

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISH OF STOW
COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN STOW TOWN HALL ON
MONDAY 6th MAY AT 7.30PM**

Those present: J. MacKenzie, A. Riddell, J. Mushlin, T. Miller, Cllr S. Aitchison, D. Muir

Apologies: G. Saunders, A. McNeilly, I. Peacock, Cllr J. Mitchell, Cllr B. White, Cllr B. Herd

It was stated that Marjorie from the A7 Action Group would like to come to speak to members of the Community Council. J. MacKenzie will give the Secretary details to contact her. Members of the A7 Action Group were very disappointed not to be invited to the recent BAM and Network Rail meeting. This meeting was by invitation only.

An amendment was proposed to the previous minutes. It was stated in error that new parking in Stow would benefit Lauder people and this should be deleted. The minutes were proposed by J. MacKenzie, seconded by A. Riddell.

Cllr Aitchison stated that Scottish Water say there is nothing wrong with the drains. The park is completely the responsibility of the Council.

D. Richardson is investigating ownership of the wall at the layby on the A7. It was suggested that the best solution is to take the wall down to road level and have the layby for car parking only, not lorry parking. The Council will not remove the wall. An engineer is needed to look into this. The layby is a site where a lot of people stop. There has been a plan for a path from the layby in the past. Currently there is a serious crack on the wall. Cllr Aitchison will see if he can get advice from John Hayland.

There was no police report.

Old Station House

Draft plans for the Station House were produced. It could be Headquarters for the Transport Police. The Transport Police will be coming to Stow Sports. The problem is parking. The school has the use of 6 parking spaces and uses more space. The old school house project needs to get prices, drawings, speak to Network Rail and then go public. It is planned that it will open on the same day as the railway.

Councillors' Report

Stow Park

Craig Blackie has not heard from SEPA. It needs to be done by June.

Cllr Aitchison took the repairs list to see what progress he could make with it.

The road sweeper does not sweep paths. Cllr Aitchison will take this up. If there was a timetable for the roads to be swept, people could be asked to move their cars. Cllr Aitchison will ask again about a regular rota to alert residents to cleaning.

The trees at Church Wynd have been done.

Correspondence

Application for micro-grant to enable youth consultation process re hang-out shelter, etc – Robbie Wilson. A grant of £250 was approved.

Application for micro-grant to run a workshop at the Spring Fair on making hanging baskets. £100 was approved. It was suggested donations towards the cost should also be requested.

Application for cost of enhanced disclosure and further equipment – Fountainhall Youth Club - £225 was approved.

Clare Malster – Fuel Poverty Delivery Plan.

Community Council Scheme Review Group.

David Richardson – wall and layby at the A7.

Safer Borders.

Keith Robeson – Countryside Events.

Clare Malster – Allotments Consultation.

Police Scotland – Galashiels and District.

Police Scotland – Scottish Borders.

Clare Malster – PINS update.

Clare Malster – high speed Broadband.

Clare Malster – FW National Planning Framework.

Clare Malster – Community Broadband Scotland.

Borders Volunteers Day

Wendy Ball – newsletter.

AOCB

Quoiting Green

We need to talk to the Parish Trust about the Quoiting Green. It could be a functioning Caravan Club site with hardstanding and a picnic area. It should go on the next Agenda for a full discussion.

The Lauder Road is shut on Thursday 9th May from 8am-5pm. The signs saying road closed are at the top of the hill.

Network Rail say that the condition of bridges is good. They are putting in underpasses for farm use. There is an opportunity for sensible planting to replace the deforestation. The Secretary is to contact Jonathan Hepton regarding landscaping.

A. Riddell produced quotes for Hill Terrace. It was suggested that we should log all accidents on the A7 for reporting to the A7 Action Group. Debris from an accident at the junction at Fountainhall needs to be removed.

The rubbish bin at the northbound bus stop at Fountainhall needs to be replaced.

The next meeting will be the Annual General meeting to be held at 7pm in Stow Town Hall. This will be followed by the committee meeting at 7.30pm. Both meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

