

Draft Minutes of meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council in Stow Town Hall at 7.30 pm on February 1st 2016.

Those present - D Muir (Chair), J. Mushlin, I. Peacock, A. Riddell, A. McNeilly, J. MacKenzie, S. Jeffrey, T. Miller, Cllr. Mitchell, Cllr. Aitchison N. Hodgson

Apologies - Cllr. B. White, C. Hendry, PC Anne McNair, R. Murphy

There was a correction to the previous month's minutes. If residents wish to contact PC Anne McNair she is available by phone through the 101 service. Residents can phone 101 and leave a message for her if she is not on duty. Any residents who do not know her name can ask for the Stow Community Officer. If it is an ongoing crime an officer will be despatched. If it is urgent dial 999.

The minutes were approved, proposed by D. Muir, seconded by J. MacKenzie.

Cllr. Mitchell agreed to take up the matter of the path at Cuddy Brae again.

J. MacKenzie is applying on behalf of Stow Community Council to the Windfarm Panel for 4 planters and 1 waterbutt. £2655.12 for planters and £35 for a waterbutt. There will be 1 planter at the layby, one on the corner of Church Wynd, one at the fence at the Royal Hotel and one set back at the bus stop at the Old School. It is impossible to put planters at the other end of the village because of the width of the pavement.

The arrangements for Community Council Elections were approved. The meeting on the 7th March will be the last meeting of the current community council. Nominations will open on 20th March and close on the 11th April at 6 pm. There are 7 days when anyone can withdraw their nomination, until 18th April. If there is no need for elections all Community Councillors will be notified on the 19th or 20th April. If more people have been nominated than there are spaces, notice will be given of elections and elections will take place on 27th April. As soon as possible after elections there will be notification of who has been successful. If there have been elections, the first meeting of the new Community Council will take place on May 9th. If there are no elections, the first meeting will take place on May 2nd. The April meeting of the Community Council has been cancelled.

There has been a proposal to expand the newsletter to include details of local businesses. This was approved.

The Road Safety campaign was discussed. It was agreed that this will focus on problems in Stow. There are problems in the Crookston and Fountainhall areas but the A7 Action Group focuses on all areas of the A7. The last A7 Action Group was cancelled at the last minute at Langholm and J. MacKenzie travelled a round trip of 96 miles to attend it. Apparently it was cancelled for the safety of people attending from Stow!

Councillors Reports.

Community Councillors have been invited to a budget meeting at Council Headquarters. The Council has had a great deal of difficulty due to storms and floods since Christmas. The roads are in a dreadful state with 250 different situations. Anything routine has had to be suspended.

There is to be a complete review of all education in the Borders. Everything will be examined, including school estates and which schools can be amalgamated. In March there will be consultations with all secondary schools, which will go to the Council in

May. The first opportunity to implement this will be in April 2017.

Network Rail are meeting on various issues which have yet to be resolved such as the underpass at Heriot.

Drain on Lauder Hill - the Council are still waiting for permission from Scottish Water to use the main drain. There will eventually be a road closure.

Planning - (1) Telefonica UK - erection of 23 metre tall lattice mast supporting 2 No antenna, 2 No remote Radio Units and 2 x 300 millimetre dia dish antenna and provision of 2 No ground level equipment cabinets on land North West of Haltree Farmhouse.

(2) Extension to Dunedin 39 Townfoot, Stow. There were no objections to the applications.

There was discussion as to whether planning should in future be by email only. It was agreed the chairman will email Planning to say that we wish to receive all relevant planning applications as paper copies as at present.

A microgrant was agreed for £240 for extra hours for the Archivist to draw up the groundwork for the Anderson collection to archive this properly. This will cover 16 hours work until May or June.

The Galawater Singers keyboard which was funded by the Windfarm is now being used by Fountainhall School.

The Community Council was notified of the intention of SBC to adopt the Scottish Local Development Plan.

The revised Local Development Plan can be inspected in public libraries, Contact Centres and at SBC Headquarters.

It can also be inspected on the internet at www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp

There is an online discussion forum on the review of planning at <https://ideas.scotland.gov.uk/independent-review-of-planning>

Thanks were conveyed to the Council for gritting Earlston Road in Stow.

The next meeting will be on 7th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in Stow Town Hall.

Meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council to be held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in Stow Town Hall.

AGENDA

1 Apologies

2 Minutes and Matters Arising

3 Police Report

4 General Matters

5 Councillors Report

6 Planning

7 Correspondence

8 AOCB