

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall**

Agenda item		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies and Attendance:</b> Apologies were received from J Fairbairn and A Thackray. In attendance were: P Hood (Chair); K Nelson (Treas); S Hay (Vice Chair); N Simpson (Vice Chair); K Tulloch (Secy); J Virtue; M Black; D Bouchard plus 6 members of the public.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Police Report</b> – received and circulated and passed to members of the public. No incidents other than A1 traffic issues/cautions etc.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> were agreed and signed by Chair.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>West Coast buses</b> – changes to timetables. KT had had a conversation with the Commercial Manager of the firm who had explained that the journeys being removed were unsustainable due to passenger numbers. Other routes across the region and their operating area were also seeing reduced services in response to demand or lack thereof. West Coast buses will keep the service under review and will have copies of the new timetable available on the buses shortly. It is effective from 2 <sup>nd</sup> July and a copy of the revised service times is available on the CC website at <a href="http://www.cockburnspath.org">www.cockburnspath.org</a> .	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Paths</b> – a member of the public had obtained quotes and brochures for several types of cutting equipment but recommended the Kubota or John Deere sit on versions, rather than the more expensive trail behind quad bike suggestion. Costs may be in the region of £8.5K and then insurance, storage, fuel and tax will be on top of these. Suppliers will train drivers in the use of the equipment. Further work is required to obtain solid quotes to allow wind farm applications to progress. Discussed storage and potential to purchase garage in village. JV will enquire about this, but member of the public may also assist with this for a potential remuneration at least in short term. Cf August meeting. SH and NS will also progress with member of public.	JV NS/SH August
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Allotments</b> – the SCIO application had been rejected, but NS explained that this was primarily to do with the constitution and application. Subsequently revised and resubmitted. Cf August meeting.	NS August
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Rabbits at Bankhead</b> – following a site meeting with JV, KT and 2 members of the public, Officers at SBC were now aware of the issues which are much greater than originally thought. SBC have obtained a quote for fencing the access road side and the bottom of the graveyard which is £6500 but potentially involves the removal of the hedge which we wish to see retained. Agreed there may be some potential to joint fund part of this work with SBC from wind farm monies, and KT to write to Officer to clarify this and the desire to see the hedge maintained with external fencing.	KT
<b>4.5</b>	<b>Market Cross</b> – Cllr Laing was not present and there had been no further news re the ownership or asset register in relation to the Cross. It was agreed to obtain 2 estimates and JV will try to get one, KT the other, to effect repairs to the base of the monument. Ownership must however be pursued as it was presumed that currently the monument has no insurance should it be	JV/KT Cllr Laing

<p><b>4.6</b></p>	<p>damaged or become dangerous.</p> <p><b>Kinegar Community Benefits</b> fund – public meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall where Foundation Scotland will outline processes etc for claiming. Discussed split with East Lammermuir (Oldhamstocks component) Community Council and various other aspects such as the 20% “requirement” for East Berwickshire inclusion. Pointed out that the CC already considers applications from wider area if there is a benefit to Cockburnspath/Cove. Also discussed admin costs (Foundation Scotland) suggested as coming from the £50k fund and this is resisted locally. The village and outlying areas have been leafleted and posters are in notice boards to advertise the meeting. Some suggestions re 7 a side football pitch (on existing pitch) and children’s equipment had been made via the CC’s Facebook page.</p>	
<p><b>4.7</b></p>	<p><b>GDPR</b> – Lengthy discussion around how the new General Data Protection Regulations affected CCs. Disappointing to note that the promised guidance from SBC’s Legal section had not yet been forthcoming, despite legislation coming into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May. KT and AT had already taken action to ensure that members of the public’s email address were now Bccd in minutes etc and no member of the public is referred to directly in minutes. Those members of the public who had previously wished to receive CC news and minutes had been contacted and only one “opted back in” to receiving them. The other’s email addresses have now been removed. All minutes and agendas will now be sent from the <a href="mailto:secretarycccc@live.co.uk">secretarycccc@live.co.uk</a> address rather than via the secretary’s or Chair’s personal emails. Community Councillors present completed a form giving consent for their email and other contact details to be retained by the CC and given to members of the public if required for CC business. Many CC members took the opportunity to limit their email addresses and contact details, which will now be held by AT/KT and the CC email system only. It was agreed that CC members were happy to be contacted by other CC members as and when required. Discussion moved to wind farm applications, and how to ensure that developers received the information they required whilst safeguarding applicants’ data. KN will contact developers and ask how they intend to handle such information when application forms are submitted. KT said that applicant contact details should not be necessary on the forms sent to wind farm developers, as they dealt with the CC and not the individual applicant. However, there is the potential for some sensitive data to be available to developers and it is essential that we are assured re their handling, storage and deletion of this data. Also discussed Res Comms systems and relevant SBC Officer had issued a statement to all Res Comms members to clarify how their details would be stored. KN asked about historic documents relating to wind farm applications and it was agreed that these should be retained for a year, and after final acceptance of the financial accounts each year by SBC, they would be destroyed securely e.g. shredding. KN will keep a register of organisations receiving grants however, but no personal data will be retained within this register. KN and PH will meet to redesign the wind farm application forms and bring this to the August meeting.</p>	<p>KN</p> <p>KN/PH</p>
<p><b>4.8</b></p>	<p><b>Bins at Cove</b> – the situation seems to be a lot better now that some SBC workers had intervened. NS will monitor, but in the meantime, this is removed from the ongoing agenda.</p>	<p>NS</p>
<p><b>4.9</b></p>	<p><b>Notice Boards</b> – DB presented research on his findings into this. New notice boards are required for The Square, outside the shop and for Tollview due to</p>	

