

Grantshouse Community Council

Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm
in Grantshouse Village Hall

If anyone attending these meetings, whether addressing the Community Council or not, should let the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary know if they wish to have their names omitted from any comments.
If there are no declarations, it will be presumed that there are no objections.

AGENDA

| | <u>Approximate Time</u> |
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| 1. Apologies | 1 min |
| 2. Police Scotland | 5 min |
| 3. Neighbourhood Watch Report | 5 min |
| 4. Previous Minutes | 5 min |
| 5. Matters Arising | 20 min |
| 6. Treasurers Report | 5 min |
| 7. Correspondence | 10 min |
| 8. Drone Hill Apps | 10 min |
| 9. Broadband | 5 min |
| 10. Any Other Business | 10 min |
| 11. Date of Next Meeting | |

Thursday 14th April 2016

Anyone is welcome to attend and contributions are encouraged from anyone in the community.

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Chairman John Prentice, thanked everyone who came to the meeting on this exceptionally cold and icy night.

Present: John Prentice (Chairman), Kym Bannerman, Marion Donovan, Ian Fleming, Angela Robertson, Margaret Fleming and Walter Wyse (NHW Coordinator)

Apologies: Pat Durie, PC Richard Toward (Police Scotland), Michael Cook (Councillor), Joan Campbell (Councillor)

Police Scotland: PC Richard Toward was unable to attend this month's meeting but we have been provided with this month's report which for the Grantshouse Area reads as the following:-

- Incident 2170 of 24/1 – Counterfeit £50 note passed at café at Harelawside. Enquiry ongoing.
- Incident 2523 of 3/1 - Flooding on A1 at Grantshouse
- Incident 1106 of 6/1 – Theft of Air Compressor tools from workshop at Butterdean Farm. Workshop possibly left insecure. Value approx. £400. Occurred approx. 2 weeks prior to date of report.
- Incident 580, 584, 596, 609, 611 & 647 of 11/1 – Several reports of temporary lights on A1 at Grantshouse being stuck on red. Officers attended to assist with traffic until arrival of AMEY.

Dark nights are still creeping in and residents are asked to be extra vigilant.

Still be vigilant of doorstep callers and if unsure don't let anyone in.

Speeding and seat belt checks still on going.

Please remember the Non – Emergency number for the Police is 101 (local numbers no longer maintained)

NHW: - Walter Wyse (NHW Coordinator) attended this month's meeting and reported the following:-

- Old Toll House door seems to have been kicked in. The Chairman will email 3d garages about this.

SBAAlert have alerted areas of scams and other issues in operation, these include:-

- Grant Claim – calls are being made informing people they are entitled to a grant of £1000. This is a scam and people are advised to hang up and not divulge ANY information.
- Thefts of Mountain Bikes have occurred in Boland. These are high end bikes. Please be vigilant.
- Your Package has been seized – emails are doing the rounds informing people that their packages have been seized. Please do not reply to these as the companies who genuinely seize any packages would write to you to confirm details. Please delete the emails.
- Missing man from Jedburgh who went missing last month, has gone missing once again. The police are asking people to keep their eyes open for any sighting.

Previous Minutes. This month's minutes Proposed by John Prentice and seconded by Angela Robertson
Amendments from last month's minutes:-

Carol Concert:- The information should have informed people that during the remembrance service 101 names were read out of people who have been cremated since the Crematorium came into operation.

Also, there is to our knowledge NO St Abbs Choir, the singing was provided by Eyemouth's Fisherman's Choir.

New Age Kurling:- The award for hall hire is for 8 sessions NOT 8 weeks.

The Secretary apologizes for any mistakes from last months.

Matters Arising:

Noticeboard:- A Grantshouse Village resident has said they can kindly make a new noticeboard to be situated at the bus stop to replace the one there already.

Lights:- Confusion was set over who was to contact who in regards to lighting situations brought up last month. There were in fact 2 sections for lights, one for Walter to follow up regarding the Christmas Tree and one for the secretary to follow up regarding main street lighting.

Vermin: Environmental Health were visiting the site and would pop in to Angie and Keith Brown for their details of infestation. EH were also advised about the litter and the bin situation possibly needing to be rethought out to be more useful than they are now.

Action to be taken: The Secretary will contact Angie and Keith Brown for an update of the meeting.

The secretary will also check with the police in regards to CCTV being put up in the area.

Lighting in other settlements:- Issues have been raised again regarding the lack of lighting in public areas. Most affected is the settlement of Harelawside where there are more than a dozen residential properties. Problems arising from the lack of lighting has resulted in danger to the public with vehicles passing on a regular basis, this includes HGV's. This heightens the danger when school children particularly are crossing the road for their school bus to and from home.

Action to be taken:- The secretary will contact the SBC Planning department and Street Lighting department about this issue.

Howpark road: RES have provided funding for the repair of Howpark Road to the SBC. It is expected that work will begin once the weather improves.

Grass Verges: The Secretary has still not received any feedback from AMEY in regards to barriers being put up along the stretch from the Village to Harelawside. It is advised to email them directly so that there is a paper record of contact.

The foul drain at the A1 has been cleared out.

Action to be taken:- The Secretary will email AMEY and cc in Transport Scotland, SBC Roads Department and the Local Councillors.

LIVOS Energy: George Matthews will send a report on what he is sending into the SBC for any pointers that the CC could use regarding the Local Development Plan.

Action to be taken: None until the Planning Application is received.

Christmas Tree: The Secretary will contact Gordon CC for address details and whom to write the cheque of £25 to.

