

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 1st April 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), Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor), Charlotte Cavey-Wilcox from Scottish Woodlands and 5 members of the public.

01.04 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

02.04 MATTERS ARISING

LM reported having purchased the litter hoops. People were reminded of the need to return any litter picking equipment to the store when no longer required so it can be used by others.

03.04 BROADBAND

MC informed that all indications are that as Tweedsmuir will now be covered by the R100 project, there appears to be little likelihood of being able to progress the Community Fibre Broadband project. **MC** had received, from Duncan Nesbitt, a list of properties in Tweedsmuir covered or excluded from R100 project. Duncan Nesbitt had asked to be informed of any omissions or amendments.

There was some discussion about next steps in relation to the funding secured from the Windfarms. It was agreed to provide an update to the windfarms and from SSE request an extension to the holding of funds for a further 6 months. This would provide the opportunity to explore other avenues for securing improved Broadband provision, prior to the roll out of the R100 program.

Action:

- The list of properties covered/excluded from the R100 project to be posted on the TCC website. If you have any additions/amendments please contact DC, Secretary.
- **MC** to continue to explore options for improving Broadband provision prior to the roll out of R100

04.04 UPDATE OF THE TCC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

It was agreed that the most timely and efficient method of circulating information within the community is by email. All residents will be asked to confirm their agreement to remain on or to join the email information distribution list. Going forward a link will be added to the Community Council's website to enable residents new to the community to join the list. A paper copy of meeting minutes will be made available on the noticeboard planned for the soon to be opened Tweedsmuir Little Library situated at the Village Hall. Drafts of 2 letters asking residents to confirm/join the information distribution list, circulated to Community Councillors prior to the meeting, were discussed and agreed.

Action:

- **DC** to distribute letters to residents
- Once the list has been updated **DC** to liaise with Frances Leckie (**FL**) to -
 - ensure a link to the 'joining' form is added to the website
 - re-format the distribution list and emails to facilitate ease of use and include an 'unsubscribe' function

05.04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

06.04 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copy attached. **BB** confirmed that an annual financial report will be prepared for the AGM which will take place in May 2021 via Zoom.

07.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

- **Horse riding lessons** - Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 from Christian Kotze – **Approved**
- **Horse riding lessons** - Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 from Clara Kotze – **Approved**
- **Maths and Physics tuition** - Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 from Adrian Kotze – **Approved**
- **Topsoil for gardens planned for the Crook Inn** – Application to Ventient Microgrant for £240 from Frances Leckie - **Approved**

08.04 POLICE REPORT

Not yet received.

09.03 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

HA reported on -

- the successful motion to freeze council tax for the coming year
- the significant amount of monies allocated for Place Plans. **HA** has been seeking to ensure that SBC involve Community Councils in this planning process.

ES reported on -

- the commitment to increased spending on pothole repair with the establishment of a 'First time fix' squad. The importance of reporting potholes was reiterated.
- concern expressed by some residents in Broughton regarding 'tailgating' and unsafe overtaking within the 20mph zone. The police have been made aware.
- a significant development passed for St Boswells involving a new livestock market and housing

Action:

- **HA** to forward i) the documentation regarding Place Plans ii) a presentation regarding SBC's planned management of potholes to **GP**

10.04 CROOK INN

Duncan Davidson, Chair, Tweedsmuir Community Company, reported that a decision regarding funding for the building of the café is still awaited. The Tweedsmuir Community Company will be holding it's AGM on 23rd April via Zoom.

11.04 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

LM reported on -

- the development of the heritage database
 - the work of the 'Interpretation Group', looking at developing interpretative signage for various sites across the community and an associated information leaflet
 - several groups established to plan and develop land use at the Crook site. These are - i) Formal garden, ii) Productive Garden iii) Recreational Group and iv) Overall use of space, ensuring the various groups work together to deliver an integrated scheme. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups please contact **LM** at lesleymtweedsmuir@icloud.com
- HA highlighted the link between the planned Productive garden and the SBC Food Growing Strategy.
https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20032/parks_and_outdoors/1066/community_food_growing
- an exercise taking place to try and quantify the amount of volunteer hours contributed to the various projects that are taking place within our community, and what this might equate to in financial terms. The ability to demonstrate Tweedsmuir is an 'active' community may help future funding bids.
 - changes being made to the community transport scheme. Information to follow.

BB reported on a discussion that had taken place with Borders Forest Trust regarding the placement of a bin at Gameshope.

Action:

- **HA** to forward information regarding Community Transport Consultation to **LM**
- **BB** to forward to **LM**, details of a contact at Borders Forest Trust re: bin provision

12.04 LITTER

LM confirmed that this year the litter pick was being carried out by individuals or households rather than as a group. **LM** reported on having difficulties securing a Risk Assessment from SBC.

Action:

HA to investigate provision of a Risk Assessment and forward to **LM**

13.04 CONSULTATIONS

- 20 mph Community Council- Survey
 - SBC consultation on draft Anti-Poverty Strategy – Phases 1 & 2
- The consultation is open from 16 March to 16 May 2021 and is available at:
www.scotborders.gov.uk/antipovertystrategyconsultation
www.scotborders.gov.uk/antipovertystrategyfeedback

Scottish Borders Council want to hear from residents with anything to say about health to co-produce their approach to public involvement to ensure that it is inclusive, effective, fit for purpose and can be adapted to meet the changing needs of communities as we emerge from the pandemic. The aim is to establish a reference group of at least 200 people of varied age, background, location, interests in or experience of health conditions.

If you are interested SBC you can get in touch -

- By email to public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk
- By phoning 0800 731 4052 (free of charge) – you may need to leave a message
- By completing the online form <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/public-engagement/hear-from-you/contact-form/>

14.04 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tweedsmuir Community Company AGM 23rd April 2021
- Tweedsmuir Talks – details to follow
- Opening of Tweedsmuir Little Library - details to follow

15.04 A.O.B

- Planting at Nether Oliver Dodd and Crook Hill. Charlotte Cavey-Wilcox from Scottish Woodlands reported on the development of planting plans for Nether Oliver Dodd and Crook Hill. Questionnaires have been circulated to residents on the west side of the A701 due to the potential impact on the water supply. A wider consultation will take place in due course.
- Glencotho – Woodland Creation
https://scottishforestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=14cc6e7a287a4d26b1fc27a4772fc7d8&query=S_Scottish_Forestry_external_SECURE_EXT_casebook_6722_200%2Creference%2C20FGS48903
https://casebook.forestry.scot/w/webpage/805BECBF1?context_record_id=11686663&webpage_token=904bd1ff16c526ab10161f2510251b207ba876923b43f8f3baa68a15a6ada4bc
Action: GP to make contact with Access Officer re: maintaining access
- Police Scotland – To use what3words app <https://what3words.com/about>
- Village Hall - **LM** reported on work taking place at the Village Hall –
 - connection to the mains water supply is nearing completion
 - insulation is being installed in the ceiling and end floor areas
 - lighting has been upgraded with LED lights
 - a new audio/visual system has been installed
 - plans for extending the car park are nearing completion

Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 6th May 2021 (7.00pm) Via Zoom

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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