

DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH OF STOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN STOW TOWN HALL

Those present: I. Peacock, A.Riddell, J. MacKenzie (chair), S. Jeffrey, A. McNeilly,  
C.Hendry, J.Mushlin,

T. Millar, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Aitchison

Apologies: R.Murphy, Cllr Scott

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed J. MacKenzie,  
Seconded S. Jeffrey

Matters Arising:

Galawater Horticultural Society are reconsidering the microgrant request which  
was made at the last meeting.

Kenneth Gunn of Scottish HART can email the Secretary a template for a  
defibrillator sign, which needs to be laminated. J. MacKenzie has a laminator and  
can do this.

S.Jeffrey stated that Gillian Donaldson can do a presentation in Stow on using a  
defibrillator on a Wednesday evening. He will arrange a date for this with her and  
the Secretary will book the Town Hall

The run off outside Bill Jamieson's house is frozen. Surface water on the A7 from  
Craigend Road crosses the road to Springbank. The drain needs to be moved to  
the other side of the road. The pavement is icy. The drain at the Town Hall is also  
full.

The Secretary should send the police future meeting dates

There has been no further communication regarding planting in Mill Court. The  
Secretary is to contact Eildon Housing Association about this.

There will be an A7 Action Group on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January. R.Murphy will be  
attending this and will be giving a presentation.

The Safety Camera Partnership promised a survey last year. This should happen  
in January.

Philippa Gilhooley has stated that work proposed in Stow should happen at half  
term.

The question was raised as to whether there is a final copy of the A7 Action Plan.  
Currently it appears only to be draft.

The proposed traffic regulation order various streets, Stow was raised. Any  
objections should be stated by January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Parish of Stow Community  
Council has supported the Stow Road Safety Campaign from the outset .

When the Stow Pensioners had their Christmas meal the oven was not working  
properly. This is not the first time this has happened. Routine maintenance of  
Stow Town Hall appears to be lacking eg gutters, drainpipes, ivy. Putty is needed  
in the windows. The Secretary is to contact Live Borders to request a  
representative coming to a meeting to discuss this. Councillor Aitchison will raise  
the matter with Live Borders. When J. MacKenzie receives the invoice for the

pensioners' meal, he will query it. Charging for the use of a kitchen should mean that it is fully functional.

S. Jeffrey put in a bid for £5000 to the new community fund . More people have applied to it than there are funds. Advice from the Electoral Society is that it cannot be biased in favour of small communities. Some money is being kept back for a second tranche in June. Tweeddale will be the first community to award grants. Eildon will be the second community.

There are three projects in Stow : the walks booklet, playground equipment and a new voluntary library and learning hub. Concern was expressed that this latter project might affect the mobile library which takes books to housebound people and is an essential service to the community.

Three wooden planters are being offered to Pat and Jackie who have previously attended a community council meeting expressing an interest in planting in Stow

The Community Council were asked about possible microgrants for a New Age Kurling Tournament in Fountainhall at the end of the year and more Christmas lights in Stow. These were not formal requests so no decisions were made. It was suggested that the Christmas tree should be repositioned as its current position is difficult for motorists.

A bottle bank was requested on the A7 for Fountainhall. Previously it was impossible to have one as there was nowhere suitable but since the Railway works, one could be conveniently sited on the A7, as at Heriot. Cllr Aitchison will look into this.

The Station project has received the offer of a grant for 50% of the costs of the second phase from the Windfarm, subject to successful match funding. There are 190 members of the Trust with 25 active volunteers.

Treasurers Report : There is £3500 EDF money and a deficit of £400 SSE money for Fountainhall. The Secretary will contact Gareth Shields regarding the next tranche of money from SSE. Fountainhall receives microgrants from EDF when there is no SSE money left in funds.

£100 has been paid from Community Council funds for the Christmas tree in Stow. The Community Council would prefer to see this bought locally.

#### Councillors Report

The back road still needs to be repaired. It is particularly dangerous with ice. Cllr Aitchison will look into this.

Planning - Susan Aitchison - Erection of dwelling house.

Cllr Aitchison declared an interest and left the meeting before there was any discussion about this.

The next meeting will take place on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall.

#### AGENDA

1. MARY CRAIG, ARCHIVIST - UPDATE ON GRAVESTONES & POSSIBLE COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF FIRST WORLD WAR

2. APOLOGIES
3. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING
4. POLICE REPORT
5. GENERAL MATTERS
6. TREASURERS REPORT
7. COUNCILLORS REPORT
8. PLANNING
9. CORRESPONDENCE
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