeting was planned to see if the solution was possible. MC said the meeting with Mr Nisbet had been very promising and that he had subsequently sent a letter of support for the council's project.

PG reported that the initial application to Glenkerie had been approved, which meant the committee could now submit a full application in January, with a decision expected in March. He added a full application had now been submitted to SSE, with a decision due in early December. Regarding the voucher scheme, PG was still awaiting an updated list of those residents who had verified their pledges, but was hopeful most had now been completed.

04.11 CHANGE WORKS

GP reported that Change Works was a new venture in Peebles to offer people advice on their heating bills and ways to insulate their homes. The organisation wanted to make a presentation to Tweedsmuir residents. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea and that the meeting should be held out with the normal community council meetings.

05.11 SOURCE OF THE TWEED

HA said there was little to report, although she was seeking a meeting with Mark Rowley, portfolio holder for Rural Economic Development at SBC, to discuss the monument.

06.11 CROSSROADS DEVELOPMENT

GP said this development was taking a back seat as the council's main thrust was broadband provision, but that details and costings were being sought for what was planned for the crossroads, including a bus shelter and new signage board.

07.11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. Alterations and single storey extension to dwellinghouse
The Toll House Tweedsmuir Scottish Borders ML12 6QS
Ref. No: 18/01454/FUL |
2. Partial demolition, alterations and extension of existing inn building, change of use and alteration of existing outbuilding into cafe, office and ancillary facilities, erection of bunkhouse and biomass boiler outbuilding together with infrastructure, amenity and landscaping works
Crook Inn Hotel Tweedsmuir Biggar Scottish Borders ML12 6QN
Ref. No: 18/01342/FUL
3. Internal and external alterations
Crook Inn Hotel Tweedsmuir Biggar Scottish Borders ML12 6QN
Ref. No: 18/01333/LBC

All applications were approved by the community council

Cor Water forestry planting: GP said the council had received details of this replanting plan. Councillors agreed that there were no objections to the plan, as it was simply replacing existing forestry. However, it was agreed to write a letter to the Forestry Commission, asking for the introduction of community funds where new commercial forestry takes place. This would be in line with present policy regarding new wind farms.

08.11 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

Community News: Application for £188 in order that the Upper Tweed Community News (four issues) could be distributed free to all Tweedsmuir residents over the next 12 months - **approved.**

Paramedic equipment: Application for £198 from resident John Burnham to go towards the cost of equipment to help with his mountain rescue duties - **approved.**

Broughton Farmers Dance: Application for £250 for hire of Broughton Village Hall - **Deferred until next month.**

09.11 POLICE REPORT

No rural thefts

No reports of speeding or accidents

Housebreaking - West Linton: Between 9 and 10 October persons entered a secure property at The Smith, West Linton, and removed two sets of vehicle keys and then stole both vehicles from the driveway

09.11 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Food and farming meeting: HS reported that SBC was planning to hold a meeting in January next year for all stakeholders in food and farming to discuss the future.

Brexit: HS said SBC had promised a full report into the impact on the Scottish Borders of a no-deal Brexit. This would be available this month.

A701: ES said work on the A701 - from Romanno Bridge to Mountain Cross - had now been completed.

Rubbish collection: ES reported that SBC had discussed changing rubbish collection to a three-week cycle, but nothing had been agreed as yet.

10.10 CROOK INN

DD reported that Tweedsmuir Community Company had held a very well-attended annual meeting in which there were presentations by Jura Consultants, the architects WTA and the new project officer for the Crook Inn development, Bruce Clarke.

The planning application for new bunkhouse and cafe was now with SBC and a decision was expected early in the new year.

10.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Snowblower: BB reported that the council was still awaiting monies from SSE for the snow blower.

Christmas tree: Resident Christine Parker there had been an offer of a Christmas tree for the Crook Inn grounds and asked if the council would consider funding, via a windfarm grant, for solar lights for the tree. Councillors agreed this was an excellent idea and agreed Christine should progress the project.

Next meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council will be held on 6 December at the village hall (7:30pm)

