

Tweedsmuir Community Council

Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) on Thursday 3rd March 2022 (7.00pm), Tweedsmuir Village Hall and via Zoom

Present: Gavin Parker (GP, Chair), Brian Bushell (Treasurer), Debbie Cullen (Secretary), Lesley Mason (LM), Mark Cullen (MC), Ralph Glatt (RG) Eric Small, (Scottish Borders Councillor) Heather Anderson (Scottish Borders Councillor) and 6 members of the public

01.03 WELCOME and APOLOGIES

None received.

02.03 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct.

03.03 MATTERS ARISING

- Dog Education Officer – A response had been received from the Dog Education Officer regarding advice sought in relation to a number of local issues.
Action: DC to request 2 sets of signs for local bins and enquire regarding the provision of signage re: control of dogs around livestock
- Oliver Forest – The plans for the Forestry Development are expected to be placed on the Public Register later this week. TCC to make formal response.
Action: GP to coordinate a response.
- Letter to Biggar Medical Practice – **DC** confirmed this had been sent.
- Road closure, Broughton – Dates extended 07.03 – 16.03, 8.30am – 4.30pm.

04.03 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

GP reported that SBC have yet to receive a formal application for the proposed radio station at Talla. **GP** reported on a follow up email exchange between TCC and the developers who had requested details of the uncommissioned mast on the Talla Road. A map provided by the developers, showing the anticipated coverage provided by the proposed mast can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/8514108-Coverage-Plots.pdf>

05.03 TREASURERS REPORT

<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Treasurers-report-March-22.pdf>

06.03 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS

- **Support for participation in gymnastics** – Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 from Faye Hewitson – **Approved.**
- **Support for driving lessons** – Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 from Tom Roper – **Approved.**

GP reported SSE had agreed to fund the Review/renewal of the Community Action Plan and funded hours to support the development of the updated plan. After a discussion it was agreed that funding, when received, would be transferred to Tweedsmuir Community Company who would be best placed to manage the process and budget.

LM reported on a grant scheme for data SIM cards.

Action: LM to apply.

GP expressed thanks to everyone within the community who has taken the time to make grant applications that benefit the community.

It was noted that the closing dates for submission of grant applications to the 2 local windfarms can be found on the TCC website.

07.03 POLICE REPORT

To follow. Will be posted on the TCC website when received.

08.03 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

ES reported that discussion re: budget setting has now been completed. Purdah ahead of forthcoming elections to start soon.

HA reported that access issues at Hillhouse still being considered. Council giving serious attention to the outcome of the 2017 investigation into the management of the Child Assault case.

HA reported that this would be her last attendance at a TCC meeting as she would not be seeking re-election in May 2022. TCC Coucillors expressed their thanks to **HA** for all her support and hard work on behalf of TCC and wished her well for the future.

09.03 CROOK INN

LM reported that -

- work, by the contractors, on the Wee Crook site will be paused soon as no further progress can be made until the awaited key component for the power supply has been delivered
- grant monies received for the Crook Garden have been used to buy a range of garden machinery and equipment. A schedule of work for the garden is planned to start as soon as the weather allows.

10.03 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

LM reported that -

- the new Tweedsmuir Community Company Website has been launched. An associated app can now be downloaded from the website Tweedsmuir.scot
- spending against the Heritage Lottery Funding Grant needs to be completed by early summer – interpretation boards, walking routes, maps etc. when the activities carried out will be audited.
- further work is being planned to develop signage at the Crook

11.03 CONSULTATIONS

- *The Scottish Government's draft National Planning Framework 4 will set policy for the next ten years or so on how Wild Land Areas will be protected from damaging effects of intrusive civil engineering projects, like windfarms, hydro schemes, powerlines and hill tracks. You can read about this and comment at <https://www.mountaineering.scot/news/wild-land-protection>*
- *Forest Management carried out by Scottish Woodlands Limited (SA-FM/COC-010210 - In April 2022 will carry out a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) & The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) Forest Management assessment of forest management by Scottish Woodlands Limited in the United Kingdom. A list of the sites being assessed can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Group-Site-List-Scottish-Woodlands-Limited-010210.pdf> They will be assessed against the requirements of the FSC-STD-GBR-03-2017 V 1-0 EN ; UKWAS 4.0 (2018). Comments can be made at www.soilassociation.org/stakeholderconsultation/. The deadline for comments is 07-Apr-2022.*

12.03 DATE/VENUE FOR TCC AGM

The next AGM has been rescheduled to Thursday 12th May 2022 as on the 5th May the Village Hall will be in use as a Polling Station.

13.03 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

GP reported on events being planned in Skirling and Broughton. It was agreed that a commemorative event would be planned for Tweedsmuir, most likely on the afternoon of 5th June.

14.03 LITTER PICK

The annual litter pick will take place between the 8th – 17th April 2022. Anyone able to help, please contact Gavin Parker – gavinparkerpolmood@gmail.com indicating where in the community you would be willing to collect litter.

15.03 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Tweedsmuir Talks – Update on the Destination Tweeds Development. 8th March 2022, 7.30pm at the Village Hall and via Zoom
- Hedge planting at the Crook Garden – details to follow

16.03 A.O.B

- No deer stalking is now taking place until 1st April 2022.
- Ongoing concerns were raised regarding the potholes on the A701 opposite Hearthstones. Although they have been patched the holes rapidly reappear and have caused damage to a number of vehicles, particularly when the holes are submerged. Residents are encouraged to report any potholes via the fixmystreet website.
- Link to the Minutes of Biggar Medical Practice Patients Group held in Jan 2022.
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Meeting-Minutes-14-January-2022.pdf>

**The next meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place on
Thursday 7th April 2022 (7.00pm) Tweedsmuir Village Hall
& Via Zoom**

Any potential agenda items can be forwarded to –
Tweedsmuirsecretary@outlook.com

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Chair: Gavin Parker Treasurer: Brian Bushell Secretary: Debbie Cullen

Other Councillors: Lesley Mason; Mark Cullen; Ralph Glatt;

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