

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council – Minutes of Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at  
7pm in Cockburnspath Primary School.**

Agenda number		Action
1	<p><b>In Attendance</b> were: P Hood (Chair); N Simpson (Vice Chair); S Hay (Vice Chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); K Tulloch (Secy); J Virtue; J Fairbairn; M Black; D Bouchard; Cllr J Fullarton; 3 members of the public.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr H Laing; Cllr C Hamilton and A Thackray.</p>	
2	<p><b>Police Report</b> – had been circulated. Items of note locally related to traffic issues on the A1 nearby and the theft of ducks and hens.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> were agreed as correct and signed by Chair.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
4.1.	<p><b>Website Update</b> – AT’s husband is now admin on the website, and will update it with minutes etc. Await update in New Year. Cf February 18. Some discussion re content, which will include CC members, and windfarm application forms, as well as minutes and agendas. It was agreed that although members of the public could contact CC members via the website or fb page, they must give contact details. Anonymous contacts will not be responded to and this must be explicit on the website. Re-purchasing domain name of Cockburnspath.com.</p>	Feb 18 AT/KN
4.2	<p><b>Rabbit proofing</b> the cemetery at Bankhead – JV will meet with Officer on site early in the New Year to discuss issues.</p>	Feb 18 JV
4.3	<p><b>Bollards</b> – the last bollard will be replaced – SBC hadn’t realised there was one missing.</p>	Feb 18
4.4	<p><b>Market Cross repairs</b> – passed to relevant section of Council by Officer. Cf all 4.2 to 4.4 to Feb/March</p>	Feb 18
4.5	<p><b>Treasurer laptop</b> – cf until Feb 18 due to Treasurer’s holidays.</p>	Feb 18
4.6	<p><b>Paths Grant</b> – received and co-opted member thanked and paid. Another member of the public is interested in joining the current member should there be additional work. PH mentioned that subject to further discussion, there is likely to be quite a few paths to sort out and maintain. Cf Jan 18.</p>	KN
4.7	<p><b>Moss on Church paths</b> – Officer has agreed that loose grass will be brushed off in future, after cutting, and SBC have now killed existing moss.</p>	Jan 18
4.8	<p><b>New notice boards</b> – DB is looking into this. Discussed wood vs aluminium coated and agreed that aluminium ?coated is preferable in terms of longevity. Planning may be required for the board in the Square. £1k for one outside the shop (double sided and double doored) and approx £750 for Tollview and Cove boards. Council permission is likely to be needed as they will be installed on Council property. DB will contact Officer at SBC re whether Council can install and what permissions may be required. Boards to be locked. Revisit this in Jan 18. Probable request to Drone Hill £10k fund.</p>	Jan 18 KN
4.9	<p><b>Floral tubs</b> – the Cc had written thanking member of public for work to the tubs in The Square and had received a thank you in reply. KT explained that</p>	DB Jan 18

