

2020 Minutes

# TWEEDSMUIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (7.30pm)**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM), Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor), Guest Gareth Shields (GS, SSE) and 8 members of the public.

### **01.02 APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **02.02 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **03.02 CLYDE WIND FARM FUND**

**GS** outlined a proposal from the Clyde Borders Wind Farm Fund Panel to investigate the possibility of establishing an endowment for the three communities, Tweedsmuir, Upper Tweed and Skirling after the Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund has elapsed. See attached information sheet.

The first step would be to establish a group with two representatives from each community to discuss and make recommendations regarding the fund.

After discussion it was agreed to support this proposal.

Two representatives from the community are therefore needed to participate in this group. It was suggested it would be helpful if at least one representative had some background/experience in the finance sector.

#### **Action:**

- Anyone interested in representing the community on this group to contact **GP**.
- **GS** to forward to **BB** copies of the paperwork associated with the Endowment

Fund Proposal circulated at the last Panel meeting.

### **04.02 BROADBAND**

**MC** reported that although the survey has been completed, Open Reach (OpR) are still unable/unwilling to confirm the contract price. Following recent discussion with Duncan Nisbet (DN Stakeholder Director R100 Programme) and with OpR it would appear that in order to progress the Tweedsmuir Community Fibre Partnership (CFP), OpR require clarification from the Scottish Government regarding the scope of the R100 project and the CFP arrangements. **DN** has confirmed that he is still supportive of the CFP. **MC** has therefore asked **DN** and OpR to engage with each other to enable OpR to better understand the current situation.

#### **Action:**

- **MC** to follow up with **DN** and OpR.
- **MC** to forward briefing note to **HA** who agreed to produce a letter of support,

escalated where possible.

### **05.02 IT, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE**

At the last meeting it was agreed to explore the possibility of purchasing a dedicated laptop to support the work of the TCC Secretary. Once purchased this would be followed by a review/validation of the email circulation list etc.

**Action:**

- **LM** to circulate costings for laptop to TCC members, depending on cost to consider a grant application for funding

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confirmed that no personal data or information received by Councillors of TCC

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would be shared unless explicit permission has been obtained from the originator.

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SBC community council guidelines require the code of conduct to be signed

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annually and this will be done again at the AGM in May.

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**06.02 CHRISTINE GRAHAME VISIT**

Duncan Davidson (**DD**, local resident) reported on a visit with Christine Grahame at the end of last year. **DD** reported Christine Grahame to be supportive of the plans for the Crook Development and made suggestions regarding ways of promoting the local area.

**07.02 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**GP** reported having received documentation regarding the Whitelaw Brae Wind Farm Electricity Connection. Scottish Power Energy Networks are required to submit a planning application for the connection of the Wind Farm to the Grid and are consulting on their proposals. The proposals can be viewed at

[https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/community\\_consultation.aspx](https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/community_consultation.aspx) Comments can be made during February at - [whitelawbraeproject@spenergynetworks.co.uk](mailto:whitelawbraeproject@spenergynetworks.co.uk)

or by writing to:

Whitelaw Brae Project Manager SP Networks,  
55 Fullarton Drive,  
Cambuslang,  
Glasgow  
G32 8FA

**Action:**

**GP** to request further copies of the Consultation Document.

**08.02 TREASURERS REPORT BB** updated, information attached.

## **09.02 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None received. BB reported having received positive feedback from Harry Stevens and the Poker Club for their grants.

## **10.02 POLICE REPORT**

A new format report had been received. (Copy attached).

## **11.02 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- **HA** reported that the budget setting process is taking place.
- The first meeting of the Sustainable Development Committee has taken place.

The initial discussions were very positive and work is underway to develop an action plan with measurable targets.

- **ES** reported that the recent planning application to build a significant number of new homes in Peebles was rejected as was the proposal for the Sutra Wind Farm development.
- White lining along the unmarked stretches of A701 to take place shortly.

## **12.02 CROOK INN**

**DD** reported that the new development officer has started in his role and is progressing the development of 'Destination Tweedsmuir'. The outcome of several grant applications are still awaited.

## **13.02 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Jellyman's Daughter – 15<sup>th</sup> February 7pm , Tweedsmuir Village Hall. A few tickets still available.
- Merlin – Fact or Fiction 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Flyer attached.
- 'A bite and Blether' has recommenced on Wednesdays, Broughton Village Hall
- The Chamber Philharmonic Europe – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Broughton. Info from

[www.concerts-inbroughton.co.uk](http://www.concerts-inbroughton.co.uk)

- VE Day Events – see TCC website for details
- Cycling Event – A701 likely to be affected the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> July

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## **14.02 AOB**

- Works at Oliver Forest (Information attached).
- Borders Forest Trust. Brief discussion took place regarding the questionnaire

previously circulated.

