

UPPER TWEED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held 20 September 2020

Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

- Present** Simon Edwards (Chairman), Stephanie Jackman (Secretary), Nick Shapowal (Treasurer), Andrew Beveridge, Chris Lewin, Rosalind Birchall and Christopher Lambton.
- 01.09.20 Apologies**
Emma Reid, Penny Wedderburn Scott, SBC Councillor Heather Anderson
- 02.09.20 Minutes from last Meeting (held 17 August 2020 via Zoom)**
The Minutes were agreed.
- 03.09.20 Matters Arising from previous minutes (via Email)**
No matters arising.
- 04.08.20 UTCC Business**
Complaint about speeding through Rachan Junction: The Chairman had received two letters of complaint, (sent to all members via email) from residents, regarding the increase and potentially dangerous level of vehicle speeds around the area of the Stobo/Drumelzier/Rachan Junction on the A701. One letter had been sent to Police Scotland and to David Mundell the latter having responded and the other was directed to the Chair. The issue surrounds the increase in residential properties in the area but more importantly the increase in vehicles speeding (especially the logging lorries) being extremely dangerous in the vicinity of a busy junction. Following an extensive discussion it was agreed that the UTCC would invite relevant parties from SBC to come out to the area concerned to discuss the matter and see what proposals might be put forward to the Highways agency. The Chair took this as an action.
Complaint about the state of the Drove Road: The Chair reported he had again received a complaint about the poor state and inaccessibility of the Drove Road. During discussion it was noted that a previous proposal had been to 'walk' the route and perhaps now we should ask 'Gus' to drive the route in his Tractor. After further discussion it was agreed the Chair would look to a Microgrant to address levels of vegetation along the route and ensure it is fully accessible.
New Speed Limit in Broughton: The Chair raised the matter of the proposal by SBC to lower the speed limit in a number of villages across the Borders in October. He continued to inform the meeting that the '20 mph' stickers had been ordered to replace the '30mph' stickers residents had been issued with for their bins. It was hoped to get these distributed in time.
Annual Bonfire and Fireworks: A brief discussion was had regarding the Bonfire and Fireworks event as it was felt during the current pandemic and increase in restrictions as we move in to a potential second wave that unfortunately we have no option but to cancel the event for this year. Disappointing as this is, the Committee agreed that the format was not conducive with SD rules.
Remembrance Sunday, 8 Nov 20: The Chair informed the meeting that it was hoped that an event could take place but that it would be much reduced than in normal years, more to follow.

05.09.20

Planning Applications

There was only one Planning Application to note, the Erection of Garden Room at Kilbucho Place House, to which there were no objections or points of concern raised.

06.09.20

Microgrants (via Email)

The Chair informed the meeting he had received no new applications but that he was in receipt of three 'thank you' letters from previous recipients.

07.09.20

Police Report

Emailed to members on 14 September 20.

08.09.20

Any Other Business

Drumelzier Notice Board: Rosalind requested paint to conduct some maintenance on the Notice Board in Drumelzier and it was agreed that she would purchase the paint and be reimbursed on presentation of the receipt presented (£21).

Minutes Silence: A Minutes silence was observed by the Committee during the meeting in remembrance of Pat Middlemas who was Chair of the community council some years ago and who had recently sadly passed away.

09.09.20

Date of next Meeting – 7pm, Monday 19 October, 20, via Zoom.