

**Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council, at Tweedsmuir  
Village Hall, on Thursday, 7 March, 2019 (7.30pm)**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, treasurer and vice chairman), Paul Greaves (PG, secretary), Lesley Mason (LM), Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor), and 3 members of the public.

**The minutes of the council's meeting on 7 February were approved**

**01.03 APOLOGIES**

Community councillors Ralph Glatt, Lesley Kirkwood and Mark Cullen and police representative Nicola Craig

**02.03 MATTERS ARISING**

**Source of the Tweed:** ES reported that monies to fund signage at the Source of the Tweed site had been approved by Scottish Borders Council. The signs will advise visitors to pick up their litter and take it home with them.

**Signage:** It was reported that dog-fouling signs had now been put up along Kirk Road by resident Rod Sibbald.

**03.03 BROADBAND**

PG said the application to Glenkerie for £69,000 was due to be considered by the local panel on Wednesday, March 13. If successful, this would be the final piece of the jigsaw and it was hoped work on the Community Fibre Partnership project would begin in the summer.

**04.03 CHANGE WORKS**

It was decided to ask Change Works if they would like to attend the community council meeting in April to give a short presentation. Change Works are a charity who advise on how to properly insulate your home, and have opened a branch in Peebles.

**05.03 ANNUAL MEETING**

With the council now four years old, BB reported that councillors would have to stand down at the annual meeting in May and that the community would need to be canvassed to see if any

resident would like to join the council. If there were more than six nominations, an election would be needed. BB said he would contact SBC for guidance on how to carry this forward.

### **06.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None

### **07.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None

### **08.03 POLICE REPORT**

**Rural Thefts:** No thefts reported.

**Speeding/Road Traffic:** No reports of speeding or accidents.

### **09.03 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**

ES reported that, as part of the budget recently approved by SBC, a rollout of Apple ipads to all schoolchildren in SBC area would commence in the coming months. The budget also included provision to employ six extra police officers and a sergeant - costing £280,000 - for the Borders area.

HA thought ipads were a great idea but the opposition had suggested a pilot scheme first and worried that not enough preparation would be done before the scheme's roll-out.

**Source of the Tweed:** HA said she was now aware that the monument was part of the Borderlands project, From Source to the Sea. This is a second attempt to get the project off the ground after an application to the Big Lottery for funds had been rejected three years ago..

**Buses:** The opposition budget proposals suggested there should be no cuts to the bus budget until a complete review of the service had been undertaken. HA reported that the taxi pilot scheme at West Linton, introduced after a £100,000 cut to the 101 bus service to Edinburgh, had been a success, with an increasing number of people using it. ES said the idea could be used in areas like Tweedsmuir, with HA adding that it would be real waste of money if SBC do not build on the pilot scheme. SBC is due to hold a rural transport conference in June when TCC will be invited.

### **10.03 CROOK INN**

Planning application to SBC for the new cafe and bunkhouse is waiting for a bat survey to be completed.

### **11.03 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Litter pick:** Councillors decided that better signage was needed to protect volunteers during the litter pick. One option would be to borrow the signs from the SBC. ES said he would contact SBC re the signage. Dates for the pick: 30-31 March to 6-7 April.

**Thank you:** BB reported that he had received a letter from resident John Burnham, thanking the community council for the microgrant he used to purchase equipment for his mountain rescue duties.

**Water supply:** GP said that estimates had now been received to connect the village hall and Crook Inn to the main water supply.

**Minute secretary:** Resident Debbie Cullen volunteered to take on the duties of minute secretary for the duration of the superfast broadband project.

**Next meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council will be held on 4 April at the village hall (7:30pm)**