

Draft Minutes of Parish of Stow Community Council held on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall

Those present: C.Hendry, A.McNeilly, J. MacKenzie, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Scott, A. Riddell, J. Mushlin,

S. Jeffrey, T. Millar, N. Hodgson, Cllr Aitchison, W. Lofthouse

Apologies : I. Peacock, R. Murphy, Cllr Jardine

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposed J. MacKenzie, seconded A. McNeilly

Over 50 people attended the recent meeting regarding the Station House. The business case includes artists' studios, cycle repair. Meetings are going ahead regarding funding and everything is on track. 180 people are members of the Trust.

An email has been received from the police asking to be notified of the dates of our next meetings.

General Matters

An application has been made for £5000 to Paths for All. S. Jeffrey will get the work done at St Mary's Well. Fencing will be done along the path. A. McNeilly and S. Jeffrey will look into this.

Road Safety Campaign

There are more accurate reflections of speed at other parts of Stow than the areas currently being surveyed. There are other methods that can be used. Brian Young, SBC has been very helpful. The Road Safety Camera Partnership has more of a public profile. There have been no improvements in speed tests when the period before road signs and the period after road signs are compared. A better area for testing would be halfway between Springbank and the top of the village.

The Church Building improvements are going ahead.

Amendments were made to the proposed dates and venues of meetings. The April meeting will take place on the 9th April in Fountainhall and there will be a third meeting in July in Fountainhall.

New boards are needed at the Subscription Bridge.

It was approved that donations should be sought around Stow to raise a stone in the Old Churchyard.

Robin MacMillan is stabilising the Bishops Palace

It was agreed to give a microgrant of £180 towards the Fountainhall Childrens Party

It was agreed to give a £240 microgrant to purchase a tree for Fountainhall which is easy to assemble, fully lit and will last for many Christmas seasons.

The application for a microgrant by Stow Horticultural Society needs to be discussed further

Craig Blackie has approved a contractor to repair the wall at Stow Town Hall.

A grit bin is needed at the top of Fleming Place. This is being looked into.

The back road from Pirn to Stow is very treacherous in bad weather. This is dependent on money coming from Network Rail.

Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee, which is attended by Cllr Scott, disbursed grants which are paid for by airport parking. The bulk of the money goes to communities next to the airport but Cllr Scott will find out the criteria for grants.

The Localities Fund has received 128 applications. About 30 of these are from Eildon. Clare Malster has requested suitable locations for ballot boxes. Stow Post Office was felt to be the best place in Stow, subject to their agreement, and Fountainhall Village Hall in Fountainhall.

Correspondence -

Supplementary Guidance on Housing - N. Hodgson will look into this.

AOCB

There has recently been a CPR course in Stow. Fountainhall Community Resilience are intending to organise CPR training in Fountainhall Village Hall once the festive season is over for anyone who wishes it. It was pointed out that it is important if anyone comes across an accident to make sure the head is tilted back to make sure the throat is not blocked by the tongue. J. Mushlin will organise defibrillator signs for the Stow and Fountainhall Defibrillators.

Residents feel that Hill Terrace should be resurfaced and one way forward would be for the Community Council to apply to the Windfarm for a grant on their behalf. Hill Terrace has been an ongoing issue for many years. It has never been adopted because Midlothian did not hand it over to Selkirkshire. There is multiownership of properties, including SBHA, who would pay a share. It was felt that there are other parts of Stow that were not adopted that would want the Community Council to act and that the Community Council cannot undertake road improvements throughout Stow. The drainage effect on the A7 caused by the state of Hill Place needs to be considered and whether the Council would support taking remedial action on Hill Place to improve this will be taken up by Cllr Anderson. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday January 8th 2018 at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
3. POLICE REPORT
4. GENERAL MATTERS
5. TREASURERS REPORT
6. COUNCILLORS REPORT
7. PLANNING
8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. AOCB