Action to be taken: The Secretary will forward the address details onto the Treasurer for release of the cheque.

Cabling to Windfarm:- From Monday 15th February for approx. 4 days, PMK will be bringing the cabling to adjoin to the segments together for the Penmansheil Windfarm across the A1. One section of the A1 will be closed at a time with traffic lights to control traffic.

3D Garages:- The Chairman has not heard anything back from 3d regarding them possibly putting their property in the Village up for sale.

Action to be taken:- The Chairman will keep monitoring for a response and report next month.

Woodland: The leases have been signed and as of the 11th February 2016 the CC are the new tenants of the Woodland. The next stage is to register the land.

Action to be taken: Register land.

Broadband:- The Chairman has had meetings with other CC areas regarding bringing Broadband to the areas. The group set up need to find out if there is funding available and what Telecommunications Companies could do for the areas with weak and/or no Broadband.

The Chairman is meeting with Briscona on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

Action to be taken: Await feedback from Chairman regarding meeting.

Scottish Power:- The planned outage on January 20th from 9am till 4.30pm was cancelled for most residential properties as another connection was found to safely keep the electricity to the properties. Around 20 properties in and around the Harelawside area were still affected but arrangements had been put in place for Cedar Café to receive a generator to provide hot drinks for those without power. RES were also providing hot meals for those residents of properties affected.

A letter regarding the cancellation of the planned outage was found in the noticeboard outside the village hall still in its envelope.

Resilient Communities:- The CC need to find out if the Communities of Grantshouse Settlements want to sign up to Resilient Communities especially after the recent sever weather.

Firstly, it has been decided that a tonne bag of sand will be bought along with sand bags so that there is some equipment there and available should the area experience severe weather conditions like we have in the past few weeks.

A new drain has been put in along the section where the A1 breaks off the North of the Village, this should help stop flooding in that area again.

Action to be taken:- Walter will pop into Dewsons to price the sand and bags and get back to the CC for a cheque release.

The Secretary will find out more information about Resilient Communities from the SBC and report back to the CC.

Volunteers:- A meeting has been arranged for the 25th February 2016 in Grantshouse Village Hall at 7pm (for 7.30pm) for the members of the Community who have kindly volunteered their interest in Community Projects which include a Shop and Green Measures for the home. Commitment is needed and would be beneficial for people to be included from the beginning.

Action to be taken:- The Chairman will contact the volunteers regarding the meeting. Find out what interests the volunteers would like to help out. Set up Sub Groups. Report back to the CC.

New Age Kurling:- Margaret Fleming has been building up interest in this group by spreading the word to residents and other communities. The daytime event was very successful more so than the evening event. Residents from Reston Community also attended. Everyone who attended these events has tremendous fun and a chance to get together.

The Kurling stones are small flat stones on castors and they are used along with a floor target.

Funding is needed as it has been successful. The amount required would be about £328.96 of which it has been asked for the Grantshouse Community Company to meet to discuss this as this meeting is for CC business and not all members of the company were present.

With this request it has been decided that Grantshouse Community Centre Company Ltd would meet up before the CC meetings.

Treasurers Report:- As of the 11th February 2016 the balance of the accounts are as follows:-

Account 1 = £1091.15

Account 2 = £10,862.07

The Treasurer has not received the cheque from Abbey CC to pay Community Enterprise yet.

£326.34 is to be paid back to The Chairman from **Account 2** for the cost of wine from the 2 public Community Enterprise events.

Correspondence:

Turbine Deliveries: The turbines for the Penmansheil Wind Farm are due to start being delivered from March 13th 2016.

Old A1 Café: A trucker has contacted the CC asking about the Old Café on the A1. The details have been passed to the Chairman who will contact the owners, who can then contact the trucker with information if they wish.

Berwickshire Access Panel (BAP): A new panel for helping those with disabilities in the Berwickshire Area has been set up. It's objectives are to identify areas of Access that are stopping those with disabilities from entering. This may be from Shops, Transport, Toilets and Crossing the Road. An Open Event is being held in the Volunteer Hall in Duns on Wednesday 30th March 2016 from 11 am – 12.30 pm. Tea/Coffee and Sandwiches will be provided after.

Ability Borders: Ability Borders are holding an event on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 in Eyemouth Community Centre from 10am – 12pm. This is for those with and those who live with someone with a disability.

Planning Applications: The SBC has communicated to the CC's in the Scottish Borders that it intends to start sending out Planning Applications electronically via email (unless Wind Farm Applications that will still be in paper format). There is no date given but it is expected that this will be sooner rather than later.

If this format does come to fruition, then be reassured that they will still be brought up at the CC meetings like they normally are.

Drone Hill Applications: There will be 2 applications submitted by the CC this round which are for the benefit of the Communities.

Application 1 will be for materials and labour for painting the bridge at Houndwood, this will help the longevity of the bridge plus make it more pleasing to the eye along with the rest of the area which the SBC and mostly Houndwood residents have helped to bring back into a good order for everyone to enjoy.

Application 2 will be for a laptop and A3 printer. These items will be solely for secretarial duties for the CC (and the Community Company). This will mean that whoever is the secretary will have access to the materials required to fulfill the role. An A3 printer is required due to the Planning Applications (plus other correspondence with diagrams) being sent out electronically and most of these need to be printed out in larger scale than A4. This will enable all levels of correspondence to be printed out when required for the community.

The Wednesday Club and Village Hall Committee also plan to apply for the funding allocated for the Grantshouse Area.

Any Other Business (AOB): There was no other business to bring up at the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Will be Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Grantshouse Village Hall.