

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018, at 7pm, in Cockburnspath Primary School**

Agenda item		Action
1	<p><b><u>Apologies and Attendance</u></b> – Apologies were received from a member of the public, Cllr J Fullarton and K Taylor (Torness CNC)</p> <p><b>In attendance</b> were P Hood (Chair); N Simpson and S Hay (Vice Chairs); K Nelson (Treas); K Tulloch (Secy); M Black, A Thackray; D Bouchard; J Virtue; J Fairbairn; Cllr C Hamilton; 2 members of the public and speaker from CAB.</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Police Report</u></b> – had been circulated. There were no issues locally reported.</p>	
3	<p><b><u>Citizen’s Advice Bureau</u></b> – guest speaker. Annette from Roxburgh and Berwickshire CAB explained the work of the Bureau and asked for assistance in gaining new volunteers. KT and AT will add this to facebook and website. Annette will send details. Information and posters left – anyone with interest is asked to contact CAB at Eyemouth, on 01890 750500, email <a href="mailto:enquiries@roxburghcab.org.uk">enquiries@roxburghcab.org.uk</a>, or a member of the Community Council. Full training and mentoring will be given.</p>	KT and AT
4	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b> were agreed as correct and signed.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p>	
5.1	<p><b>Paths update</b> etc - NS and SH had met with a member of the public and discussion ensued around type of machinery needed, storage and insurance. Member of the public may agree to store it, and we will explore this. Volunteer will need to be co-opted on to the CC for insurance purposes. KN will contact access officer re bramble cutting. Discussed joint venture with VH re football field here. PH will talk to them. SH/NS will explore type of machinery and costs. Cf March. Volunteers will be co-opted to CC in due course. SH will also look at storage.</p>	KN, PH, SH and NS March agenda
5.2	<p><b>New notice boards</b> – DB gave information on work to date and had indentified some possibilities and costs. To look at this again in April and consider windfarm funding. He will circulate when more info to hand. Some design issues but can be attached to current stands in Square, removing potential planning issues in conservation area. Cf April.</p>	April
5.3	<p><b>Treasurer update</b> – KN had had some success with the bank at last, and it now seemed imminent that the old “Liaison” account could be closed and a new one opened for wind farm benefits etc. This will let RES funds be obtained and deposited, and KN will open it with the current payments from Ferneylea. Crystal Rig will also pay directly into this account once set up. KN will also cost a Treasurer’s laptop. Cf March. KN asked for expenses to be submitted due to year end at end of March. <b>Unanimously agreed to accept the terms and conditions of direct payment by Crystal Rig (Fred Olsen) which had been circulated.</b> KN will investigate laptop for herself.</p>	KN March agenda
5.4	<p><b>Planned revenue works</b> – KT fed back on road surface works to Hoprig Road closer to the Hoprigshiels cross roads which had been removed from</p>	

<p><b>5.5</b></p>	<p>the planned works budget. Officers are monitoring the issue and will inspect the area again. Agreed SH will also report via his pothole “system”!  <b>Trim Trail</b> – PH gave feedback on this item as she had attended the opening of the trail at the School. It is not open to the public however, as it is within school grounds, but is nevertheless a welcome addition to wellbeing of local children.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>6.1&amp; 2</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>Mobile phone app</b> for Borders buses and new Greener Direction circulated. AT has submitted CC response re coverage locally.</p>	
<p><b>6.3</b></p>	<p><b>Localities Bid Funding</b> – voting box is in the Village Hall for this tranche. They will be collected at end of Feb 18. Agreed that there have been a few teething problems with this. PH spoke to this item and it was agreed that there are many bids we would like to make, but the requirements of “new and innovative projects” make them unsuitable. Cllr Hamilton recommended that any applicants speak to SBC Officers.</p>	
<p><b>6.4</b></p>	<p><b>Howpark/Drone Hill noise</b> – KT spoke to this, and briefly explained the new information submitted to Reporter regarding the current issues with these turbines exceeding their noise limits. It was agreed that Co’path CC draft a letter to SBC expressing concern, and it was hoped that other CCs locally, (already contacted), would be co-signatories. KT will draft and circulate to all, including BNCG who are willing to come to speak to the CC if required. <i>[Editorial comment: Grantshouse CC have agreed to this action since our last meeting]</i></p>	<p>KT</p>
<p><b>6.5</b></p>	<p><b>Community Council insurance</b> has now been renewed and KN had sought advice over Vulnerable People, which is not required.</p>	
<p><b>6.6</b></p>	<p><b>SBC Budget meeting</b> – DB attended this meeting, and gave feedback. Although Council Tax is being raised, there is still an overall reduction in funds for the coming year. New technology for road repairs!</p>	
<p><b>6.7</b></p>	<p><b>Repairs to Boyne Pier</b> (Cove Harbour) – PH had drafted and circulated a letter of support which the owner of Cove Harbour could use in funding applications. This was approved and will be sent to owner. It was agreed that the CC would consider any funding application from the owner at a future date, although this was not likely to have a major impact on the funds required. However, it was recognised that there were practical difficulties in accessing wind farm monies for this purpose. PH circulated the “CRAB” brochure where details of donations, volunteering etc were given.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p><b>6.8</b></p>	<p><b>Big Things project/email</b> – it was agreed that KT will write to them regarding history of Co’path and Cove, and ask about potential entrance stones, inviting them to come and talk to us.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>SBCCN/Area Partnership meeting</b>  PH gave feedback, which had also been circulated. Highly sensitive issues between SBCCN and SBC. Cllr Hamilton will ask Cllr Fullarton about the 4 voting CCs on the Area Partnership as there is still no feedback on this issue.</p> <p><b>Additional item</b> - Drone Hill community benefits next tranche is now being advertised. Notices for notice boards. Membership of Drone Hill committee representing public and CC at each decision making meeting re</p>	<p>Cllr CH</p>



11	<p><b>SBC Cllr feedback</b> – Cllr Hamilton had left by this time, but had indicated that she had no further update.</p>	
12	<p><b>Community Councillor updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KT updated members on the issue of the path and streetlighting on Causeway and path from Crofts Acre. SBC do not own either, and KT is awaiting feedback from them regarding ownership. As there is potential litigation on a recent accident on the path, CC members were reminded that all communication relating to this, to individual members, be dealt with through the CC.</li> <li>- Location of future CC meetings – it was agreed that the school is becoming too small, and the seating is difficult, especially for members of the public and external speakers. The school is also cold as heating goes off around 4pm. Agreed that the CC meetings be moved to the Village Hall after the end of this financial year (ie next meeting will be in the school and thereafter in the Village Hall). Expenses for renting the hall will be met through our CC budget.</li> <li>- JV has advised SBC regarding streetlights being constantly on in areas of the village.</li> <li>- SH has reported all current potholes – this will be held under review. Large new pothole beside Church Hall on Hoprig Road.</li> <li>- JV – has not heard back from Officer at SBC re rabbit issues in Bankhead cemetery following telephone conversation re this. KT will email.</li> <li>- JV – Hoprig road at top end is not being salted or gritted in bad weather. KT will email Cllr Fullarton.</li> </ul>	<p>KT</p> <p>KT</p>
13	<p><b>Members of the public</b></p> <p>A member of the public had expressed concern about vandalism to their property wall and summerhouse, and the ongoing expense of this, as well as potential danger to others with falling masonry. Advised to contact police and JV will advise neighbours to keep an eye on this. PH will advise the homeowners.</p>	<p>PH</p>
14	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p><b>Next meeting of the Community Council is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm in the Primary School, to which members of the community are encouraged and welcome to attend.</b></p>	