- University student dissertation – a student is seeking interviewees regarding their attitude to forestry. Anyone interested please contact **GP**.
- Potential damage from logging lorries to Fruid Road at Menzion Farm. **RG** reported action to be taken.
- Litter Pick. It was suggested that a more coordinated approach could be taken to this years Litter Pick, possibly culminating in a social event. **LM** and Lesley Kirkwood (local resident) to explore and report back.
- New website AskSARA, an Occupational Therapy based website aimed at keeping people independent in their own home recently launched.  
[www.scotborders.gov.uk/asksara](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/asksara)

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30**

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) at Tweedsmuir Village Hall, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (7.30pm)**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM) and 7 members of the public.

The minutes of the last council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.

### **01.03 APOLOGIES**

Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor).

### **02.03 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **03.03 CLYDE WIND FARM FUND**

**BB** circulated some additional information from SSE and Foundation Scotland regarding the proposal to investigate the possibility of establishing an endowment for the three communities, after the Clyde Extension Wind Farm Fund has elapsed. There was agreement, in principle, to support the proposal with the proviso that any such fund would not jeopardise access to current funding streams.

Two members of the community are required to represent the community on the committee due to be set up to discuss and make recommendations regarding the fund. Ideally they should have some relevant financial knowledge/experience. After some discussion it was agreed that **GP** would approach a number of local residents to explore whether they would be willing to participate.

**Action: GP** to approach a number of local residents.

### **04.03 BROADBAND**

**MC** reported that he had been informed that discussions had taken place between OpR and the Scottish Government to clarify the scope of the R100 project and the Community Fibre Partnership arrangements. However, despite several conversations with OpR they remain unwilling/unable to confirm the contact price. They have promised to make this available, along with confirmation of the status of the Gigabit voucher scheme, in the next week.

It was agreed that once the price has been confirmed a community meeting would be held to update residents and consider next steps.

### **05.03 IT, Confidentiality and data governance**

A laptop and associated software to support the work of the TCC Secretary role has been identified at a cost of £500. Following discussion, it was agreed that half the amount required would be funded from the S.B.C grant with match funding being sought from the Local Area Partnership and/or The Bridge. **Action: GP** to contact the Local Area Partnership, **LM** to contact The Bridge

### **06.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Whitelaw Brae Connection Project. Further copies of the consultation document had been received and distributed. No feedback had been received in response to a request made to extend the consultation period.

No other applications have been posted on the SBC website.

**07.03 TREASURERS REPORT BB** updated, information attached.

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### **08.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None received. **BB** reported having received positive feedback from Harry Stevens and the Poker Club for their grants.

### **09.03 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

### **10.03 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

None available. A request from a local resident to again raise the issue of the reinstatement of white lining along the A701 had been received.

**Action: DC** to email **ES** and **HA** regarding this issue

### **11.03 CROOK INN**

Duncan Davidson, local resident, reported that the outcome of several grant applications are still awaited.

Local resident, Christine Parker, reported on the sell out success of the recent collaboration with Eastgate Theatre to host 'The Jellymans Daughter' in Tweedsmuir. The final amount raised to be confirmed.

### **12.03 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Litter Pick – This will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 11am – 4pm focusing on the A701 through Tweedsmuir. Details to follow.

### **AOB**

- RG reported that drier weather is awaited in order to do the work required on the Fruid Road at the Forestry route entrance.
- Consultation re: Peebles High School 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Andrew Mason, local resident to attend.
- Funding opportunity from Changeworks. Change Works in Peebles have received funding to run a series of 'Energy Cafes' providing energy advice and advocacy.  
**Action: GP** to respond expressing an interest in hosting such an event in Tweedsmuir.
- Merlin excavation. There maybe the opportunity for volunteers to take part in an archaeological excavation at Drumiezier in the autumn following on from the Merlin Conference scheduled for April.  
**Action: GP** to respond requesting to be kept informed
- Local Energy Scotland has recently launched a Community Benefits Toolkit. Information about this and other resources available can be found at [www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits](http://www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits)

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at the Village Hall at 7.30**

## **Notes of the informal meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 (via Zoom)**

### **1. Broadband**

Mark reported that Openreach had indicated that a contract would be issued imminently. Openreach have appointed a project manager, Louise Thompson, to manage the project.

It is hoped to be in a position to enter into a contact with Openreach by the end of July, with a view to project completion within 12 months.

Once the contract has been received next steps can be planned including - actions needed to draw down grant funding, addressing the self-dig requirements and communication with the community.

Mark to chase Openreach next week if no contact received.

### **2. Resilient communities**

Lesley K reported that since our last meeting Shielding letters had been issued and the Assistance Hub established. Vulnerable members of the community have been made aware of the local support available. Most have indicated they do not require any help (in addition to that already being provided by family/friends) at this stage.

Lesley is required to make a weekly submission to SBC regarding the time, resources etc. spent in relation to Resilient Communities activities.

### **3. Potential spend against monies from SBC and SSE to support local response to Covid – 19**

Gavin asked for suggestions. Ideas put forward –

- 'A virtual hug' from TCC. A small gift box for each household with a handwritten note, as a gesture of support and including an invitation to make contact if any help should be required.
- Lesley M suggested using a shared google document as a means of collating suggestions as to the contents of the gift box. (Lesley M to generate)
- Covering the cost of posting rather than hand delivering the next edition of Community News.
- Supporting Yvonne Waugh (Personal Trainer) to provide some virtual fitness sessions to the community, via Zoom. Gavin to discuss with Yvonne.