	<p>deterioration and difficulties with access. A larger board is required for Cove car park. DB explained the various options, and it was agreed that the rather expensive board at £ 3250 in blue would be the only appropriate option for the Square, as it was secure, with stainless steel locks, magnetic notice holders, gas struts to enable it to be used in the wind, was impact resistant in terms of glass, and mirrored the look of the existing blue signpost alongside it. Although expensive, it was acknowledged that this board is used by many groups and would allow this to continue, whilst being an acceptable design for a conservation area. Both Tollview and Cove will receive a Vitincom Freestanding Noticeboard, probably in green, to be located in same area as old ones, at a cost each of £579. Delivery is included, but not VAT. DB had emailed SBC to see if they would cover the cost of erection/re-erection of same. Once final costs are known, a wind farm application to Drone Hill can be made for the next meeting in August.</p>	<p>DB August</p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b> <b>Parking at war memorial</b> – a member of the public had complained via the CC’s facebook page about disrespectful parking at the war memorial on the old A1. Much discussion ensued around who’s cars were responsible and it was felt that although there was some resident parking and the odd car parked when someone caught the bus, much of the parking was from the garage. Pedestrians frequently have to walk around the parked cars on to the road, and this includes unsupervised children accessing the school. It was also mentioned that parking was illegal opposite a junction (as is the case here) and would be a police matter. Parking was also occurring in the bell mouth of the junction and concern was expressed about the amount of cars parked on the entrance to the village (opposite Tollview) and in the mouth to the Southern Upland Way. There are also a lot of tyres stored there which is an unsightly end to the famous walk. Whilst the CC wished to support the local business and the service offered by the garage, it was acknowledged that things had reverted back to previous situation of a couple of years ago. SH will speak, on behalf of the CC, to the garage owners, and reiterate our desire to assist them with the planning application previously mentioned by them, which would relocate the business to the edge of the village and supply much improved vehicle storage and access. It is hoped that this approach may be successful without further action being needed.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p><b>5.2</b></p>	<p><b>Noise and shadow flicker complaints</b> – Neuk turbines – KT had heard back from Officer at SBC regarding the two outstanding complaints. Each complainant is being individually contacted by EHOs who will work with them to resolve issues. On the noise complaint, the EHO is seeking further information. <i>[Editorial comment: member of the public experiencing shadow flicker has been contacted by SBC already, and the developer who have expressed a desire to work with them to resolve the nuisance].</i> The CC will continue to monitor this situation via members of the public.</p>	<p>Review August</p>
<p><b>5.2 to 5.6 inc.</b></p>	<p><b>Democracy Matters Conversation, Developing Digital Skills, Open Govt workshop and Shaping the Future of Water and Waste Water Services</b> had all been circulated with no comments. KT can complete the waste water consultation if CC members wish to submit their views to her.</p>	<p>All/KT</p>
<p><b>5.7</b></p>	<p><b>Additional item</b> – Thank you letter received from JV on behalf of the Wednesday Club for wind farm donation towards their outing to Dunbar Garden Centre. Passed to KN for filing with application.</p>	

