BURNMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 14th August 2008

Present: B. Dickson, P Oswald, A Brown, M Hague and Cllr M Cook.

Apologies: J Lamont MSP, T Dixon. M Driscoll

Other: Members of the Burnmouth Community.

Welcome - Chair welcomed everyone

Police report
1. Jim Morton reported that bottles of milk have been stolen from his step over the past few weeks. 2. An accident at the chicane when a three wheeled vehicle was overturned. 3. Since March this year residents cars have been vandalized 2 tyres punctured with nails also tyres slashed whilst the vehicles have been parked outside residents houses. A request was made to the police to patrol the area at Partanhall on a more regular basis.

PC Aitchison suggested that all crimes should be reported at once He also reported that a Burnmouth resident has been sentenced and will not be in Burnmouth for sometime.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and signed by Mrs B Dickson.

BT Payphones
Cllr M Cook made the comment that we should again be writing to BT putting forward our arguments for retaining the payphone at Lower Burnmouth, i.e. emergency services, as this is both a working harbour, coastal path route, plus asking the cost of retaining the telephone. Janet Leech will again write to BT putting these points. Janet will copy all interested parties including SBC, M Moore MP and J Lamont MSP.

Post Office
The Post Offices consultation programme on possible closures is scheduled to begin on 19th August ending 29th September. It is not clear what the Post Office’s proposals will be, but there is concern that it may threaten some post offices in East Berwickshire. The, two Post Offices most likely to affect Burnmouth are Ayton and Eyemouth. If anyone wishes to involve themselves in these arguments there is a full Council meeting on the 21 August when the Post Office will set out its proposals at SBC Headquarters.

Lyall Terrace
A copy of the plans was taken from the SBC website along with a letter from Ross Architectural - Re-application supporting statement. This was read out at the meeting. Subsequent to the demolition of the existing structures excavations were carried out during which bed-rock, close to the upper garden level of the site, was encountered.

On appraisal it was deemed in order to achieve the levels in accordance with
the approved drawings – the removal of the bedrock to facilitate foundations and the accompanying destabilization of the rear boundary stone wall would result in a development cost increase of such magnitude the viability of the project would be threatened. Consideration was also given to maintaining the integrity of the neighbouring properties.

The developer acknowledges his keen-ness and urgency to progress the project, outwith the appropriate local authority procedures, has given rise to the concern the neighbourhood, and will endeavour to work in close liaison with the planning authority and building control, with a view to completing the development to the enhancement of Upper Burnmouth.

There were several questions and points raised.

1. BD: Why are Community Councils not advised of modified plans either by way of plans or written notification.
2. Julie: Has there been a dereliction of duty
3. MC: commented that SBC has not the capacity to check all building ork throughout the region and is reliant on hearing from residents when there is an issue in their locality. Details of contacts with SBC planning required by MC. MC is going to take the matter up on our behalf.
4. MC can ask a planning officer to come down and address all the issues of building in the village – if requested
5. JB/JW: The plans of the original application were shown, which bore resemblance in regards of height and width to the now revised planning application.
6. Make representations to SEPA about flood water in the triangle.
7. MC: Made it clear there will still be a building. The existing consent cannot be reversed. However, the construction has been started 8feet higher than original plan.
8. If there are more than 3 objections the plans will have to go to area committee.

BCC must also write a letter of objections The builder has exceeded his planning consent.

John Lamont visited the site and viewed the state of the flooding in the triangle. He will also write to SBC with his findings.

SBC Correspondence

a. We have received a copy of the Planning applications and Community Council Interim Guidance note
b. A copy of the Notice of Intention to adopt Local plan
c. Community Council training/Information seminars Autumn 2008 – Wednesday 8th October Project Funding for Community Council, Wednesday 22nd October 2008 Local View and public access Wednesday 19th November 2008 Licensing Forum and the New Licensing Regulations – Booking should be made by Tuesday 30th September 2008 by emailing cmalster@scotborders.gov.uk
d. Scottish Borders Community Councils’ Network – Annual conference
Saturday 27th September 2008 at Scottish Borders Council Headquarters.

e. A leaflet has been received for completion re Scottish Borders Race Equality Review

f. Victim Support Scottish Borders – Volunteers needed for further details contact Karen or Gill on 01896 751212 or email victimsupport.sb@lineone.net

Community Council – Data Protection
We have been advised to delay the payment of £35.00 until further information is received.

Chicanes at Upper Burnmouth
Plans are still being processed at SBC – We are still waiting for a response from David Sharp – However an accident has occurred at the chicane due to the signs being in inappropriate positions – BD will email David to update him and request timescale for a meeting to take place at Burnmouth.

Sewerage Department – Survey
A survey company has been down to Burnmouth for the purposes of the placement of the pumping station. JM was shown a map which suggested that the land behind the Village Hall belongs to SBC. – This land belongs to the Village up to the retaining wall, which was given to build the Village Hall by Fairnieside farms (now owned by Ayton Castle). Barbara had previously checked this out with SBC.

Community Council year end accounts
All Community Council accounts are to comply with a year end date of 31st March. BCC year end is 31st August it was suggested that we complete our accounts as normal, and then complete a period from 1st September to 31st March 2009. We will then start a new year from the 1st April to 31st March 2010 to fall in line with SBC policy.

Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.