### **4. AGM**

The May TCC meeting should be the AGM. Gavin to contact SBC regarding the requirements 'in lieu' of a meeting e.g. Finance reports etc. Brian also highlighted the need for all the council members to have 'signed' the governance declaration.



## **5. Finance**

Brian confirmed that TCC had received £1,000 from SBC and £2,000 from SSE to support local initiatives in response to Covid -19

Brian reported having 'claim forms' for expenses incurred in relation to local Resilient Communities activities – to forward to Lesley K. It was suggested these be submitted monthly.

## **6. Virtual cafe**

Response to the weekday slots has been limited. The 'Virtual Pub Quiz' held on Sunday was better supported and it was suggested that perhaps having 'cafes' around a specific topic or theme might be the way forward e.g. Gardeners question time and/or a plant swap session.

Lesley M reported that the younger members of the community were having their own Quiz night tomorrow.

It was agreed that greater flexibility about the scheduling of the café and possible focus on a topic/theme might encourage uptake.

Frances indicated she would be happy to set up virtual café meetings on request – details could be posted on social media. Frances also agreed to re-post information about accessing Zoom as Gavin reported that some members of the community may be finding this challenging.

## **7. Date and time of next meeting TBC**

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (7.00pm) via Zoom**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Lesley Mason (LM), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor) and 2 members of the public

### **01.05 APOLOGIES**

Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Kirkwood (LK) Resilient Communities Co-ordinator

### **02.05 MATTERS ARISING**

SBC and SSE have both given TCC funds to support local initiatives, of community benefit, during the current Covid – 19 situation.

A letter of thanks has been received from Yvonne Waugh for monies from this fund which have enabled Yvonne to provide several fitness sessions/week, to the community, via Zoom.

Reinstatement of white lines on A701 – SBC has informed that this work will not be undertaken until resurfacing work planned for the stretch of road near the Crook Inn has been completed.

### **03.05 BROADBAND**

Mark Cullen (**MC**) reported that Openreach had indicated that a draft contract would be issued imminently. Openreach have appointed a project manager, Louise Thompson, to manage the project.

On receipt of the draft contract one of the next steps will be to plan the self dig element of the project, developing the tender etc. This will require a working group involving wider membership from the community.

**Action: MC** to provide an update to the wind farms following contact with the project manager.

### **04.05 Resilient Communities Covid -19**

**LK** was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update regarding Resilient Community

- SBC are providing information on anyone who has identified as needing support.
- Support will remain in place, based on individual needs, for as long as required during lockdown/shielding.
- If anyone has any other support requirements as the weeks go on, they are

encouraged to get in touch with Lesley Kirkwood by phone, email or text on 01899 880256/07919 107273 [leskirkwood@btinternet.com](mailto:leskirkwood@btinternet.com) or via Tweedsmuir Community Council councillors.

It was noted that if/when any members of the community are required to self - isolate as a result of a positive or suspected positive test for Covid -19, they can

access support via the Resilient Community system.  
A discussion took place regarding initiatives of community benefit that could be funded through the SBC and SSE Covid – 19 fund.

#### **05.05 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

#### **06.05 CROOK INN**

'Discover Tweedsmuir' - is a project of Tweedsmuir Community Company funded by National Heritage Lottery and Scottish Borders council and led by their Heritage Officer Jon Brown. Information can be found at - [https://discovertweedsmuir.com/?page\\_id=10](https://discovertweedsmuir.com/?page_id=10)

Members of the community can get involved by contributing current or historic pictures, notes or memorabilia about the area.  
A digital database is being built so that the history and culture is not lost and can be shared now and with future generations. Work has started to "digitally file" some of the articles from Community news and from Tony Hope's web site but volunteers are needed to help with this computer task. If you can help please contact Christine Parker. Lesley Mason has been appointed by Tweedsmuir Community Company as their Community Development Officer. This position is funded through the Scottish Government Investing in Communities Fund. Lesley will be leading on many of the projects identified in Tweedsmuir's Community Action Plan.

#### **07.05 AOB**

- SBC Councillors Update – **ES** nothing of note to report. AGM's for all

Community Councils have been postponed for the foreseeable future.

