

Minutes of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting, held Wednesday 10th January, 2018 at 7pm in Cockburnspath Primary School

Agenda item		Action
1	<p>Attendance: In attendance were N Simpson (Vice Chair); S Hay (Vice Chair); K Tulloch (Secy); J Virtue; D Bouchard; A Thackray; Cllr J Fullarton; Cllr H Laing; PC Drew Young (Police Scotland); 2 members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies were received from P Hood (Chair); M Black; J Fairbairn; K Nelson (Treasurer); Cllr C Hamilton.</p> <p>Neil Simpson chaired the meeting in Pauline Hood's absence.</p>	
2	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Constable Young spoke to the police report which had been circulated. There had been no incidents, other than A1 traffic etc incidents relating to the A1. A new CBO (PC Jacobs) who has now taken up post in East Berwickshire and will be our CBO liaison. She will attend when possible. PC Young was made aware of a skip on Hoprig Road which was causing some traffic issues with larger loads mounting the verge to pass it and potential damage to lampost. SH will look at this, and encourage speedy uplift as it is full. Current campaigns continue. The low crime level was welcomed and the presence of CNC patrols, as well as Police Scotland, was acknowledged in relation to this. NS mentioned Sgt Lanigan from Torness CNC and the Servator Project and KT will enquire about progress.</p>	KT
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved and signed. KT has copy for PH.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
4.1	<p>Paths etc – Agreed that SH and NS will speak to member of public regarding volunteering to maintain paths, starting probably with the SUW between war memorial and Cove. His input on machinery and appropriateness of such will be welcomed. He will need to be co-opted for insurance purposes. Cf Feb agenda.</p>	Feb agenda
4.2	<p>New notice boards – DB reported on progress here and has asked Officer at SBC re potential need for planning permission for board in Square due to conservation area. He will provide 2 estimates for boards in Square, Cove and Tollview to progress this. Agreed aluminium rather than wood.</p>	Feb
4.3	<p>Grant from BHA – KT will obtain bank details from Treasurer to pass to BHA to effect payment. Thanks are recorded to BHA for this kind donation towards plants for the village tubs. Member of public to be asked for advice on which plants to be purchased. SH will ask him.</p>	KT SH
4.4	<p>Christmas Tree – some difficulties with this this year. To get a sub committee together for next year (?SH to lead) to obtain a tree and erect it/take it down. This needs to happen late November each year, and potentially earlier if costs are involved. CC monies cannot be used for this so windfarm applications may be required. KT gave NS receipt for £150 for tree this year, and said that a further cheque will be required (approx £140 + VAT) for electrical works to the power supply for the tree! We hope that now this has been done, it will be much easier next year. Members asked to consider being part of the sub -committee in relation to the tree. <i>[Editorial comment</i></p>	All/ April

	<i>– thanks to SH for taking down trees and lights]</i>	
4.5	Medical Centre changes/transport – MB had enquired with Eyemouth Medical Practice about Friday morning usage of appointments for Cockburnspath patients, and ascertained that these appointments are being well used. The practice could not tell us whether Berwickshire Wheels was being used for these appointments, but it was recognised that the CC could do little more than has been done already.	
4.6	Broadband coverage – A letter has been received from MP John Lamont regarding adequacy of broadband and mobile phone coverage in rural Borders. Some discussion over points, and AT will take letter to respond to this.	AT
4.7	Allotments – NS has contacted Transport Scotland regarding SCIO which has now been applied for. He is trying to get a group of Trustees together for this purpose. To consider sub-committee to feedback to CC on progress. Cf April 18.	NS/April
5	Correspondence	
5.1	Treasurer Update – KN had provided an update for CC. No progress yet re liaison account update but this was probably due to festive period delays. Awaiting news from Crystal Rig re direct payments relating to community benefits. Bollards at Cove have been replaced thanks to SBC Rangers.	KN
5.2	BBC Scotland - A request had been received from a BBC reporter asking if any local issues needed reporting on. Nothing was raised.	
5.3	Callandar Place parking – KT updated the members on advice issued by SBC – Community Councils are not covered under FoI so minutes requested have been sent to legal representatives. KT cautioned members on responding individually to such requests if made to them as members of the Community Council and asked that they seek advice of the Chair, who in turn would clarify any issues with Legal Services at SBC.	
5.4	SBCCN meeting – this was tonight and PH is attending. A new Berwickshire rep is needed for this group, but there was no interest. Currently SBCCN is heavily southern Borders. PH will feedback after the meeting.	PH
5.5	Programme of Planned Works – This has been received and includes resurfacing of Crofts Road/Drs Brae and work to Callandar Place. Programmed for Jan/March this year. However, Hoprig Road (top end) which was previously down for resurfacing on earlier versions of the planned works schedule, seems to have been omitted. Cllr Fullarton has taken this up with Officer and will respond asap. <i>[Editorial comment: Officer has offered to patch this area whilst works are ongoing at other areas, but it has previously been patched and was designated for resurfacing. KT has responded to this asking that the promised works be reinstated].</i>	Feb KT/SBC
5.6	RBS Bank Closures – Cllr Laing read a response to Eyemouth CC on the plans and it would appear that there is little room for negotiation. RBS customers locally will have to access branches at Haddington or Duns. KT will ask if mobile banking is planned for this area.	KT
5.7	AI closures – notice had been received about A1 slip road closures overnight on 28 th and 29 th January. These affect Bankton and Houndswood junctions southbound between 2000hrs and 0600hrs. AT will forward clean email to Police Scotland who were unaware of the closures.	AT

6	<p>SBCCN See above under 5.4 above.</p>	
7	<p>Liaison Groups</p>	
7.1	<p>Viridor Liaison Group meeting 2.2.18 at 11am on site in the Conference Room. NS will try to attend this or advise so that someone else can go.</p>	NS
8	<p>Planning update</p>	
	<p>KT updated on Howpark. Hayes McKenzie report has been obtained and BNCG have done an excellent job in pulling this apart. No news yet on whether the Reporter will request an Inquiry or Hearing, as at present he is assessing written responses.</p>	
9	<p>SBC Councillor reports</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fullarton spoke about the Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting which will be held on 1st Feb 2018 at Berwickshire High School. • Cllr Laing spoke to a recent media release on dementia friendly walks which have been developed in the area. KT asked if funding was available to communities to develop same. HL will ask. Information available on “Walk It” on Scottish Borders website. 	Cllr HL
10	<p>Community Councillor reports</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KT – Potholes/sink holes on old A1 between Tollview and village entrance. SH has already reported these. • KT – Causeway has dark spots. CC members later visited this area and also identified steps/path from Crofts Acre, towards Causeway at Sparrow Castle as needing better lighting. <i>[Editorial Comment; Officers will carry out assessments of lighting adequacy].</i> • MB -Sand bin is needed for Tollview. SH commented that this may be difficult, as Councils were removing rather than adding to these. Community Resilience will take this up as a special case, as Tollview has now been adopted. It may be that communities need to monitor their usage of salt/grit as they are not for personal household use. • MB - Streetlight in Tollview has been fixed. • Trim Trial – feedback requested, but JV had not attended. PH can feedback however. 	March KT March PH/Feb
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Wednesday 14th February at 7pm in Cockburnspath Primary School. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>	