



Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles and District

Minute of the 207th Monthly Meeting of the Community Council of the Royal Burgh of Peebles and District held in the Old Council Chamber, Chambers Institution, Peebles on Thursday 13th of February 2014

Present: M. Baete, C. Carleton, A. Kubie, A. McKenzie, L. Morrison, G. Rennie, A. Snoddy, A. Stewart (Chairman), R. Tatler, M. Tolhurst, D. Wright

In attendance: SBC Councillors C. Bhatia, K. Cockburn, G. Logan and PC. C. Burnside

Apologies: D. Horsburgh, SBC Cllrs W. Archibald, G. Garvie, and S. Bell

- 1. Open Forum:** Cliff Scupham asked for the Community Council's support in following up on the proposed developments in Rosetta Caravan Park. It was agreed that the Rosetta Road residents and the Community Council's planning committee will share information. Furthermore it was agreed that the Community Council is happy to present the residents' views at the SBC planning committee meeting to discuss the proposed Rosetta Caravan Park development, should this be considered appropriate.
- 2. Minute of Meeting of 9th of January 2014:** Acceptance of minute was proposed by A. Snoddy and seconded by D. Wright. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman, A. Stewart.
- 3. Matters arising:**
 - **Traffic warden withdrawal:** Following some debate, it was agreed to write again to the SBC to request a reply to the previous correspondence within suggested time limit. This item will be removed from the agenda until further notice.
 - **Cessation of garden waste collection:** A Peeblesshire News poll resulted in 1217 people not agreeing with the cessation and 1 person agreeing. R. Tatler confirmed that a local social enterprise and commercial company, with support from Tweedgreen, are considering how to offer a replacement service. M. Tolhurst wanted to know how SBC arrived at the savings calculation and will follow this up with Cllr Bhatia. Cllr Bhatia explained that the designation of Peebles as a statutory food waste collection area has been decided by the Scottish Government. It was not clear how this decision has been arrived at because there are less than 10,000 residents in the town. It was agreed to make a written objection to the food waste collection to our elected representatives on that basis.
 - **Coffee morning:** The Rugby Club is not available for the 15th of February. 3 alternative dates were proposed – 8/3, 5/4 or 12/4/2014. Preferences to be communicated to A. Snoddy.
- 4. Police report:** circulated. PC Burnside reminded everyone of the importance to keep property well secured and use the 101 number to report any suspicious activity. He reminded the meeting of the legislation with regard to dog control. The law has 2 parts –
 1. In case a dog is not controlled in a private or public space, the police can, regardless of the breed, charge the owner with an offence.
 2. Dangerous dogs – fall in 4 categories, Japanese Tosa, Fila Brasileiro, Dogo Argentino and pit bull terriers or crossbreeds with similar physical or behavioural characteristics. Cllr Bell is looking into this problem and considering the options of licensing, muzzling and micro chipping.

5. **Chairman's report:** to be circulated.

6. **SBC Councillors:**

Cllr Logan reported that the pilot project proposal to introduce 20mph speed limits in Cardrona was not successful.

Cllr Bhatia reported a traffic proposal to have 1 way traffic control installed on the A72 at Neidpath Corner due to erosion of the river bank. Responding to a need to raise the profile of the A72, it was agreed that the Community Council and the SBC Councillors should collaborate to bring this up at the Tweeddale Area meeting.

Cllr Cockburn reported that a 3G pitch is to be installed at the Gytes.

7. **Planning report:**

- Draft LDP – deadline for submission of response to SBC 3 March – M. Tolhurst dealing with this
- Cloich Wind farm: next drop-in exhibition will be in the Black Barony Hotel, Eddleston on 20th of February between 2 and 8 pm.
- Rosetta Road Caravan: on-going
- Hydro Hotel planning application: on-going
- SEPA has published a series of maps indicating flooding risk in several areas which has relevance to the proposed housing development sites in the LDP.
- Violet Bank: reports of large lorries using the back road from the Crossing – potentially stressing the small bridge. There is a concern that the bridge does not have weight restrictions.

8. **Reports for approval:**

- Treasurer's report: circulated: it was agreed to contribute a sum of £137.80 towards printing costs of leaflets and maps for the Vision for Peebles meeting held on 18 January 2014.
- Bonny Peebles: report and newsletter to be circulated.

9. **Special Topic:** Discussion on how to widen Community Councillor representation and how to diversify available skills. L. Morrison and G. Rennie to take forward.

10. **Any other business:**

Tweed River island: A. Snoddy presented a brief outline of the problem – flooding and steady unsightly growth of the island area. A. Snoddy agreed to write a letter to Tweed Forum and Sepa about this issue.

Tesco: it was agreed to return the management of the "Field of Dreams" back to Tesco and re-use the sign in Victoria Park to describe tree planting. A. Snoddy to action.

Rumble strips: Cllr Bhatia confirmed that noise monitoring is on-going.

Flooding at the Crossings: SBC has written to the Rosetta Road Caravan Park, Chapelhill Farm and the Wemyss and March Estate regarding the installation of drains and ditches to avert future flooding in the area.

Haylodge – review of minor injury treatment room. It was agreed to write to the NHS to express the Community Council's concern that there are rumours that this facility will be closed.

Thursday market: no definitive suggestions were made as to the suitability of the existing site or proposals for an alternative site for this market.

11. **Date for next meeting:** March 13, 2014 at 7 pm.

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