

Yetholm and District Community Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in Yetholm Youth Hall
Tuesday, 28th June 2011 at 7.00 pm

Present: David Hutchinson (Chair), David Redpath, Susan Stewart, Alastair Turnbull, Barbara Paul (later arrivals), Ron Breeze, David Edgar, Robin McHaffie, And six members of the public.

Minutes Clerk: Daniel Blackburn

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| 1 | Apologies for absence: Jonathan Dixon, Paul Robson. Councillor Alec Nicol DH has spoken to PR-now out of hospital & steadily improving. | |
| 2 | Minutes of the previous meeting | |
| | Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed by the chairman. | |
| 3 | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| 3 | The meeting agreed to deal with the Morebattle Rd speeding at this point as concerned members of the public were present. 5 members of the public attended to speak about the speeding problem. DH read out the results of the speed checking, they indicated an average of 727 cars passing in and out of Yetholm at this point. A top speed of 45mph was recorded. Residents questioned the accuracy of this. Letters of complaint have been received by DH and will be forwarded to SBC. Members of the public wished for more action on this matter and called for the police and the road authorities to do a lot more on this problem. | |
| 3.2 | With respect to the Resilience Plan, the date of August 3 rd was discussed and agreed. This public meeting will be held in the Youth hall. | DB |
| 3.3 | Signs for Bowmont Terrace, High Street and the Crescent. SBC have been in contact with AM. DH asked for a map of un-adopted roads in Yetholm. | AT |
| 3.4 | AT has clarified the quote from Signmasters for the information board at the bus shelter. DH is to clarify the quote from Cheviot Graphics. | |
| 3.5 | Eildon Housing Association contacted BP and have confirmed they will be sending notification of properties that become available in the village. | SS |
| 3.6 | (3.8) BP & SS are working on fundraising ideas in Yetholm, and will be making a few more enquires about a fashion show. Along with a few other ideas. | |
| 3.7 | DH is awaiting a reply from Colm McKee about the placing of containers and parking of caravans. | |
| 3.8 | Progress is still on-going with regards to the bottle bank littering problem, AM has contacted J Rankine about the laminated notice. To be put by the bottle bank. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem. | SS DH |
| 3.9 | All invoices for advertising on Yetholm website have been distributed by SS. SS said that four new advertisers had been factored into that, but some confusion had arisen over one company's arrangements for payment. SS will be looking further into the matter. DH will also be talking with Ian Randall Reid concerning CBAH in Kelso. | |
| 4 | Festival Committee report DH read the main points of the Festival Committee meeting. Festival week has been a great success. Although DH finds the role as chairman of both the festival committee and community council very rewarding, he feels unable to take on the burdens of both roles again next year. So a new festival committee chairman will be required. DH asked for any volunteers for the role from the community council. AT put himself forward to chair festival committee meetings. RMcH put forward the idea of doing it on a rolling rota basis, and the idea was well received. AT DE RB all called for the festival committee and YCC to work more closely. RMcH thanked DH for all his great work over festival week, and all members agreed. RB | |

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| | praised DH in his working out of a manual on the running of the festival. | |
| 5 | Portfolio Presentations | |
| 5.1 | Housing and Planning – David Hutchinson Solar panels at Waukford were approved by all. The test wind turbines at Yetholm Mains and on Yetholm Law were discussed. DH pointed out that the latter does not appear on SBC website map. | |
| 5.2 | Roads – Jonathan Dixon – was absent | |
| 5.3 | Pavilion – David Edgar After the loss of the football team, DE, PR, DR and RMcH will have a meeting regarding the way forward with the pavilion. The meeting should be held in three weeks time, and will then be followed by a public meeting on regenerating the pavilion. | DE PR DR RMcH |
| 5.5 | Education, Health and Social Services – Barbara Paul Received a letter from Eildon housing, assuring her they will send housing vacancies that will then be posted on the village notice board. | |
| 5.6 | Grants – David Redpath – nothing further to add. | |
| 5.7 | Utilities and Sports Pavilion – Paul Robson – PR has spoken to DH re applying for funding for finishing the wall down by the playing field. The drain at Rose Cottage has still not been lowered. DB will send a letter to Ronny Pattendon about the issue. | DB |
| 5.8 | Website liaison – Susan Stewart SS has ordered the fireworks, but raised concerns over storing them. DE offered to store them. RB asked about who was doing the lighting of the fireworks this year. SS and RB said they would look into the matter. | DE SS RB |
| 5.9 | Tourism – Alastair Turnbull AT gave DB a letter from Bill Rae, requesting a photo exhibition to become a feature of the Yetholm Kirk Internal Project. This is hoping to create a community cultural resource area within the kirk. The upper room could be used temporarily for the photo exhibition. | |
| 5.10 | Finance – Ron Breeze Need figures from Ron. AT had received a cheque from Charity Begins At Home. This was to be given to Yetholm FC for property maintenance but YFC is not now functional the cheque will need to be re-assigned. RB to contact CBAH. SS raised the issue of people applying for funding, but not telling members of YCC or other village organisations. | RB |
| 6 | Scottish Borders Council – Councillor Nicol - not present | |
| 7 | Additional Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter from the MOD has been received, saying there will be a MOD flying exercise over the borders, which will be held between 10th-21st July 2011. • A review of festive lighting has been requested by SBC, the letter has been passed to DE • 09.06.11 Sustainable Communities Act – request for support for Leiston – Suffolk. • 09.06.11 Communities: Training funding: Changworks e-newsletter. • NHS – Chiviot Locality Events - | DE |
| 8 | AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public came out to speak about the speeding problem, on the road into Yetholm from Morebattle. DH readout the letter from the police, with the results from the nine day speed checking test on the road. The results were not very well received by many people. Members of the public want more action on the matter and called for the police and the road authorities to do a lot more on this problem. Also asking for all correspondence to be made available to the public. Many solutions were talked about on this issue, asking for a speed checking radar gun, that members of the public could use to highlight | AN DH PR |

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| | <p>the problem to the authorities. Also a villager suggested the idea of applying for funding, to pay for traffic calming measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public also raised the problem of the caravans on Teviot road car park, their biggest concern was the gas bottles stored there, but also said that the mess dumped around it was attracting more mess to accumulate in the area. • DH brought up the state of parking around the cemetery, many ideas and views were discussed on this matter, including the need to extend the cemetery in the future. DH said a letter should be sent to SBC cemetery department, about the pints raised. • DR will be doing the calculations on the advantages of putting solar panels on the youth hall and Wauchope hall, he will also look at funding, and permission. • The tree planting planned for the Bowmont was briefly discussed, Not everyone agreed with the idea. | DR |
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The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th July 2011 at 7.00pm in the Youth Hall.