<p><b>6</b> <b>6.1</b> <b>6.2</b></p>	<p><b>SBCCN/BAP etc</b> <b>BAP meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> – NS had attended and gave feedback. Format was similar to earlier meetings but focused on Health and Wellbeing. Issues raised included care at home, funding of care and transport to care centres and hospitals. <b>Stakeholder Event</b> – PH spoke briefly to this and had circulated minutes to all. No further comments.</p>	
<p><b>7</b> <b>7.1</b></p>	<p><b>Liaison Groups</b> <b>Viridor</b> – NS had attended a Viridor Liaison Group meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June and due to lateness of this meeting, undertook to circulate a report. <i>[Editorial comment: this has now been circulated to all CC members]</i>. He was thanked for this and for attending. <i>Resume of written report</i> - Work is progressing around the EfW site and some steam emissions will be expected shortly whilst testing. SEPA have asked that Viridor disseminate further information on this to neighbours. Work is potentially progressing with the heat plan for the EfW plant, which was welcomed. Some local nuisance in Dunbar had been experienced with a worker from Viridor. Issues had arisen between tenants and landlords and it was hoped that this is now resolved. Local soil has been imported into the site from various home building sites for landfill purposes (38000m<sup>2</sup>). Some new gas wells developed and output was 4.6Mw. Litter picking on beaches and cycle way. Once the EfW is working Viridor expect an increase of around 50 lorries a day into and out of the site, until the landfill is decommissioned. Applications to the Viridor Credits fund are invited - £400,000 to fund community projects across Scotland close to its sites.</p>	
<p><b>8</b> <b>8.1</b> <b>8.2</b></p>	<p><b>Planning</b> <b>Dunglass Viaduct</b> – no observations were made as this work is being carried out to restore the Viaduct in character. <b>Crystal Rig 4</b> – application in format of 2 x CD ROMs and a paper copy of the Non Technical Summary had been received today (13.6.18). These were given to the members of the planning sub group to peruse. A response is required by 13<sup>th</sup> July to Energy Consents. Some turbines are proposed at a height of 200m to blade tip – considerably higher than existing Crystal Rig turbines, and will occur on land governed by SBC, although access and connection will be via existing infrastructure and ELC areas. Planning subcommittee to submit response to ECU by due date and circulate to all.</p>	<p>PH/NS/ KT</p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>9.1</b></p>	<p><b>Community Windfarm Benefits</b> <b>Water Supply – Hoprig crossroads</b> – 3 members of the public were present to speak to this, which is not yet a formal application. Hoprig is currently connected to water via a bore hole and a recent fire had heightened awareness of the issues with water hydrant provision. Residents in the area expressed a desire to connect to mains water. The CC recommended that they obtain a quote for a consultant’s advice and apply for an initial grant to cover this, then take advice from the report, SBC (Res Comms) and Scottish Water to obtain a cost to install system. It was broadly agreed that each house would meet its probable £600 connection charge to each home which would fulfil the 5% requirement of any application. Whilst, without costs and estimates where possible, the CC could not commit to an award of funding, this was considered to be essential work which we would like to assist with.</p>	

9.2	<p><b>CADS – application for lighting</b> – PH spoke to this item and then abstained from views/discussions due to declaring an interest. A quote had been obtained to supply LED lighting to supplement the existing stage lighting. These new lights are essential to CADS performances but will also benefit the village hall generally. Village Hall Committee are requiring a quote from the local electrician, which PH is trying to obtain. There is at present one quote and as the CC do not meet in July, and time is of the essence for a November performance, it was agreed unanimously to award the item costs of £1101.94 to CADS from Crystal Rig 2 funds, with the proviso that should the local electrician provide a lower comparable quote, CADS would accept this and pay back the remaining funds. £1101.94 to come from Crystal Rig 2 – Treasure to action. CADS will pay delivery costs and any potential installation costs.</p>	KN
10	<p><b>Treasurer’s Update</b>  KN spoke to this item – work is finally progressing towards the new bank account, but there are issues with closing the old liaison account, as the previous Treasurer’s name had not been identified for closure purposes. It was unanimously agreed that KN’s name would go forward as having the right to close the new bank account at a later stage, should this be required. One issue was still outstanding – when the CC changed its name from Cockburnspath, to Cockburnspath and Cove CC. This was carried out after the CC Scheme Review a couple of years ago, but KT will email Officer at SBC for date and confirmation of the name change. This will then be passed to KN for action.</p>	KT KN
11	<p><b>SBC Councillor feedback</b>  No SBC Councillors were in attendance.</p>	
12	<p><b>Community Councillor feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JV – 2 recent accidents had occurred at the Cockburnspath roundabout, where a lorry had shed its load, and a van ran into the side of the entrance into Cockburnspath. It was felt that these were both caused by drivers missing the roundabout, but compounded by the high vegetation on top of it. KT will email AMEY for their views.</li> <li>• MB – asked if there was an update on the improvements to Crofts Road parking and was advised that SBC were carrying out this work, and had delayed it until later in the year (September). KT will inform SH and he will update.</li> </ul>	KT  KT/SH
13	<p><b>AOCB</b>  Member of the public complained about grass cutting generally throughout the village and in particular in Croftsacre. He had asked SBC to cut it prior to a funeral, but it had yet to be done. SH will take this forward with SBC.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned</p> <p><b>THERE IS NO COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY, ALTHOUGH MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY WITH ANY LOCAL CONCERNS.</b>  <b>Date of next meeting</b> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall, to which members of the public are welcome to attend.</p>	SH