- Virtual Café – Concerns were expressed that some members of the

community appear reluctant to use Zoom and that efforts should continue to encourage people to use it to connect across the community.  
Up-to-date information about the virtual cafe can be found on the Tweedsmuir Facebook page. In addition, a survey has recently been posted on Facebook, asking for feedback and suggestions for the future. The survey can be found at -

<https://survey.app.do/tweedsmuir-virtual-cafe>

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm, via Zoom**

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (7.00pm) via Zoom**

**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor) and 3 members of the public.

### **01.06 APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **02.06 MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **03.06 BROADBAND**

**MC** reported that an updated offer document had been received from Open Reach (OpR) and there has been a slight increase in the overall cost. OpR had confirmed they will manage the Gigabit voucher system. The community will need to manage the self dig element of the project. A final contract is still awaited as OpR are working to clarify areas of overlap between our project and the R100 project. In anticipation of a contract, 4 work streams have been identified-

- overall project management – **MC** to lead
- communication with OpR – **MC** to lead
- 'external' communication, communicating and engaging with the local

community and windfarms - **LM** to lead

- self dig – developing the tender documents and managing the tender process

– Lead tbc

Members of the community are now needed to join the 'external' communication and self dig workstreams. If you would like to get involved please contact **LM** at [lesleymtweedsmuir@icloud.com](mailto:lesleymtweedsmuir@icloud.com), or **GP** at [parkerpolmood@gmail.com](mailto:parkerpolmood@gmail.com) or call 01899 880370

#### **Action:**

**MC** to provide an update to the windfarms

### **04.06 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

Lots of positive feedback had been received following distribution of the 'Goodie Bags' across the community in May. **GP** relayed an update from Lesley Kirkwood (**LK**) – Resilient Communities Coordinator – 550 miles have been covered and funded for the delivery of essential items to members of the community. No date has yet been announced for shielding to be lifted. **LK** has supplies of hand sanitizer should anyone require any.

Several councillors expressed concerns about the influx of visitors from outwith the locality over the previous weekend. **ES** recommended that should this happen again the police be notified.

**ES** updated on the Covid -19 situation in SBC care homes.

### **05.06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**GP** reported on the application recently posted on the SBC website regarding the Whitelaw Brae Wind Farm. The application primarily related to a technical issue necessitating an extension to the size of the turbine blades.

A comment had been received from a member of the community regarding leisure access on completion of the construction of the windfarm. **LM** informed that as part of her role as the newly appointed Community Development Officer she was in the process of contacting SSE regarding local leisure access routes. **LM** undertook to make contact with company responsible for the Whitelaw Brae development to try and open a similar dialogue.

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Concern was expressed about difficulties in receiving timely notification of local planning applications. Local resident Christine Parker reported on an alert system on the SBC website to inform of new applications.

**Action:**

**LM** to contact the company responsible for the Whitelaw Brae development **DC** to sign up to the SBC alert system

**06.06 TREASURERS REPORT BB** updated, information attached.

**07.06 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None received.

**08.06 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached

**09.06 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**ES** reported that waste recycling centers had reopened and SBC is considering extending the range of materials accepted. To manage demand, access to the recycling centers is dependent upon vehicle registration. Information attached. Thanks were extended by the residents of the Fruid Road for the road repairs carried out earlier in the week.

**10.06 CROOK INN**

**DD** reported on **LM's** appointment as the Community Development Office and the project being lead by Jonathan Brown, the Community Heritage Officer. Details of the projects being undertaken by the 2 officers and how members of the community can get involved, can be found on the back page of the latest edition of Community News.

**11.06 AOB**

- **LM** reported on the forthcoming launch of a completion to design a logo and 'stap line' for use in the promotion of Tweedsmuir – details attached.
- **GP** reported having received a query via Facebook regarding the use of a 'outline policeman' on the A701 in an effort to discourage cars and motorbikes speeding through the community. It was noted that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and not felt to be appropriate. **ES** suggested contacting the Community Action Team (CAT) to request their support – possibly periodic, visible visits to the area.

- Broughton School will be reducing from 4-3 classes next term due to falling pupil numbers.
- Concern was expressed about the amount of litter being disregarded across the community. The signage previously promised from SBC has yet to arrive. Discussion took place about the development/use of local signage.
- Concern was expressed about signage at Talla prohibiting access. **Action:**
- **GP** to contact Police regarding issues of non-local visitors and speeding *Update - Below is the response received to GP's email to the Police*

**OFFICIAL**

*Gavin*

*Thank you for your email I have passed this to our new Community Sergeant PS Stephen Granger and local officers for their information.*

*With regards to the speeding this has been passed to Road Policing officers.*

*Can you please advise your residents to contact the Police on the non-emergency 101 number when this is ongoing so that officers can respond and deal as appropriate.*

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- **LM** to explore locally produced/used signage regarding littering • **RG** to investigate signage at Talla

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (7.00pm)**

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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**Present:** Gavin Parker (GP, Chairman), Brian Bushell (BB, Treasurer and Vice Chairman), Debbie Cullen (DC, Secretary), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG), Lesley Mason (LM), Eric Small (ES, Scottish Borders Councillor), Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor) and 5 members of the public.

### **01.08 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

A number of attendees did not identify themselves, despite being asked to do so. *Following the meeting concerns were raised by several participants regarding anonymous people joining the zoom meetings, something that couldn't happen in physical meetings. In order to try and maximise participation, details of the meetings and how to join have been kept as transparent as possible, being posited on the website and Facebook page. However, it has now been agreed by Tweedsmuir Community Councillors that should anyone wishing to join by zoom be unwilling to identify themselves privately, to the chair, they will be excluded from the meeting.*

### **02.08 MATTERS ARISING**

Contact with Whitelaw Brae Windfarm – **LM** reported that this would be actioned shortly

Litter signage – **ES** to follow up. Thanks were extended to **LM** for the 'local' signage produced and put up across the community.

