

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 3rd September 2020 (7.00pm) via Zoom

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Lesley Mason (LM), Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councilor) and 4 members of the public.

01.09 APOLOGIES

Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG)

02.09 MATTERS ARISING

- All attendees were asked to identify themselves to the chair, one chose not to and was removed from the meeting.
- Litter signage from SBC – Elaine Nicol has assured us that the signs for the laybys should be erected in the next 2 weeks.
- Daer windfarm consultation is available online <http://www.rwe.com/daer> (feedback by 23rd Sept) **GP** will also request a hardcopy of the consultation papers.
- Consultation for Whitlelaw Brae changes has been extended to 28th September
<https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/wind/whitelaw-brae/>
- **LM** has spoken to Jilly Adams re access routes at Whitlelaw brae, will meet to discuss in a few weeks
- Questionnaires relating to the access at Hill Hall have been circulated by SBC -if anyone else would like one they should contact **GP**

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Chair: Gavin Parker Treasurer: Brian Bushell Secretary: Debbie Cullen

Other Councillors: Lesley Mason; Mark Cullen; Ralph Glatt; Resilient Communities contact Lesley Kirkwood

03.09 BROADBAND

There has been no contact from Openreach since the last meeting. Using the link can each household in Tweedsmuir confirm the type of broadband connection R100 is offering to their household.

Some households may not be offered a good service. <https://news.gov.scot/news/delivering-r100>

HA has written to Andrew Mansen (Policy Officer for Digital Connectivity at Scot Gov) – His advice is to contact David Mundell for clarity on the UK government position on the scheme.

HA and **MC/BB** to write to David Mundell

04.09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None to discuss further

05.09 TREASURERS REPORT

BB updated, information attached.

06.09 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

An application was received from Tweedsmuir Little Library. This will be circulated by email to the absent CCs to vote on.

07.09 POLICE REPORT

None received

08.09 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HA reported that the first full meeting of the councilors had been held last week. The current financial shortfall in the council's budget is less than previously expected. Many local villages (Broughton, Skirling) will have a trial 20mph speed limit. There is currently no information regarding the rebuild of Peebles High School.

09.09 CROOK INN

DD reported on 3 developments

- Café project now has funding offers to £450k, and applications to cover the shortfall of £63K are to go in shortly
- The Heritage Database is being completed, focusing on historical eras, but there is a need for input to flesh out the stories within this
- There are to be walks associated with the heritage information

10.09 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

LM reported that the main activities had been focusing on footpaths. There is a small working group looking at creating a circular route round Cockiland Hill, and a working party will be created to complete work on Menzion View path shortly. There was a work party of 14 people, who completed renovations on the Old Road Path at the weekend.

Tweedsmuir village hall are donating benches and tables created from the trees at the hall, and designed by Doug Roper to the community, and will be positioned in public places.

The village hall is also selling logs at a reduced price to elderly residents – contact **GP**

11.09 LITTER SIGNAGE

LM shared some beautiful signs that zero waste Scotland had produced. **LM** to get quotes for printing these signs for the next meeting.

12.09 AOB

LM reported that all Tweedsmuir residents should now have the September issue of the community news, provided by CC funding.

GP reported that the white lines would be painted in the A701 starting on the 7th September

DD noted that a film unit will be filming at Talla Lins next week – for a Christmas advert, with artificial snow and a dancing goat.

Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 1st October 2020 (7.00pm) Via Zoom