

Newtown St Boswells & Eildon Community council Minutes 31st January 2017

Present

Elaine Thornton Nicol (ETN) Chair, Daryl du Bois (DDB) Vice Chair, Roger French (RF) secretary, George Luke (GL), Barbara Graham (BG), Veronica Lenartowicz (VL), Raymond du Bois (RDB), PC Alan Paterson, Councillors Gordon Edgar, Michelle Ballantyne and 1 member of the public.

Apologies:

Frances Mayes, Harry Mclean, PC John Dawson

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Declaration of interest

3. Police Report Please see attached police report.

PC Paterson suggested that the public should look at the online survey Your View Counts ETN asked for support on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Community Wing as Youths were causing a disturbance for the user Groups.

GL asked if a member of the community council could watch the police dealing with speeding issues in Newtown. PC Paterson said he didn't know of this but would find out. He also said that it needed 2 PC to prosecute in Scotland.

DDB alerted PC Paterson to an incident involving youths throwing snowballs at a house in the village. It was causing distress to the occupant, PC Paterson advised that they should phone the non emergency number 101 for any further incidents.

GL expressed his appreciation to the police on behalf of the community Council for their assistance on Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Lights switch on.

4. Members of the Public Matters

The road to the Water Works, Whitefield Cres, potholes on Smiddy Brae and the Whitelea Bridge parapet. GE to deal with these.

Coop area wire from the notice board (not live) and can be removed if no further use. MB to speak to the coop about further improvements of the area outside.

The area of Scott House ETN and DDB to speak to the community justice team about tidying the area and to make safe the wall. A suggestion was that it could be used for a new playground for younger children.

State of SBHA housing ETN and DDB already in contact with the team and will chase up.

Halls Mill road - is private and MB stated that the council can intervene in public safety only.

Sign on wall outside the community wing will not affect the possible regeneration of the village centre.

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

BG proposed, RG seconded

6. Treasurer's report.

It was agreed that GL would take over as treasurer in the short term.

7. Local Councillors report

GE confirmed that the tapestry would be sited in Galashiels at the old post office building and also a new extension.

Parking - the new proposal that the council will enforce parking laws was thrown out and remains the role of the police

Public Toilets in the Borders charging will now apply in most areas but not in Newtown at present.

MB confirmed that the light for outside the community Wing was in progress

New Street signs are in production but there is no priority and will probably be done together

Coop- no progress made but will renew efforts.

RF thanked MB and GE for their help at the Bowling Club.

8. Correspondence received

2nd Feb budget proposal meeting at HQ

Consultation on renewable energy

Views on Future of Scottish Planning Development Plans

9. Planning

It was agreed that the sub committee would meet and have a report for the next meeting.

10. Newtown in Bloom

Nothing to report

11. Youth Council

There have been issues utilising the system therefore the Earlston Youth Catchment Group will now be picking this up.

12. Dog Friendly Newtown

There is a full update on Facebook.

3rd March Junior Launch and enrollment day

31st March and 2nd April litter pick in conjunction with DFN and Keep Scotland Beautiful are using Newtown as a pilot scheme.

1st April Fun Day.

It was agreed that £200 would be given to DFN as a donation towards costs.

13 Christmas Lights

The vandalism of the tree and facebook abuse was discussed

The community council agreed that there should be meetings to discuss the way forward for the lights and tree. RG will write to Buccleugh estates to thank them for the tree.

MB and GE stated that SBC do not supply trees for any place in the borders but they will assist in putting it up if it is a large tree.

14. AOB

Nil

Date of next meeting 28th February 2017