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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

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### **03.08 ACCESS - HILL HALL**

**GP** reported having received enquiries from members of the community regarding this matter, initially raised earlier in the year.

**GP** contacted SBC for an update and was informed that the matter

is still under review and advised **GP** that TCC should refrain from comment at this time. Any queries/comments should therefore be directed to TCC's SBC Community Councillors **ES** or **HA**.

#### **04.08 BROADBAND**

**MC** reported having had a recent call with Robert Thorburn from Open Reach (OpR). Robert Thorburn reported that no decision could be made regarding our project until the scope of the R100 project was confirmed. An announcement from the Scottish Government is anticipated this month. Following this announcement discussions will be needed with OpR regarding the impact on our project and our options. An update will then be circulated to the community. Several residents described how delays in securing adequate broadband coverage have negatively impacted on home schooling, preparations for returning to school, access to information re: Covid etc.

**Acton: BB** to draft letter updating the community and the 2 funding sources SSE & Infinis when more information becomes available and circulate to community councillors before general distribution.

#### **05.08 RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

Although the arrangements put in place to support those who were Shielding have now been stepped down, should anyone still require additional support with deliveries etc. they should contact a member of the TCC. **BB** reported anticipating a request from S.S.E regarding expenditure in relation to Covid-19 and will circulate information to TCC Councillors prior to any submission.

#### **06.08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

**RG** reported that plans for the replanting of Oliver Field will be circulated in due course.

#### **07.08 TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BB** updated the meeting stating that there was £5,954.33 in the bank account. Discussions were taking place between himself, S.S.E. and Infinis to secure additional funding as part of their ongoing grants. As yet, no grant for the current financial year has been received from S.B.C., due to the financial restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, grants had been received from S.S.E. and S.B.C. to be spent specifically on COVID-19 related activity. The amount of the grants received were £2,000



and £1,000 respectively. To date the expenditure has been £1,222.41p and £161.55p also respectively.

### **08.08 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

• **Reinstatement of Old Road Path** - Application to SSE Microgrant for **£250**

from Andrew Mason. **Approved. 09.08 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

### **10.08 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**ES** - Intention is for all schools to reopen across SBC on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Concern was expressed by members of the community regarding the timing, quality and accessibility of information regarding arrangements for schools reopening.

Residents to be aware of the risks of rural thefts.

**HA** reported that many staff across the council are still being redeployed in priority areas, impacting on

the overall functioning the council. The first full council meeting is scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. It is anticipated that the financial situation will be the primary item of discussion.

**Action:** At **GP's** request **ES** to check and confirm there is currently no requirement for the Community Council to hold an AGM.

### **11.08 CROOK INN**

**DD** reported that a grant application had been successful and £380k had been received from the Scottish Government. This combined with other sources of funding leaves a shortfall of £108k against the anticipated development costs of £585k. Additional potential sources of funding are being pursued.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who helped with the recent clear up around the Crook.

**12.08 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE LM** reported on work taking place to document and promote local paths/walks. Initial activity is being supported through a grant of £1,257 from Fallago and will focus on -

- Menzion View Walk using monies to renovate the path, install litter bins etc.
- Old Road Path Volunteers are needed to generate descriptions to accompany OS maps of walks in and around the community. (Info to follow)

SBC have offered a Paths Maintenance Reimbursement Grant of £450 to be claimed before December 2020.

**Action: GP** to email expressing interest in the Maintenance Reimbursement Grant

### **13.08 AOB**

- **Daer wind farm sent communication to say that the planned public consultation has not been feasible due to Covid restrictions. We will be notified when this is going to happen and is likely to be via zoom.**
- **Concerns were expressed about the vulnerability of cyclists using the A701. It was agreed that signage to alert drivers of cyclists would be desirable. It was reported that a local resident has been in discussion with SBC regarding signage to alert drivers of pedestrians using the A701 though Tweedsmuir.**
- **Action: ES to follow up with Police CAT team regarding speed checks on A710.**
- **Action: GP to outline concerns regarding speeding and littering and forward to ES who will raise with colleagues at SBC.**

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 (7.00pm) via Zoom**

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

## Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept) **GP** will also request a hardcopy of the consultation papers.
- Consultation for Whitlelaw Brae changes has been extended to 28<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 (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) and 4 members of the public.

### 01.10 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Eric Small (Scottish Borders Councillor)

### 02.10 MATTERS ARISING

GP made a correction to last months minutes regarding the circulation of a questionnaire re: access at Hill Hall. GP clarified that he had circulated the questionnaire on behalf of SBC. He has since delivered a privacy letter. If anyone has not received a copy of this letter please contact GP.

White lining along the A710 has been started but is incomplete. HA to pursue with SBC.