<p><b>4.10</b></p>	<p>she had received a message from BHA offering a small grant of between £200 and £300 and it was agreed that this be requested to supply plants to fill tubs, given that the conservation group no longer existed. SH has discussed taking over the tubs with the member of the public, who isn't keen to take on this role. It was agreed that CC members should speak to people within their own areas to take on the tubs. KT will liaise with BHA re this. KN will ring fence it for such a purpose.</p> <p><b>Christmas tree</b> – PH has accessed a free tree from Community woodland in Gordon. Two volunteers will collect tree and, with public's help will have it erected by tomorrow morning. Owners of Schoolhouse have no objection.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Localities Bid funding and ballot boxes</b> – KT has responded to SBC re potential places to have funding ballot boxes and they will respond soon. First tranche of Localities Bid funding finished on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec despite little information being available. Cllr JF discussed some of the screening of bids that had been made and commented that those that had been supported met the criteria, but had to be new schemes. First meeting of new Area Partnership in January and this will be on the agenda. Much discussion around how Community Council members for the forum will be selected and how effective the process will be. Paper and email copies had been circulated. Revisit after first Area Partnership meeting has occurred. Cllr Fullarton reassured members that funds would roll over for Berwickshire, if not used in the most recent tranche.</p>	<p>Jan/Feb</p>
<p><b>5.2</b> <b>5.3</b></p>	<p><b>BHA small grant</b> – see under 4.9 above.</p> <p><b>Medical Practice update</b> – request from Borders Radio to discuss transport system for Medical Practice operation. We don't know if this is being used or not as we don't have the information and MB will ask for numbers from Practice regarding the Friday morning block booking usage. MB will feed back any information she obtains.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p><b>5.4</b></p>	<p><b>Seaview Planning</b> – it was agreed that the issue re garage had now resolved itself due to sale. The CC therefore saw no need to comment.</p>	
<p><b>5.5</b></p>	<p><b>Berwickshire Area Partnership</b> – see 5.1 above.</p>	
<p><b>5.6</b></p>	<p><b>Boyne Pier conservation plans</b> – owner of Cove Harbour had submitted draft plans for work to Cove Harbour and in particular, the Boyne Pier. Two drafts had been received with slight differences. It seems that funding requests will soon be made, although the overall costs are likely to exceed £250k. The document appears to seek our views at this time and it was recognised that our abilities to access funds would fall far short of this amount. It was agreed that the Harbour is a massive local draw and offers significant local benefits in terms of access to an ancient well preserved harbour. KT mentioned access for emergency vehicles and the previous problems with key provision given the number of tourists and visitors. Agreed that we would look at any funding application for the preservation of this area should the owner wish to make one. PH will feed back to owner. Member of the public asked about funding for another area, and it was agreed that she should investigate ownership etc and come back to us if she felt it was appropriate.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p><b>5.7</b></p>	<p><b>Community Broadband suspension/local issues</b> – Faster broadband is now available in Co'path but it is uncertain whether this will reach further. Some discussion that areas not able to access the new upgraded system may suffer reduced coverage. Connections for Cove were discussed, and some homes</p>	

	<p>which were close to the green box, but weren't able to access upgraded speeds. MPs have been involved in broadband coverage, and information is available via PH. Openreach will be contacted by Cove inhabitants. Recognised that business and individuals trying to conduct business on line are adversely affected.</p>	PH etc (Cove)
5.8	<p><b>Crystal Rig funds</b> – KN has had communication from administrators of these funds indicating a willingness to pay directly into CC bank account, with a system of checks and balances. This news is welcomed as it will mean a more rapid assessment and payment of funds to applicants. KN will cf and feedback. Hopefully commence in new financial year.</p>	KN Feb 18
5.9	<p><b>Bank account update</b> – KN now has new mandates/forms to change signatories etc for Liaison Account. Use Liaison Account for wind farm monies and rename it appropriately. KN gave relevant officers forms to sign to effect these changes. Hopefully this will progress soon which will also enable RES funds to be paid.</p>	KN
5.10	<p><b>Attendance of new CAB Officer</b> – this was agreed as occurring in Feb 18. (14<sup>th</sup> Feb 18). PH has invited officer to attend CC meeting.</p>	PH
*	<p><b>Additional items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Releasing minutes/emails relating to Callander Place parking to lawyers– it was agreed that we would await SBC advice which KT had sought. If required, PH will send a “holding email” over the holiday period. <i>[Editorial comment – CC are not required to release emails as not covered by Fol, but minutes have been released as they are already in the public domain.]</i> JV had been sent a personal letter requesting information, which should have come via the CC. Members were advised that should they be contacted, they should check the situation with secy/chair or SBC.</li> <li>Sandbags – DB has liaised with SBC over sandbag renewal and there is an amnesty to return used/damaged bags for replacement. SH will speak to garage re this, and KT will speak to occupiers of houses adjacent.</li> <li>Salt/sand bins – none in Hoprig Park, nor Tollview, and these is required. All CC members to check their local bins, but SBC had recently replenished same. MB will check Tollview situation and let KT know, who will email Officer. Salt bin at Village Hall – is this still locked? It should be open to use. JV will check.</li> </ul>	PH  SH KT  MB KT JV
6	<p><b>BCCF/Area Partnership meetings etc</b></p>	
6.1	<p><b>Minutes of BCCF and AGM</b> – had been received and circulated. PH and NS discussed the latest meeting and changes in Chairperson. BCCF may play a role in the Area Partnership CC member selection. Presentation had been made at this meeting regarding roles and responsibilities of CC members and NS said this was excellent and formed a good training basis for new members. PH said that training for CC members could be requested should members wish this.</p>	
7	<p><b>Liaison Groups</b> – no new meetings had occurred.</p>	
8	<p><b>Planning</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>Howpark</b> – KT updated the CC members regarding the Howpark DPEA appeal. New evidence regarding noise had been submitted to the Reporter. Cllr</p>	

