

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 4th March 2021 (7.00pm) via Zoom

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB), Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (Secretary), Lesley Mason (LM), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG) and 5 members of the public.

01.03 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

02.03 MATTERS ARISING

Prizes have been awarded to the winners of the Christmas Quiz - Edward and Carol Montgomerie and Daffodil competition - Rosemary Welsh.

Thanks were expressed to Kenny Martin for the most recent Tweedsmuir Talk which had been very well received.

03.03 CODE OF CONDUCT

This document had been circulated and read by all Councillors prior to the meeting. All indicated their compliance.

04.03 BROADBAND

MC informed that he had contacted Ofcom regarding the potential for raising a complaint with the regulator regarding Openreach. **MC** was informed that whilst a complaint could be raised and would be noted, it was not within Ofcom's brief to investigate/intervene regarding complaints from the public. Ofcom advised that we seek legal advice regarding any potential legal avenues that could be pursued against Openreach.

It was agreed that an update (drafted and circulated to councillors prior to the meeting) be circulated to the community. A similar update to be drafted to update the windfarms.

Action:

MC to -

- draft an update for windfarms – to circulate draft to TCC members prior to next meeting
- inform David Mundell regarding the outcome of the discussion with Ofcom
- explore the potential for pursuing any opportunities under the Government's Minimum speed guarantee scheme

05.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref. No: 19/01725/PN

Formation of forestry road - Land South East Of Tweedhopefoot Cottage Tweedsmuir Scottish Borders

06.03 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copy attached. **BB** reported that he will be preparing an annual finance report in anticipation of an AGM, possibly in May 2021. Christine Parker, local resident, reported that at a recent Book Club meeting thanks had been expressed for the availability of ZOOM. After discussion it was agreed that the ZOOM license be renewed.

Action:

Local resident Frances Leckie (**FL**) agreed to renew the license on behalf of the community and forward invoice to **BB**.

07.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

None received.

08.03 POLICE REPORT

Copy attached.

09.03 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None available as no Councillors present.

10.03 CROOK INN

Duncan Davidson, Chair, Tweedsmuir Community Company, updated that one of the building has now been demolished. Details of the next stage – the building of the café have yet to be finalised and agreed with funding bodies.

11.03 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE LM reported on -

- the work taking place on the development of the heritage database which will soon be ready for the community to view and provide feedback
- the development of the Tweedsmuir Community Company Website
- the signage for Logan Walk is now with the printers
- the inaugural meeting of a group to review and plan the use of the outdoor space at the Crook. Anyone who would like to get involved should contact Lesley at lesleymtweedsmuir@icloud.com

12.03 LITTER

It was agreed that the next litter pick will take place on 9-11th April 2021.

Action:

LM to -

- purchase bag rings and forward invoice to **BB**.
- contact those who volunteered to lead sections of the pick across Tweedsmuir in 2020 – cancelled due to Covid, to check they are still willing to undertake this role. Anyone else able to get involved please contact Debbie Cullen - debbie.cullen@me.com

13.03 CONSULTATIONS

- Comments are invited on the development of the first Regional Economic Strategy (RES). The consultation is open at <https://sosrep.dumgal.gov.uk> and runs until Friday 5 March.
- Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2) Linked comment forms are provided on the Transport Scotland STPR2 webpages. The comment forms will be available until midnight on 31 March and can be accessed [HERE](#).

14. 03 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The next Tweedsmuir Talks will take place at the end of March – details to follow.

15.03 AOB

- Covid Vaccination It was noted that some residents had experienced difficulties regarding notification and scheduling of their Covid vaccinations.
The number to phone for Scottish Border residents with a Biggar doctor is 01896 827171 if you are 65 or over or in a vulnerable group.
If you receive an appointment and need to reschedule - phone 0800 030 8013.
It was noted that some residents receive the minutes of the TCC meetings, information regarding Resilient Communities and Covid issues in paper format rather than via email.
Their details are not held on the Community's information circulation list.
- **FL** reported on progress with updating the Community Council Website. It was agreed that although it would incur an additional cost, the website be migrated to a secure server.
Action:
 - **FL** to arrange for website to be made secure and forward invoice to **BB**
 - **BB** to forward, with the consent of those concerned, the names and addresses of residents who currently receive

information in paper format to **GP** and **DC**

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community
Council will take place on Thursday 1st April
2021 (7.00pm) Via Zoom**