### 03.10 BROADBAND

**MC** reported having received some recent communication from Openreach. However, they have been unable to provide any clarity about the status of the Tweedsmuir project in relation to the Gigabit Voucher Scheme and the R100 project. From the information available on the Scottish Gov website a majority of households would appear to be covered by the project but roll out is unlikely to reach Tweedsmuir until 2023. **MC** reported having updated Glenkerie regarding the current situation, who have agreed to extend the offer of funding for a further 12 months.

#### **Action:**

- **GP** to meet with David Mundell on 16<sup>th</sup> October to express concerns regarding the ongoing situation regarding the Tweedsmuir Broadband Project.

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- **BB and MC** to draft a letter to David Mundell outlining the issues and circulate this to community councillors for comment prior to sending to Mr. Mundell prior to the above meeting.

- **MC** to once again contact Duncan Nesbit (lead for R100 project) regarding ongoing frustrations with Openreach. **HA** to be updated if SBC Councillor support would be helpful.

#### **04.10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**GP** reported having participated in an online event regarding the proposed

Windfarm at Daer. Discussions currently at a very early stage.

- Ref: 20/01071/NECON | Grayside Wind Farm Land West To Crook Inn Hotel Tweedsmuir Biggar Scottish Borders

- Ref. No: 20/01156/SCR | Overhead Line connecting the consented Whitelaw Brae Wind Farm substation with the operational Clyde South Wind Farm substation.

If anyone has any specific comments/objections regarding the above planning applications please contact a Community Councillor.

**05.10 TREASURERS REPORT BB** updated, information attached.

#### **Action:**

After some discussion it was agreed that **BB** would approach Ventient (Glenkerie) to apply for a £4,000 grant, previously offered and approved by TCC, available to support communities with respect to COVID related activities and also enquire regarding the allocation criteria and format of application forms.

#### **06.10 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Gate to secure site at Crook Inn Community Garden** - Application to SSE Microgrant for £205 from Tweedsmuir Community Company - **Approved**

**BB** reported having received a letter of thanks from Andrew Mason following the completion of the work to repair of the path from the houses at Newbigging to the road at Carlowse Brig funded through a microgrant. **Action:**

**BB** to contact SSE to enquire whether it would be possible for the application

forms to be updated to enable completion electronically (currently paper copies must be printed, hand written and then scanned for submission).

### **07.10 POLICE REPORT**

Copies attached.

It was noted that none of the recent local incidents of theft or criminal damage were mentioned in the report and the community was reminded of the need for ongoing vigilance.

### **08.10 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**HA** reported on a recent meeting of the Sustainable Development Committee. There was considerable discussion regarding the need to ensure all SBC activities are consistent with the principle of mitigating climate change.

### **09.10 CROOK INN**

Duncan Davidson updated on the 3 areas of activity in relation to the Crook Development

- Landscape and walking – see update below from **LM**.
- Work on the Heritage Database is ongoing. However, the Heritage Officer is leaving in the next month and volunteers are needed to take this project forward.
- Crook Inn – applications for funding to meet the current funding shortfall are being progressed.

### **10.10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**LM** reported that a number of footpaths in the locality were being walked and mapped. Scottish Woodlands have been very helpful in facilitating access. Information about the routes are being uploaded to a mini-website. If you would like to take part by walking and narrating one of the routes please contact **LM**. Work is also ongoing looking at archeology (and how to optimise it) at and around Mossefennan.

The use of Zoom to deliver Community 'talks' giving an insight into local areas of interest/history etc are also being explored.

### **11.10 LITTER SIGNAGE**

**LM** to circulate information to inform a decision regarding purchase.

### **12.10 COMPETITION WINNERS**



19 submissions were received for the Tattie Completion. Congratulations to the winners -

- Largest number of potatoes from a single spud was 95 grown by J Edge
- Heaviest potato was 410 gms grown by Viv Little
  
- Heaviest overall weight was 3229 gms grown by J Edge
- The tallest sunflower was grown by Aiden Mason reaching a height of 185 cms

### **13.10 PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS**

It was acknowledged that COVID restrictions would have a significant impact on activities across the community this Christmas and New Year. In addition to those members of the community who usually plan/deliver Christmas/New Year events, **LM**, Christine Parker, Frances Leckie, **DC** and **BB** offered to contribute to the arrangements for this year.

### **14.10 A.O.B.**

It was noted that the Village Hall has recently been granted Charitable Status.

Frances Leckie (local resident) raised concerns regarding the condition of some of the Standing Stones along the Fruid Road. The sites are overgrown and the stones, part of local heritage are in danger of being 'lost'. It was agreed that a small group could do some 'tidying up', **LM** to lead.

**GP** reported having received a request from a member of the community to help them use technology e.g. Zoom, email etc. to communicate more easily with family and friends.

**Next meeting** of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 5th November 2020 (7.00pm) Via Zoom

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

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## Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 5th November 2020 (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) and 4 members of the public.

