

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council held in Fountainhall on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm

Those present : J. MacKenzie (chair), S.Jeffrey, J. Mushlin, A.McNeilly, A.Riddell, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Scott.

Apologies : C.Hendry, T.Millar, N. Hodgson, R.Murphy, I. Peacock, Cllr Aitchison.

The amendment to the previous minutes was agreed : Apologies: S.Jeffrey

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed J. MacKenzie, seconded A.McNeilly

The 20mph sign on Station Road has been raised above head height.

The songwriting workshop with Archie Fisher in Fountainhall Village Hall has been cancelled.

Police Report – The police report was noted. Eight calls were made to the police during March 2019. Five related to road traffic matters. Three related to animals/foreign objects on the A7 and two related to broken down vehicles in dangerous positions.

There have been many reports of fake Virgin emails threatening “automatic disconnection”.

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It was agreed to postpone the discussion about Community Speed Watch.

S.Jeffrey informed the community council that he has received £5000 from SBC for his project 'Walks around Stow' This will be used for mapping and printing. Permission has been received from some landowners for specified walks across their land, with more landowners to be approached. The Countryside Consultant who is working on behalf of the Leader Project can provide costings for gates and drainage. After the £5000 has been used, the community council can apply to the windfarm panel for further funding. Members congratulated S.Jeffrey regarding the success of his hard work.

General Matters

A defibrillator has been ordered for Craigend Road.

Bill Jamieson has a complete list of cancellations on the Borders Railway from 3.2.18 – 30.3.19

The week of 3.3.18 all trains were cancelled. A total of 235 trains.

The Secretary was requested to send these details to MSPs and our MP.

Apparently there are no spare carriages for trains in Britain. 125 diesels have been ordered which are being refurbished, but these are late. There should be new rolling stock by the end of the year which should make it possible for all trains to stop in Stow.

Quoting green – a bin is needed.

Four yards of pavement are needed at the left hand side going up the Wynd by the blind corner. It is currently dangerous for pedestrians.

The roof is seeping at the public toilets in Stow. A coat of paint is badly needed.

Stow Town Hall. At the pensioners' coffee morning the roof was leaking and there was leakage in the disabled toilets. Lauren Anderson, SBC met members of the Community Council and stated she would send a report, which has not been received. The Secretary will contact her again, asking for a response.

There was a consultation in Fountainhall undertaken by an external organisation. One of the responses was that the X95 needs to come into the village. It is not expected that every bus would come in. The Secretary will write to Border Buses to request this. The school bus turns at Still Haugh, so there should be no problem regarding turning.

Stow Community Hub run courses in partnership with Borders College. They will run courses in IT and digital photography but will run any courses if people in the community ask for them. One suggestion is emergency first aid. There is a facility there if local people want to use it. The Hub welcomes any suggestions from people in the community.

Councillors Reports

There has been flooding on the A7 and the Lauder Road, with a wash down of gravel. There are also problems with drains along the A7.

The drainage problem on the Lauder Road has not been solved. There is a diagonal drain on the Lauder Road and the road dips and has become back filled with gravel. The saga of the drainage of Lauder Road continues.

The SBC community grant scheme is changing.

Amey are proposing to erect a 1.8m anti-slip fence on Galafoot Bridge to try to prevent suicides

Treasurers Report

The Community Council has £3.11 in unrestricted funds. The question arises as to when the community council funds for this year will be allocated by the Council.

Microgrants:

SSE microgrants - £626.58 to last until December. There were 9 SSE grants

EDF microgrants - £1600. Next tranche due now

£3549.82 disbursed. There were 15 grants.

All grants are discussed fully at the community council.

The Community Council has received a grant for the noticeboard in Stow from EDF windfarm funds.

Planning – Stow Community Trust

Change of use of dwellinghouse, alterations and extension to form Bar Bistro, community room and bicycle repair workshop

Old Station 37 and 39 Station Road Stow Galashiels

The next meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council will take place on Monday 6th May at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall.

ALL WELCOME

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