

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW & FOUNTAINHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD
ON JULY 7th 2014 AT 7.30 pm IN STOW TOWN HALL

Present: T Miller, J MacKenzie, C Hendry, I Peacock, A Riddell, J Mushlin, A
McNeilly, Cllr S Aitchison

Apols; D Muir, S Jeffries

Amendment to previous minutes: S Jeffries' apologies

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by I Peacock,
seconded A Riddell;

The minutes of the May meeting were approved, proposed by A McNeilly,
seconded A Riddell.

Windfarm Panel: 7 Applications at the last meeting of the Windfarm Advisory
Panel:

£7600 awarded to Stow Pipe Band

£8528 awarded to Stow Parish archive

£9700 awarded for restoration work at the Old Kirk

£500 awarded to Galashiels academy Parent Council

£2124 awarded for a defibrillator for Fountainhal

£4490.70 awarded to Fountainhall Bowls Club

The application by Stow CC for community consultation was held over til the next
meeting with further questions to be answered/

There were 3 applications from the community council: Community consultation;
old kirk; defibrillator.

D Muir & T Miller, CC rep's on the Windfarm Panel, did not participate in the
decision making regarding these 3 applications.

Police Report:

At the last meeting the CC received statistics re the whole GaLa area; it was
agreed that the current report - which gives matters relating to the Parish of
Stow & adjoining area - is the type of report we prefer.

LH bend at Hazelbank Quarry: CC's have noticed the sign that flashes up on
vehicles' approach. Complaints abound to police about continued roadworks
along this stretch of the A7, tho apparently traffic police monitor the road at all
times.....The quarry is a constant subject of complaint. The police are on the
case. We should therefore feel reassured by this.....

General Matters:

The untidiness of the pavements in Stow was raised. Cllr Aitchison has a meeting with enforcement officers re the Royal Hotel this week. He will raise this at the meeting, & suggested that a small grant scheme be applied for, to tidy up the pavements -....

The street light at the edge of the bowling green needs attention, as it is dangerous.

The 30 mph sign needs to be repainted

Can SBC approach the Scottish Govt and ask them to do something re the state of the rd??? There is no budgetary allowance for repairing the A7. In the Parliamentary Bill, SBC agreed access across the roads to construct the railway. The Secretary will write to Tracy Logan, Chief Exec at SBC to request that all relevant bodies should discuss the state of the A7 & sideroads, and what can be done to improve matters.

In September 2011, at a meeting (in Fountainhall) Craig Blackie's attention was drawn to the state of the anti-skid surfaces at Torsonce and Heriot. This was prior to the railway construction traffic. There have been complaints recently in the Southern Reporter. Craig Blackie is now Head of Neighbourhood Services. The developers' contribution is unlikely to continue once the railway is built.

The signage on the X95 bus that alerts passengers as to what the next stop will be, does not mention Fountainhall at all. The electronic sign merely says 'Road end'. Cllr White will raise this with Firstbus.

Jenny Mushlin will look at what road signs are needed in Fountainhall, and produce a map of the village, with proposed improvements to road signage on it.

It was noted that the Allanshaws windfarm appeal has been refused, and permission for Rowantree windfarm has also been refused. It was agreed to pay £150 from CC funds to John Williams towards his costs incurred working on our behalf.

Councillors' Reports

Stow Park is the main issue. The Football Club want to put in proper goals, but have been asked to wait until the drainage is totally finished. The drainage works have been successful but the contractor s will return.

New play equipment will be installed for children.

There will be a Drumhead Service in August in remembrance of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, at Edinburgh Castle. Anyone wishing to go should contact Cllr Aitchison.

The drains at the side of Craigend Rd are completely silted up.

Fiona Jeffries is becoming a member of Stow Parish Trust.

Planning:

Installation of DSLAM telecommunication cabinet: it was agreed that we should object to this, as its location was too close to the historic buildings (in the conservation area).

Correspondence:

- 1, Tweed Forum – Tweed Matters
2. Harestanes, Heart of Hawick, Gala Policies etc – information leaflets
3. Supplementary Guidance – affordable housing review & update

AOCB

Bowland Bridge will be open this weekend.

Weight restriction imposed on High Road, Gala.

The next meeting of Stow & Fountainhall CC will be on Monday 4th August 2014 in Stow Town Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

AGENDA OF MEETING OF STOW & FOUNTAINHALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL,
MONDAY 4th AUGUST 2014 IN STOW TOWN HALL

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Police Report
4. Windfarm Panel
5. General Matters
6. Councillors' Reports
7. Planning
8. Correspondence
9. AOCB
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