### 01.11 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Eric Small (Scottish Borders Councillor)

### 02.11 MATTERS ARISING

**GP** reported on his recent meeting with Mr Mundell (MP). **GP** raised the ongoing issues being experienced with Openreach, in progressing the Tweedsmuir Broadband Project. Written information had been provided by **MC** and **BB** prior to the meeting.

**GP** had also raised concerns about the difficulties being experienced by local residents in accessing the Flu Vaccination. **HA** reported being happy to relay any specific concerns to colleagues at SBC.

### 03.11 BROADBAND

**MC** reported having been in communication with Mr Mundell's office but had yet to receive any feedback. No response had been received from Openreach in response to requests for an update. **MC** reported having made contact with 2 independent Broadband infrastructure providers. Unfortunately, neither had any plans to develop services in this geographical area.

#### **Action:**

**MC** to contact Duncan Nesbit (lead for R100 project) regarding ongoing frustrations with Openreach.

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#### **04.11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- Ref. No: 20/01156/SCR | Overhead Line connecting the consented Whitelaw Brae Wind Farm substation with the operational Clyde South Wind Farm substation.

If anyone has any specific comments/objections regarding the above planning applications please contact a Community Councillor.

**05.11 TREASURER'S REPORT BB** updated, information attached.

**BB** reported that an application is being made to Glenkerie for the Covid Grant discussed previously.

#### **06.11 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Community Event on Christmas Eve at Crook Inn Car Park - Application**

to SSE Microgrant for £250 from Neil Robinson and Fiona Burnett.

This event is being funded equally between Skirling CC, Broughton CC and the Kirk Sessions. The application was supported by TCC. However, after discussion it was agreed that the community's contribution to this event should be funded from the Glenkerie Covid Fund rather than through a Microgrant. It was felt that the event, in place of the annual Christmas Eve Carol Service, was necessitated by Covid.

**BB** requested it be minuted that TCC would not be required to meet any costs in excess of the grant award. Christine Parker, local resident, reported that should this event be cancelled, for whatever reason, an event to a similar value would be provided during the following 12 months.

#### **07.11 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

**HA** reported that Police representatives were now meeting each month with SBC Community Councillors. **HA** reported being happy to raise any issues of concern on behalf of the community.

**BB** raised the ongoing issue of speeding on the A701 through Tweedsmuir. **GP** reported having received a questionnaire regarding the 20 mph speed limits recently introduced in various towns/villages across the Borders. One response was requested per Community Council. The questions were discussed and a response made. SBC are updating their website as the project is rolled out and information can be found at <https://>

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/20mph) **HA** suggested that Philippa Gilhooly, Team Leader Traffic and Road Safety at SBC, be invited to a meeting in the New Year to discuss the ongoing concerns regarding speeding through the Community, as Tweedsmuir is not currently included in the 20mph project.

**Action:**

**LM** to obtain update from neighbour who had been in discussion with the Police regarding speeding related signage.

## **08.11 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**HA** reported on meeting that had taken place regarding the development of Business Cases in relation to the Destination Tweed Initiative. One element involves the development of mountain biking activities in Innerleithen and the other on promoting the Tweed for tourism and leisure.

## **09.11 CROOK INN**

Duncan Davidson, local resident, provided an update. Architects working on behalf of the Tweedsmuir Community Company and their design team are working to fulfil final planning agreements and to obtain construction contracts, to enable start of work on the proposed Crook Community Hub (cafe) by the end of March 2021. This process is being supported by SBC

The Community Company is also progressing the development of the Discover Tweedsmuir project, funded by the Heritage Lottery fund.

**10.11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** **LM** reported on a number of initiatives –

- A draft website including information about local paths and walks is under development and should be available for the community to view and input to in the New Year.
- Work is ongoing in the area of Mossfennan in conjunction with Biggar Archaeology Society to erect waymarked signage for routes giving access to archaeology in the area. Litter bins and a number of Kissing Gates to be installed.
- Discussions are underway with Whitelaw Brae Windfarm regarding the creation of walking/cycling routes as part of the windfarm development.
- Community Walks – SBC is looking at ways of encouraging access to walking. Looking at how this could be promoted in the community.
- Tweedsmuir Talks – the first talk, in October, was well received. The second, scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm via Zoom will focus on the construction of Talla Reservoir.
- Menzion Walk – The volunteer work on the lower route has been completed and was used for the Halloween Event.

- Work on Tweedsmuir Little Library is nearly complete, details to follow.
- Standing Stones. After discussions with Scottish Heritage some basic work has been carried out to maintain the condition of the stones.

### **11.11 LITTER SIGNAGE**

**LM** reported having selected 3 designs and suggested an initial purchase of 10 signs at a cost of £56 plus delivery and VAT, funded via the Covid Fund.

**Action:**

**LM** to purchase signs and circulate suggested sites for their use.

### **12.11 PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Planning is underway for a number of events/activities.

- A virtual Christmas party – Vicky White and Nicola Kotze to co-ordinate.
- Christmas Walk – **LM** to co-ordinate.
- A Christmas Drive-In Movie. Likely to be between Christmas and New Year at Crook Inn Car Park. Andrew Mason to co-ordinate.
- Christmas Eve Event in place of the Carol Service. Christine Parker to co- ordinate in conjunction with other Community Councils.
- A Christmas Surprise. **DC** and Frances Leckie to co-ordinate. **13.11 A.O.B.**

None.