	<p>Fullarton reported on a recent meeting regarding Supplementary Guidance on Wind Turbines, which is progressing. The Council recognise the issue over cumulative noise but at present, ETSU is the only statutory instrument to measure this other than via statutory nuisance. We recognise that this Appeal may help to clarify noise nuisance and its measurement.</p> <p><b>9 SBC Councillor report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Fullarton informed us that Michael Cook had been appointed in Economic Development (pertaining to Border Land Development either side of the Scottish/English border) at SBC and this was welcomed widely. First meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January in Berwickshire High School.</li> <li>• “Trim Trial” at the School this Saturday at 10am – PH and JV will probably attend. This relates to adventure playgrounds to encourage fitness.</li> <li>• Budget – progressing and awaiting spend allocated to LAs by ScotGov. Local Authority is likely to increase Council Tax by 3%.</li> </ul> <p><b>10 Community Councillor issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SH – Callander Place and Crofts Road resurfacing has been marked out and due to start 16<sup>th</sup> Feb depending on weather. Must ensure that Crofts Road parking is included in this. Revisit March 18.</li> <li>• Member of public (MoP) – a person fell on ice recently. Cllr Fullarton said there had been multiple issues in the area due to adverse weather on top of ice. Salt bins had been filled and weather alerts continue.</li> <li>• MoP - Issue with skip but this appears to have permission.</li> <li>• MoP – re scaffolding on road. This has been removed. He also raised parking on Hoprig Road/Hay Terrace and was advised that the owners/occupiers of Hay Terrace were allowed to park outside their houses. There are no parking restrictions however and MoP was advised that the recent altercations were between himself and the person concerned.</li> <li>• MoP – newsletter from BHA indicated new housing being built and asked if there were plans for housing at Co’path. Cllr Fullarton explained that BHA intended to build more homes here, but these were not yet in the planning system, whereas other areas were well through the system. KT asked where in the area BHA were planning to build but at this point, this isn’t known.</li> <li>• JV – thanks to member of the public for placing a new hook on the war memorial. The wreath had remained in place!</li> <li>• JV – feedback on a very successful Wednesday Club outing to The Rocks, with thanks to the CC for arranging funding.</li> <li>• NS – Allotments – some help required with Committee/Secretary and membership. SCIO has been drafted, but members are required. Transport Scotland has agreed to release the land as an asset transfer however costs are unknown. Acknowledged that posters etc would be needed to galvanise people previously interested, and encourage new ones. Much discussion ensued – funding; meetings etc. NS had circulated information recently, including the updated constitution and it was agreed that this may be appropriate for Localities Bid</li> </ul>	<p>PH/JV</p> <p>March 18</p>
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	<p>funding as a new initiative. However, it appears that Transport Scotland require us to have “legal status” (SCIO) in order to negotiate over costs of any asset transfer. PH discussed market valuation and the potential need for this prior to any negotiations. KT said that at present, we don’t know if the land is usable, available or affordable. NS to discuss with Cllr Fullarton after the meeting, and it is an agenda item for Jan 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MB – streetlight out in Tollview. She will call SBC Streetlighting division.</li> <li>• KT advised that it was impossible to do minutes when everyone talked at once!</li> <li>• PH - Ferneylea Ltd has now changed to Blackfinch Investments. Our Community Benefits will not be affected, but a new contact point has been identified. At present, it is not clear what, if anything may change. PH will chase this with the new owners.</li> <li>• PH – Aikengall IIa – Section 35 discussed regarding scheme of liaison with affected Community Councils over transport arrangements etc. It appears that the developers have not yet fulfilled this condition which delays their construction until the condition has been fulfilled.</li> <li>• Dog Pooh bags – where should these be stored? Jan 18</li> <li>• Neart na Gaiothe – off shore wind farm now progressing.</li> </ul> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p><b>The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in Cockburnspath Primary School on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. The Community Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</b></p> <p><b>Members of the public are welcome to attend all or part of any Community Council meeting.</b></p>	<p>Jan 18</p> <p>MB</p> <p>PH</p> <p>Jan 18</p>
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