

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 2nd September 2021 (7.00pm), Tweedsmuir Village Hall and via Zoom

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Debbie Cullen (Secretary), Lesley Mason (LM), Mark Cullen (MC), Eric Small, (Scottish Borders Councillor), Heather Anderson (Scottish Borders Councillor) and 4 members of the public

01.10 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Brian Bushell (Treasurer and Vice Chair) and Ralph Glatt (RG)

02.10 MATTERS ARISING

RG requested it be noted that Forestry Management is ongoing at Hearthstanes, Cockiland and Menzion. This includes felling, forwarding, haulage and stalking. Adherence to signage remains important.

Dog walkers are also reminded to try to avoid fields with sheep; some ewes are already pregnant and can easily miscarry if worried. In accordance with guidelines, dogs should be kept on a leash and/or under close control, especially when in proximity with livestock / wildlife.

It was agreed that signage regarding the need to keep dogs under proper control be put on local notice boards. It was felt that the wider use of signage e.g on gates etc was unlikely to be effective.

Action:

- **LM** to put up notices on noticeboards

03.10 OLIVER FIELD

GP reported having received an acknowledgement to the formal response from TCC regarding the proposed forestry development at Oliver Field. Work on the updated hydrology report is reported to be underway and will be forwarded to the community on completion. A request had been received from Charlotte Cavey-Wilcox, responsible for the Oliver Field project on behalf of Hearthstanes Estate, to be included in any future correspondence.

04.10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref. No: 21/00603/PN [Formation of forestry tracks - Land East Of Hearthstane Farmhouse Tweedsmuir Scottish Borders](#)

05.10 TREASURER'S REPORT

A report had been received from Brian Bushell, stating that there had been no financial related activity in the past month and therefore no change to the figures presented at September's meeting.

LM informed that Tweedsmuir Community Company will be invoicing TCC for £240, for pathworks.

06.10 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

None received.

It was noted that monies are still available to support microgrant applications from both SSE and Ventient Funds and applications are welcomed.

07.10 POLICE REPORT

Copy attached. Stephen Granger (Police Sergeant Community Policing, J Division) had previously indicated that he might be available to attend this meeting. However, as outlined in the Police report, operational pressures currently preclude officers from attending Community Council meetings, unless there is a need to discuss urgent issues.

08.10 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

ES reported on planned road drainage and resurfacing works planned for Broughton during the current financial year. Work is also scheduled on the A701 at the bridge at Glenbrek, with an associated temporary 30mph speed limit.

HA reported that a decision regarding the planned closure of the public toilets in Broughton and West Linton at the end of October has been deferred until a full report has been presented to the council.

Work has commenced on the development of a National Care Service.

GP reported hoping to raise the issue of forestry development at the next Area Partnership Board, to explore the possibility of identifying challenges and possible solutions across Community Councils.

09.10 CROOK INN

Work is currently progressing on schedule.

10.10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

LM reported on –

- A grant application made to the Rural Community Fund to support work needed outside the Wee Crook
- a grant submission made to 'Scotland's Year of Stories' to support a number of activities next spring/summer
- the interpretation boards for the Kirk. Their location was discussed and agreed, along with action to move the location of the salt bin.
- the ongoing development of Tweedsmuir Community Company's website and links to the eco museum
- new audio-visual equipment that has now been installed at the Village Hall. A grant has just been secured from Tweeddale Area Partnership Community Fund to enable the installation of superfast satellite broadband, which it is anticipated will be installed within the next month. A process to enable members of the community to access this broadband provision is being actioned.

11.10 CONSULTATIONS

- Local Housing Strategy for the Scottish Borders covering the period 2023-2028 - Document attached
- Grayside Windfarm – A document with links to plans and current consultation events is attached

12.10 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Halloween** – Event for younger members of the community is being planned – details to follow
- **November 5th** – Gardening at the Crook followed by Bonfire
- Rescheduling of Community Information session – details to follow

14.08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Library services – The mobile library route now includes a fortnightly stop in Tweedsmuir at the Kirk on Tuesday mornings 10.30-11.30am. Next visit due on 19.10.21. Discussion took place regarding a suggestion, by the librarian, for a stop at the Village Hall. Views were expressed that a stop at the crossroads and a stop at the Village Hall might facilitate the best access for our geographically spread community. A stop at the Village Hall would also enable the librarian to access Superfast Broadband, something that can be problematic at the Kirk. Peebles library can be contacted directly on [01721 726333](tel:01721726333) and on-line catalogue searches and reservations made via www.liveborders.org.uk

Action:

- Any residents with a view on the location of the stops, please contact a community councillor by the end of the month
- To follow up as an agenda item for November's meeting
- Thanks were extended to all those who participated in the recent MacMillan Coffee Morning. A total of £150 was raised.
- The next Census within Scotland will take place in March 2022. This census will be a digital census. Sessions are available (details attached) to provide information about the process and how, if you are involved in supporting groups who may experience barriers to participation, can be encouraged to take part and be counted.
- A discussion took place regarding the forthcoming requirement by February 2022, for all homes to have linked smoke alarms fitted within their home.

Action:

- **MC** to investigate how TCC might support this across the community.

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on
Thursday 4th November 2021 (7.00pm) Tweedsmuir Village Hall
& Via Zoom**

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