

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Present:

Esther Daborn, Bob Hunter, Katy Miller, Ian Storie, Sara van der Vat, Cllrs Heather Anderson and Kris Chapman.

### Apologies:

Andrew Clark, Isobel Hunter, Robert Laird, Ross McIntyre and Cllr Eric Small.

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### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 31<sup>st</sup> January approved by ED and IS.

### Correspondence Received

- Ross McIntyre has been in contact with Openreach on behalf of Muirburn residents due to the lack of availability of fibre broadband and their poor broadband speed and has asked for our Councillors' support in getting more accurate information:
  - due to its distance from the cabinet, Muirburn doesn't benefit from the Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) service that Skirling village now has, but fibres have been laid to provide Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) – however no availability date has been given beyond the general government target of July 2020
  - Ross contacted Openreach to get a more accurate idea of when this would become available but got the general response that, all going to plan, they hope to start taking orders in July 2020

### ACTION

- SV to forward email correspondence between Ross and Openreach to Cllr HA, who in turn will contact the person in charge of the rollout to see if she can find out more for our Muirburn residents (done)

### Police Report

- Nothing to report for the period 30<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- No local reports received by the CC either

## Windfarm Funds

- Youth Bursary - £1,004.60  
Clyde Micro-grant - £1,024.28 (last pulled down in 2016)  
Infinish Micro-grant - £475.54 (last pulled down in 2017)
- CC discussed possible uses for various grants:
  - Additional badminton kit for new Sunday fortnightly club
  - Supplement the remaining £645 ring-fenced by the VH committee for a new shed for the resilience kit to provide a larger building and decent shelving
- SV not approached Christopher Lambton to offer Skirling CC support for new car park at Broughtonknowe as he is working hard on the shares for the new Broughton store at present. KM asked who owns, and therefore maintains, the layby currently being used as a car park for dog walkers

## ACTION

- BH to get costings for the new shed and shelving
- Cllr KC offered to check the ownership of the layby at Broughtonknowe

## Local Transport

- The Councillors are continuing to keep the pressure up regarding public transport for our area (including a plea from local youth)
- Cllr HA informed the CC that Timothy Stephenson, Strategic Transport Services Manager for SBC, has recommended that the bus/taxi pilot continues to be supported – using the Localities Bid Fund to keep it running for a year

## Village Maintenance

### Path Erosion (Skirling to Skirling Mill)

- ED spoke to Skirling Mill residents regarding the extension of the path by approximately 50 yards to bring it all way to Skirling Mill and received agreement for the plan
- ED also mentioned the vegetation at the side of the path by the road bend was in need of cutting back

## Roads

- RM had reported the large potholes on the splash road with case number 277083. BH also tried to report via the website but wasn't able to
  - BH now has a claim in for damage to his car
  - Cllr KC recommended the website and app FixMyStreet, which can be found at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> - the reporting goes straight to the councillor's email account
- In response to the request for the white lines to be repainted at the sides of the road near Skirling Mill (after repairs), the councillors confirmed that white lines were only repainted when a whole road is resurfaced rather than patched

### **Dog Fouling**

- Cllr KC has offered to provide free dog poo bags for Skirling Village Hall
- SBC has bought the dog poo stencilling kit (highlighting and shaming dog fouling)
  - This can be borrowed via Jason Hedley

### **Village Clean**

- Took place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April with a great turnout of around 17 villagers
- Around 40 black bags were collected



### **ACTIONS**

- ED contacted Jason Hedley re repairs, extension and vegetation on the path post meeting. Jason Hedley has passed on the enquiry about more permanent fix of path erosion, new gravel, and extension to relevant officials at SBC
- Cllr HA to check why potholes couldn't be reported via the SBC website
- SV to send Paula Fleming Jason's details for borrowing the stencil kit

### **Resilient Communities**

- A Resilient Communities Conference is taking place in Cambuslang on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

### **ACTIONS**

- SV to forward email re conference to BH

### **Any Other Business**

- BH thanked SBC for its help with tidying up Skirling churchyard, hugely appreciated
- Cllr KC was delighted to hear about the new Badminton/Table Tennis club in the village and has offered to attend to discuss more clubs and ideas. It runs fortnightly on a Sunday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and the next one is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
- Cllr KC and HA updated the CC with news:
  - Adult protection training, re e.g. domestic abuse, is to increase
  - Funding streams are being solidified for the 7 SBC localities (i.e. CC & village hall funds)
    - Cllrs recommended a member of Skirling CC attends funding meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June to ensure Skirling has a voice. RL has passed a letter on to ED from SBC asking 2 representatives to attend – ED has volunteered and asks for one other to join her. We have also been asked to provide one CC rep to participate in the Tweeddale Area Partnership meetings – this can be decided in June.

### **Meeting Dates in 2019:**

30 May (AGM), 26 September and 28 November