

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall

Those present : J. MacKenzie, (chair), A. Riddell, A. McNeilly, C. Hendry, J. Mushlin, S. Jeffrey, T. Millar, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Aitchison, Cllr Scott

Apologies: I. Peacock, N. Hodgson, R. Murphy

Amendments to previous minutes: Apologies from T. Millar should be recorded. The AGM will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed: A. McNeilly. Seconded: A. Riddell

The Layby Wall on the A7. The windfarm have agreed to matchfund the council for the repair. It was agreed that the full repair for £11,000 is preferable to a partial repair. The Councillors present are also proposing to apply to the small schemes fund for £5,000 for tarring in addition to the general repair cost. It was agreed to apply to the windfarm for £6,000 instead of £5,500 in view of this extra contribution by SBC. The Secretary will apply to EDF windfarm funds on behalf of the Community Council. Cllr Aitchison will give her details.

SBC Path for All Grant – The grant application form for £450 has been received by the Secretary. The form needs to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> February with proof of work done. The work should be done in the Autumn. A. Riddell will investigate the purchase of a strimmer. S. Jeffrey will supervise the cutting back of the path.

Treasurers Report –

It was agreed that C. Hendry will be the alternate signatory to the account.

There is currently £1458 in funds for the newsletter. Each newsletter costs £280 per issue to produce.

There are still funds for defibrillator training. It was agreed that training should happen in both Fountainhall and Stow.

There are still funds for the graveyard, the walks booklet and Bishops Palace.

SSE have awarded £11,250 for the publication of a History of Stow. A publishing contract between the Community Council and Mary Craig, the Author was agreed. The Secretary will be taking on editorial responsibility and meeting Ms Craig monthly. More frequently if necessary. Ms Craig will submit a report on progress every 3 months to the Community Council and attend any meeting at the request of the Community Council.

EDF microgrant funds are £4063.9

SSE microgrant funds are £1493.58. It was agreed to fund a new springboard for Fountainhall Village Hall at a cost of £94.04 from this amount.

The white lining machine appears to have a very small amount of work in the schedule, with priority given to work outside schools. Originally white lining on the A7 was delayed for construction of the railway and a promise was made that this would happen after the railway opened. Nothing has happened. It was felt that there should be lines at the edges of the road, as well as the centre. The Secretary will write to Martin Joyce, Assets and Infrastructure about this, with copies to Christine Grahame, Cllr Edgar, Cllr Aitchison.

There is also a requirement for additional signage with vegetation on the road making signs impossible to see.

The location of the new noticeboard will be determined and T. Millar will install it.

The website has been transferred to new management. The software has been upgraded. S. Jeffrey puts up the minutes. It was agreed to invite the new website host to a community council meeting.

The drainage and potholes on the sides of Lauder Hill are serious.

The Drain at the Old Manse needs urgent attention. The road is breaking up at this point. Cllr Aitchison will get this attended to immediately.

S.Jeffrey has been in touch with people who organise walks. He is proposing a walking festival around Stow when the Station House opens. He is continuing to contact local landowners to arrange walks , with some agreements already in place.

Live Borders have sent the Community Council their accounts. A. McNeilly will simplify them.

There has been no further progress regarding the tree stumps in the park

The next meeting of the Parish of Stow Community Council will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm in FOUNTAINHALL VILLAGE HALL. It will be preceded by the AGM at 7pm in FOUNTAINHALL VILLAGE HALL. Both meetings are open to all members of the public.

#### 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

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING IS IN FOUNTAINHALL VILLAGE HALL

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