

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (7.30pm)**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM) and 7 members of the public.

The minutes of the last council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.

### **01.03 APOLOGIES**

Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor).

### **02.03 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **03.03 CLYDE WIND FARM FUND**

**BB** circulated some additional information from SSE and Foundation Scotland regarding the proposal to investigate the possibility of establishing an endowment for the three communities, after the Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund has elapsed. There was agreement, in principle, to support the proposal with the proviso that any such fund would not jeopardise access to current funding streams.

Two members of the community are required to represent the community on the committee due to be set up to discuss and make recommendations regarding the fund. Ideally they should have some relevant financial knowledge/experience. After some discussion it was agreed that **GP** would approach a number of local residents to explore whether they would be willing to participate.

**Action:** **GP** to approach a number of local residents.

### **04.03 BROADBAND**

**MC** reported that he had been informed that discussions had taken place between OpR and the Scottish Government to clarify the scope of the R100 project and the Community Fibre Partnership arrangements. However, despite several conversations with OpR they remain unwilling/unable to confirm the contact price. They have promised to make this available, along with confirmation of the status of the Gigabit voucher scheme, in the next week.

It was agreed that once the price has been confirmed a community meeting would be held to update residents and consider next steps.

### **05.03 IT, Confidentiality and data governance**

A laptop and associated software to support the work of the TCC Secretary role has been identified at a cost of £500. Following discussion, it was agreed that half the amount required would be funded from the S.B.C grant with match funding being sought from the Local Area Partnership and/or The Bridge.

**Action:** **GP** to contact the Local Area Partnership, **LM** to contact The Bridge

### **06.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Whitelaw Brae Connection Project. Further copies of the consultation document had been received and distributed. No feedback had been received in response to a request made to extend the consultation period.

No other applications have been posted on the SBC website.

### **07.03 TREASURERS REPORT**

**BB** updated, information attached.

### **08.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None received. **BB** reported having received positive feedback from Harry Stevens and the Poker Club for their grants.

### **09.03 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

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

None available. A request from a local resident to again raise the issue of the reinstatement of white lining along the A701 had been received.

**Action: DC** to email **ES** and **HA** regarding this issue

### **11.03 CROOK INN**

Duncan Davidson, local resident, reported that the outcome of several grant applications are still awaited.

Local resident, Christine Parker, reported on the sell out success of the recent collaboration with Eastgate Theatre to host 'The Jellymans Daughter' in Tweedsmuir. The final amount raised to be confirmed.

### **12.03 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Litter Pick – This will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 11am – 4pm focusing on the A701 through Tweedsmuir. Details to follow.

### **AOB**

- RG reported that drier weather is awaited in order to do the work required on the Fruid Road at the Forestry route entrance.
- Consultation re: Peebles High School 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Andrew Mason, local resident to attend.
- Funding opportunity from Changeworks. Change Works in Peebles have received funding to run a series of 'Energy Cafes' providing energy advice and advocacy.

**Action: GP** to respond expressing an interest in hosting such an event in Tweedsmuir.

- Merlin excavation. There maybe the opportunity for volunteers to take part in an archaeological excavation at Drumiezier in the autumn following on from the Merlin Conference scheduled for April.

**Action: GP** to respond requesting to be kept informed

- Local Energy Scotland has recently launched a Community Benefits Toolkit. Information about this and other resources available can be found at [www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits](http://www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits)

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30**