

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 25th May 2017

Present:

Robert Laird, Caron McDonald, Katy Miller, George Noble, Jack Sinclair, Cllr Eric Small, Ian Storie and Sara van der Vat.

Apologies:

Andrew Clark, Marlene Davies, Isobel Hunter.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 30th March approved by RL & CM.

Correspondence Received

- Email from Mark Ruskell MSP regarding a 20mph members bill in the Scottish Parliament – opportunity for community council members to respond

ACTION

- SV to send out email and link to CC members

Police Report

- Not received in time for the meeting – being sent out with the minutes
- Incidents of note: break ins in West Linton

Windfarm Funds

- Have received a cheque for £700.00 for the Food Hygiene Course
- Have received a cheque for £2,500 for the Borders Youth Bursary Scheme
- CC rejected the micro-grant application from Clair McCosh for funds for sports equipment (also been rejected by Broughton CC). Agreed Claire should apply for full grant
- Grants have gone up to £25,000, with the next application deadline being the 16th August
- SV suggested Francesca apply for the final funding for the playpark
- CM & Joyce Clark speaking to Lynn Barr regarding a community stone sculpture (GN may be able to provide the stone)

ACTIONS

- IH to arrange Food Hygiene Course on return from holidays
- Borders Youth Bursary Scheme to be publicised (website/flyers) – **Volunteers?**
- SV to inform Claire McCosh of CC decision and offer KM's help in applying for the full amount
- CM to get quote for community stone sculpture, then CC can decide on how to fund it (as discussed at last meeting, BH, IH and MD to look into past and present photos of totem poles for ideas)

Broadband Update*

BH provided an updated report for the broadband in his absence:

- Suggested organising meeting with B4RN and B4GAL
- 29 people responded to the survey, only 1 negative comment
- BH asked SV to contact Amanda Burgauer from B4GAL to arrange a public meeting
- Next stage would be mapping via Google Earth

ACTIONS

** BT is currently installing fibre broadband in Skirling – SV to catch up with BH on his return*

Village Maintenance

Plants

- Funds are still available for planting in the pots around the village

ACTION

- SV to confirm amount to CM and provide a cheque for planting

Defibrillator

- RL has emailed Biggar Health Centre to find out more about First Responders – waiting for answer

Resilient Communities

ACTION

- KM to attend meeting on the 12th June

Orphaned Land

ACTION

- BH to update at our next CC meeting in September

Any Other Business

- All CC members agreed to the Code of Conduct
- IS asked if we could ask for a double white line at Toftcombs to stop cars overtaking by the Skirling turn off
 - Cllr ES suggested contacting AMEY

ACTION

- SV to find out contact details for AMEY and CM to contact them

Next Meeting Date: 28th September at 7pm