

**Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council, at Tweedsmuir  
Village Hall, on Thursday, 4 August (7.30pm)**

**Present: Gavin Parker (chairman), Paul Greaves (secretary), Brian Bushell (treasurer), Scottish Borders Councillor Willie Archibald and 7 members of the public.**

**The minutes of the council's meeting on 2 June were approved**

**01.08 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Lesley Mason, Lesley Kirkwood and Police representative Nicola Craig

**02.08 MATTERS ARISING**

**SBC councillors:** Treasurer Brian Bushell asked that it be minuted that no Scottish Borders Councillor had been in attendance at the community council meeting in June and that no apologies had been received.

**New members:** Following two recent resignations from the council, residents had been contacted to ask for volunteers to be co-opted on to the council. Three had come forward and were duly proposed and seconded:

Mr Rod Sibbald: Proposed: Brian Bushell. Seconded: Christine Parker

Mr Ralph Glatt: Proposed: Paul Greaves. Seconded: Gavin Parker

Lesley Kirkwood: Proposed: Anne Patricia Sinclair-Shaw, Seconded: Eric Stephens.

**03.08 WHITELAW BRAE WIND FARM**

The secretary reported that a pre-inquiry statement had been sent to the Scottish government, outlining the basis of the community council's objection to the wind-farm application, which is subject to a public inquiry at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, starting on 23 August. This will be followed by a precognition - the full draft of the TCC's objections - which must be completed and lodged with the government by 9 August. The secretary said this was almost complete, and that he would forward to councillors when finished. The chairman thanked both Kirsty and Eric Stephens for their help with the council's response to the wind-farm application.

**04.08 BROADBAND**

Rod Sibbald, chairman of the broadband sub-committee, gave an update on the situation. Rod said that the application to the BT community partnership scheme had been submitted, and that a quote from BT for fibre to premises as well as fibre to cabinet would be sent to the council on 6 September. Rod added that the date represented a delay from the original response time of 10 working days. This caused a problem in that the council had to decide whether to go with Community Benefit Scotland's Ettrick and Beyond scheme by September 15. However, with the council's next meeting on 1 September, it meant that councillors would not have the full details from BT by then. It was decided to delay the decision until the BT costings were received on 6 September and then hold an extra meeting to decide the way forward.

#### **05.08 MICROGRANT APPLICATION**

The meeting agreed that a change of course by one of the participants - part of an earlier, approved application for monies for children's educational and recreational courses - should be approved.

Councillors approved a grant application for £250 from Lesley Kirkwood to go towards the cost (total £510) of attending a mountain leader's course at Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore. Once qualified, Lesley intends to organise walking trips in the Tweedsmuir hills for residents, and, once the Crook Inn is open, to visitors to the area, too. The secretary added he thought this was an excellent idea.

A grant application from Tweedsmuir Community Company for £250 was approved for a bench and table to be sited outside the Crook Inn.

#### **06.08 POLICE REPORT**

See attached.

#### **07.08 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

The chairman reported that the council had now received a sandbag store from Scottish Borders Council as part of the resilient scheme, and that this would be sited at the village hall. The secretary added that SBC needed to be contacted regarding a promised extra salt bin for Kirk Road.

#### **08.08 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The chairman welcomed back Willie Archibald after his recent illness and wished him well for the future. Because of his illness and the council's summer recess, Mr Archibald said he did not have much to report but promised to follow up on the following concerns aired by residents at the meeting:

- 1 Resident Christine Parker expressed her concern that no provision for the after-school club had, at that point, been set up at Broughton school
- 2 Signage for Talla and Fruid at the A701 junction had been obliterated by overhanging trees
- 3 Visibility at that junction was poor because the grass on the verges had not been cut

#### **09.08 CROOK INN**

The chairman of Tweedsmuir Community Company Mr Duncan Davidson said that a number of grant applications were now being considered and that, as part of this approach, the company would very much like to hear from residents on how a reopened Crook could support activities in the community.

#### **10.08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**16/00808/FUL:** Change of use of outdoor centre to holiday let accommodation and erection of a detached double garage and garden studio at Schoolhouse And Outdoor Centre, Tweedsmuir : **Approved.**

**16/00777/FUL:** Erection of replacement bridge and associated works at Land South West Of Patervan Cottage Broughton. **Approved**

**11.08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a Queen's birthday** The chairman reported that a rounders' afternoon to celebrate the Queen's birthday in June had been a great success

**The next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council is at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, on September 1, 2016, 7.30pm.**