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2020 (7.00pm) Via Zoom**

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (CC) on Thursday 3rd December 2020 (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), Eric Small (ES), Scottish Borders Council, Heather Anderson (HA, Scottish Borders Councillor) and 4 members of the public.

### **02.12 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **02.12 MATTERS ARISING**

Corrections to the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November

- **07.11** Police report. **HA** reported that SBC Community Councillors were meeting regularly (not monthly) with Police representatives.
- **12.11** Planning for Christmas. A virtual Christmas Party, Co-ordinators Nicola Kotze and Helen Wood (not Vicky White).

### **03.12 BROADBAND**

**MC** informed that David Mundell is reported to still be persuing our grievance with Openreach. **MC** reported on feedback from Openreach confirming that members of the community are no longer eligible for the Gigabit voucher scheme as Tweedsmuir is covered within the scope of the R100 project. Openreach have given no indication that there will be any flexibility in scheduling the roll out programme. Tweedsmuir is currently scheduled for roll out towards the end of 2021. After discussion it was agreed that the community would continue to pursue Openreach for an explanation and apology regarding their failure to provide a contract for and to deliver on the Community Broadband Project. It was also agreed that compensation be sought as this failure by Openreach has resulted in a delay of at least 18 months-2 years in the provision of Superfast Broadband to the community.

#### **Action:**

**MC** to draft a letter to the Chief Executive of BT Group regarding our complaint, case for compensation and intention to escalate to OFCOM should a satisfactory resolution not be achieved. To circulate to the Committee for comment prior to sending

**MC** to draft an update for the Community and Windfarms. To circulate to the Committee for comment prior to circulation.

**MC** to update Duncan Nesbit regarding the above actions.

### **04.12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

### **05.12 TREASURERS REPORT**

**BB** updated, information attached.

**BB** reported having received confirmation from Ventient Glenkerie of a £4000 grant for Covid related activities and £1,000 of microgrant funding.

Councillors agreed the transfer of £50 towards funding for the virtual Christmas party.

#### **06.12 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **07.12 POLICE REPORT**

Copy attached.

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#### **08.13 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**HA** reported on further work taking place regarding the Borderlands Deal, anticipated to bring significant future investment across southern Scotland including the SBC area.

**ES** reported on work taking place on the next Local Development Plan, due to be published shortly. The Plan can be viewed and comments made via the SBC website.

#### **09.12 CROOK INN**

Duncan Davidson, local resident, provided an update. Architects and the design team, in liaison with representatives from the planning department at SBC, are working hard to ensure construction can start on the Crook Community Hub in March 2021.

#### **10.12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**LM** reported having recently reviewed the Community Plan and talked through the significant achievements of the last few years. Areas requiring attention were also noted.

**Action:**

CC members to make amendments/additions to the updated plan and return to **LM**.

Updated plan to provide the focus for a future Tweedsmuir Talk with a view to identifying/confirming priorities with associated lead(s) for the next/successor Community Action Plan.

#### **11.12 LITTER**

**LM** reported on the installation of one of the new 'Community' litter bins at Mossfennan. A bin is to be installed at Menzion Bridge. If anyone has any suggestions about the siting of the third bin please contact **LM**.

A member of the community has suggested a winter Community Litter Pick. To be discussed at next TCC meeting.

#### **12.12 PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Planning is ongoing. Events include a virtual Christmas Party, Community lead walks and the Drive-In event on Christmas Eve. Booking is required for the Christmas Eve event, details can be found in the recently circulated Kirk Matters.

#### **13. 12 WEBSITE**

**LM** and local resident, Frances Leckie to investigate a refresh of the CC website. It was noted that the interfunctional functionality of the website is quite limited and it is best suited as a repository for information e.g. Council minutes, Grant application forms etc. If anyone has any suggestions additional content please contact **LM**.

The importance of encouraging new residents to join the community council's database information for email circulation list was highlighted.

**Action:**

**BB** to progress updating the community council's database information for email circulation list.

#### **14.12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- A701 - There have been several road closures over the last year and we now have a much improved surface with newly painted white lines.

- Nov 2020 A701 road closure. **GP** confirmed that the Community Council had received no formal notification, that unlike during previous closures, there would be no access for local residents, post or deliveries. Following discussion, along with feedback received from SBC, it was confirmed that responsibility for notification of road closures lies with SBC.

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It was agreed that **ES** would raise the issue of communication regarding road closures particularly where the closure is likely to cause significant detours for local residents.

- Information regarding any forthcoming road works is available on the SBC website and/or through local signage.

**Action:**

**BB** to forward recent email correspondence with SBC regarding communication of road closures to **ES**.

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Nominations are being sought for the Awards Panel for Ventient Windfarm. Please see attached flier.

**Next meeting of the Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (7.00pm) Via Zoom**

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas**

