

# Tweedsmuir Community Council

## **Minutes of Tweedsmuir Community Council (TCC) and AGM on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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), Viv Anderson (Scottish Borders Councillor), Dr Drummond Begg (Scottish Borders Councillor), Eric Small (Scottish Borders Councillor), and 9 members of the public.

### **01.05 WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

**GP** welcomed the newly elected SBC Borders Councillors, Viv Thomson, Dr Drummond Begg and Eric Small to the meeting.

### **02.05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Accepted as correct.

### **03.05 MATTERS ARISING**

- **GP** reported on the response received from SBC regarding the recent emergency road closure - A701.
- **GP** reported on the response received from Biggar Medical Practice regarding access to services and participation on the Patient Group. There are currently no vacancies on this group but we would be contacted when a possible opening became available.
- Dog Education Officer – **DC** reported follow-up email sent but no response received.

### **04.05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received.

### **05.05 TREASURERS REPORT**

Covered under AGM.

**BB** reported that the end of year accounts are being prepared prior to submission to SBC.

### **05.05 MICROGRANT APPLICATIONS**

- **Support for snowboarding lessons** – Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £110 from Ross White – **Approved**
- **Support for additional tuition** – Application to SSE Youth Bursary for £250 – **Not Approved, GP** to provide feedback to applicant.

Changes to the procedure associated with the administration of grants approved by TCC were discussed. The importance of applicants reading the eligibility criteria carefully before making an application was highlighted and if in doubt to contact a Community Councillor to discuss, prior to making an application. It was agreed that going forward –

- applicants to the Youth Bursary Fund (aged 12 years and above) to apply on their own behalf
- applicants would be required to be specific and where possible provide evidence of, the costs associated with their grant application e.g. X number of lessons at X amount per lesson, cost of materials X.
- a letter confirming the purpose of the grant, the amount and the need for feedback to TCC would be sent with the grant cheque

**Action:**

- **BB** to draft letter proforma

**GP** confirmed that further to the discussions which have taken between Skirling, Upper Tweed and Tweedsmuir TCC's it has been agreed to set up an Endowment Fund for any 'uncommitted' grant monies from the SSE Windfarm.

**06.05 POLICE REPORT**

<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Tweeddale-East-and-West-April-2022.docx.pdf>

**GP** reported that the TCC had recently been informed of a number of break ins, damage and disturbance in the vicinity of a property in Tweedsmuir Village. The Police are now treating these incidents as harassment, as the prolonged and sustained attacks reveal a worrying pattern. The community councillors expressed their concern about these dreadful incidents and urged member of the community, if they have any knowledge of these incidents to contact the Police on 101.

**07.05 SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Nil of note given recent elections.

**08.05 CROOK INN**

**LM** reported that –

- handover of the Wee Crook from the contractors now imminent
  - Tweedsmuir Community Company has secured a grant from SSE to purchase 4 camping pods, toilet and shower units to be sited at the Crook.
  - artist Charles Fletcher has been engaged to facilitate a series of creative community events which will lead to the development of a mural to be displayed on the hoardings at the Crook. Details can be found at <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Creative-events-May-June-2022.docx>
  - an interpretation board has been designed regarding the Source of the Tweed. **ES** stated that he did not anticipate any objection by SBC to the board being placed alongside the existing information on the A701
- Community Garden**
- weekly gardening sessions have restarted on Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm

**09.05 COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**LM** reported that an initial meeting has taken place with STAR consulting regarding the updating of the Community Plan. A steering group of about 8 people will be pulled together to steer the project and help to engage the wider community. **LM** clarified the financial arrangements with **BB**.

**10.05 CONSULTATIONS**

*Report Recommending changes to UKFS - "People"*

<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/UKFS-People-FINAL-19-April-22.docx>

TCC agreed to write and confirm support for the response.

**Action:**

- **DC** to inform
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### **11.05 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

- **LM** reported that plans for the Rhurbarbfest to be held on Sunday 5th June. It was noted that a temporary 30mph speed limit has been secured from SBC from 1-5.30 pm. A community BBQ is planned to follow on from the more 'public' event from 5pm. A query was raised about whether TCC insurance provided cover for this event.
- A celebratory bonfire will be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June on the Crook site

#### **Action**

- **BB** to check insurance position.

### **12.05 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Discover Dark Age Tweeddale - An archeological dig at Tinnis 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. For more info or to volunteer contact- [info@guard-archaeology.co.uk](mailto:info@guard-archaeology.co.uk)
- Sundae Sunday will be taking place in Broughton Village Hall on 5th June time tbc. There will be no service at Tweedsmuir Kirk on that day.

### **13.05 A.O.B**

- Fergus Mason, a young person within the community, has expressed an interest in gaining a better understanding of the purpose and workings of TCC. Going forward it is hoped to enable him to become more involved.
- NHS Share - <https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/NHS-Share-May-22.odt>
- Anyone interesting in helping Borders Forest Trust with planting at Talla please contact **LM**
- Local resident Lesley Kirkwood informed that SEPA have recently launched a new 3 day flood alert and are seeking feedback from users.
- It was noted that there will be no TCC meeting in July 2022.

## **Annual General Meeting**

Chair's report – copy attached

Treasurer's report – copy of this report and Income and expenditure report attached

1. Apologies – None
2. Order of Business – As per agenda
3. Declaration of interests – none reported
4. Code of Conduct – All Community Councillors confirmed their commitment to adhere to the Code of Conduct
5. Scottish Borders Council 2021/2022 Community Council Support Grant Evaluation Form  
<https://www.tweedsmuircommunitycouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-23-Community-Council-Support-Grant-Evaluation-Form-2.docx>
6. Any other items – none

**The next meeting of Tweedsmuir Community Council will take place  
on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 (7.00pm) Tweedsmuir Village Hall  
& Via Zoom**

Any potential agenda items can be forwarded to – [Tweedsmuirsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:Tweedsmuirsecretary@outlook.com)

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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