

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, on Thursday 3rd October 2019 (7.30pm)

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman) Eric Small (EC, Scottish Borders Council) and 2 members of the public.

Minutes of the last council meeting on 5th September 2019 were approved

01.10 APOLOGIES

Mark Cullen (MC), Debbie Cullen (DC), Heather Anderson (Scottish Borders Council)

02.10 MATTERS ARISING

Letter to Erika Niven – This letter had been sent on behalf of the community council, but no response had been received. Jane Humphries, local resident, informed the meeting that a formal complaint had been made against Erika, so no progress could be made until this matter was resolved by the council.

Letter of Complaint : **GP** informed the meeting that he had received a letter from a member of the community who felt that the Community Councillors had broken the code of conduct by sharing private information relating to the access issues with the Purdies. **GP** would like to clarify this situation with all parties involved before reporting back to the Community Council at the next meeting.

03.10 BROADBAND

MC provided a report on progress.

MC had intended to write to the head of BT group regarding the lack of progress, however progress is being made, so has held off sending the letter.

2 Weeks ago, OpenReach surveyors met **MC**, and went over the project, routes and works. The alternatives to the self-dig element were discussed, self-dig (as before), poles and wire, and armored cable. OpenReach will provide a revised price for all 3. OpenReach have set a date of 7th October for the contract.

0.10 CHRISTINE GRAHAME VISIT

A joint Community Councils meeting with Christine Grahame has been scheduled for Monday 7th October at 6.30pm at the Scottish Parliament. Anyone interested in attending, please contact **GP**.

05.10 POST OF SECRETARY

GP thanked Debbie Cullen for taking the minutes at our last meetings. It was agreed to co-opt Debbie Cullen to the role of Secretary of Tweedsmuir Community Council. Proposed **GP**, Seconded **LM**.

Databases of community addresses would be transferred to **DC**.

06.10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new applications have been received.

07.10 TREASURERS REPORT

Two youth bursaries had been awarded, and the bank balance was £3160

08.10 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

Transport for Poker group to a concert - Application to SSE Youth Bursary Scheme for £250 from Andrew Mason - **Approved**

Driving lessons - Application to SSE Youth Bursary Scheme for £250 from Hannah Roper – **Approved**

Adrian Kotze – **LM** had fed back why the Grant was not successful at the last meeting, but **GP** had been asked to give more details.

BB noted that the terms and conditions for the microgrants needed updated.

Ventient has most money, so applications should be directed to this fund. **LM** has created a new notice board to be displayed in the hall to promote this fund.

LM circulated a draft grant application for the main SSE fund to allow each household in Tweedsmuir to continue to receive a free community news, 4 times per year for the next 3 years. This was approved, and will be completed and submitted. **BB** re finances

Clyde Wind farms Event : 29th October, 11.0 to 2.30 New Lanark, **GP** will attend, plus one other

9.10 POLICE REPORT

No report had been received.

10.10 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

ES A meeting will be held in Rosetta Road Offices, Peebles to see how the Planning is working in the council. **Tue 22nd Oct, 10 to 1pm**

ES Area Forum – Clovenfords Primary School **Tues 5th Nov 7 to 9pm**

11.10 CROOK INN

Duncan Davidson, local resident, informed the meeting that the permission letter to start developing the Heritage aspects of the project is expected imminently

12.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Website: Local resident Francis Leckie has agreed to take over updated the Community Council page
- Bananas Playgroup will cease to run on Thursday 10th October, but provision for the nursery pupils has been provided within the school.
- Tweedsmuir Village Hall has been successful in receiving 2 windfarm grants to connect to mains water, and to extend the car park. Thanks to SSE and Ventient Glenkerie.

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council
will take place on Thursday 7th November 2019 at the
Village Hall at 7.30pm**