

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 3rd June 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 4 members of the public.

01.06 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor) and Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor).

02.06 MATTERS ARISING

None.

03.06 BROADBAND

MC informed that he had been contacted by a local resident regarding the possibility of seeking funding for installation of satellite Broadband at the Village Hall. Starlink are developing a satellite Broadband system that plans to deliver Broadband at speeds equivalent to land based superfast provision. The estimated cost for installation and 24 months rental would be in the region of £2,500. After discussion it was agreed that -

- such provision would benefit the community and be supported by TCC
- further work to explore this option and if appropriate submit an application for funding would be taken forward by the Village Hall Committee.

04.06 UPDATE OF THE TCC INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION LIST

DC reported having used the R100 property list to identify 83 habited properties within Tweedsmuir, of which 72 were identified as occupied. Of these, 47 households have now given consent to be included on the Community Council information distribution list. It was agreed, that going forward, when information is posted on social media residents would be reminded of how to subscribe to the list.

05.06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

06.07 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copy attached.

07.06 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

GP reported having received letters of thanks from Broughton School for the contribution to the purchase of a notice board.

- **Upper Tweed Community Transport Scheme** - Application to Ventient Glenkerie Microgrant Fund £200 from Ann Welsh – **Approved**
- **Tweedsmuir Book Club - Covid Recovery** Application to Ventient Glenkerie Covid Fund for £210 from Ann Welsh – **Approved.**

Action:

GP to contact Ann to request that the application made by email, be submitted on the appropriate form.

08.07 POLICE REPORT

Copy attached.

09.07 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

None available as Councillors had sent apologies.

10.06 CROOK INN

Electricity and water services have now been re-established to the site.

11.06 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

LM reported on -

- the development of a Newsletter to be circulated to members of the Tweedsmuir Community Company and other local residents shortly.
- Video training workshops. These are to be held on Sunday 13th & 27th July, and 4th August at 2pm for 1.5 hrs and will be held in Tweedsmuir village Hall. If interested please contact lesleymtweedsmuir@icloud.com
- discussions taking place with Scottish Water regarding access and other issues at Talla. Scottish Water have provided a new access gate and allowed the siting of a bench.
- A recent workshop day at the Crook Inn site. 17 volunteers met with the Landscape Architects to discuss plans for the future use of the outdoor space. Work was also undertaken on the formal garden.
- Claire Pumfrey (Conservation Officer - Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust), is working with local interested parties to seek grant funding to promote and enhance biodiversity along the Tweed. It was agreed that Claire be invited to a future Community Council meeting to inform about the project. In the meantime any local landowners (large and small, even if you own a garden) interested in being part of this project should contact **LM**, who can put them in touch with Claire.

It was noted that 2 signs warning traffic of Pedestrians have been erected, one outside the Village Hall and one just beyond Oliver Farm.

12.06 LITTER

LM reported having made contact with the Land Manager for Gameshope regarding the placement of a bin at the car parking area at the entrance to route. Their reaction had not been favorable expressing a view that litter bins are undesirable as they 'attract litter'. They were unwilling for a bin to be sited at this location, preferring an alternative some distance away.

Action:

- **LM** to contact the landowner for Talla Farmhouse to ask if he would be willing to have a bin sited near his property.

13.06 LIBRARY SERVICES

It was reported that Tweedsmuir has been removed from the route for the Mobile Library Service. Concern was expressed about the lack of consultation regarding this change. The nearest stop will now be Broughton.

Action:

LM to email **HA** and **ES** expressing concern at this loss of this service.

14.06 CONSULTATIONS

- Destination Tweed - <https://awqaw573pjr.typeform.com/to/ARXaPfNe>
- Peebles High School - **LM** is attending the PHS consultation as the TCC representative. The public consultation can be accessed at - <https://eyesiteview.co.uk/peeblescampus/informal-consultation/explore.pano?id=1>
- The Future of Area Partnerships - The online consultation is available until 1 August at <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/area-partnerships-next-steps> You can find out more about Area Partnerships on the Council's website at [Area partnerships | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://scotborders.gov.uk)
- The Future of Healthcare NHS Borders - public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk or by phoning 0800 731 4052 (free of charge)

15.06 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

None scheduled.

16.06 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Christine Parker, local resident, expressed concerns regarding the closure of the Public Toilets at Broughton. Christine informed that Scottish Borders Council's position is that they do not intend to reopen any Public Toilets in addition to those currently open.

Action:

- **DC** to email Kenny Harrow at SBC as this issue had been raised with him, by **LM** and **DC**, during discussions regarding the potential impact of post lockdown tourism.
- **GP** to email **HA** and **ES** regarding this issue
- **BB** to make contact with Chair of Upper Tweed Community Council offering our support in any action they may take re: securing the reopening of the Public Toilets in Broughton
- **LM** reported that some Tweedsmuir residents are experiencing difficulties arranging transport to attend 'same day' appointments offered by Biggar Medical Centre.
Action:
LM to contact Biggar Medical Centre enquiring whether they are aware of the difficulties being experienced by local residents
- It was agreed that several items be removed from the Community Action Plan as no longer relevant.
- **GP** confirmed attendance of 3 Community Councillors at the forthcoming virtual event re: planning application processes for forestry developments.
- Road closure – Dreva Road, closed **18th – 20th August 21**

Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 5th August 2021 (7.00pm) Via Zoom
(venue dependent upon Covid restrictions)