

**Minutes of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm in  
Cockburnspath Village Hall.**

Agenda item		Action required
1	<b>Apologies and Attendance</b> – Apologies were received from K Nelson (Treasurer); Cllr J Fullarton (SBC). In attendance were P Hood (Chair); S Hay (Co vice chair); N Simpson (Co vice chair); K Tulloch (secretary); J Virtue; M Black; D Bouchard; J Fairbairn; Cllr H Laing; Cllr C Hamilton; 4 members of the public.	
2	<b>Police report</b> had been circulated – 22 incidents but all related to either traffic issues on A1 or concerns for welfare. No crimes.	
3	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – were agreed as correct and signed.	
4	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
4.1	<b>BHA Garages</b> – details of the pre community council meeting at 6pm that night were passed to CC members for information. It was agreed that plot A be purchased on behalf of the Community Council for grass machinery etc – details of how to purchase were discussed, and NS said that he would prefer the Allotments Association not to be involved. Options remain as individual CC office bearers being responsible for the purchase, or the CC constitution amended to reflect the ability to own land. Cf October meeting, by which time papers from BHA should be available to advance this issue.	Oct agenda
4.2	<b>Grass cutting machinery</b> – SH and NS agreed that the purchase was between 2 machines – John Deere and Kubota, and that advice would be taken from the current grass cutting operator. 2 members of the public were interested in volunteering as grass cutters, in addition to some members of the CC, so there should be some continuity. NS and SH will facilitate demonstrations of each machine and bring back clear choices to the next meeting.	NS/SH
4.3	<b>Notice boards</b> – DB had progressed an application via Greencoat Drone Hill for funds for the 3 notice boards. PH will work with DB and Foundation Scotland to ensure that this is part of the £10K additional funding which does not require the full application process to be undertaken. Some discussion around dissention at Cove re the type of notice board to be installed there. PH asked NS to come back with clear choices, or a budget would be given to them to chose their own. Cf Oct meeting.	PH/DB  NS Oct agenda
4.4	<b>Drone Hill applications for £10k</b> - largely agreed above, plus the addition of leaflets for walkers/ornithologists etc to be included. PH has a meeting with Foundation Scotland tomorrow and will raise such items.	PH
4.5	<b>Revision of wind farm community benefit applications and GDPR policy</b> – New wind farm application form had been circulated and all agreed that this gave us a much better impression of the applicant, plus gave a “follow up” policy to ensure information is properly communicated. GDPR policy also circulated – no amendments were suggested. KT suggested that there should be a statement on the wind farm benefits app form to say that CCCC would safeguard personal data prior to saying that the policy was available on request. <i>[ Editorial comment – should the CC also consider a box on the form to indicate that applicant had been informed of decision?]</i>	PH?

4.6	<b>Allotments</b> – deferred to Oct meeting. NS will prepare a pre meeting update.	
4.7	<b>Parking at Cove</b> – Cllr HL updated the CC re current situation re 20 mph limit (not approved and unlikely to be); no through road for heavy vehicles; additional parking for visitors. She is continuing to progress these issues and Cove residents have presented a petition to Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Update as and when available.	Cllr HL NS/DB/KN
4.8	<b>Crofts Road and Callander Place parking update</b> – no update is yet available for Callander Place due to a legal action. KT said she had emailed officers at SBC (DS and Asset Manager) over what was required by the community to move Crofts Road parking areas forward. Cllr HL had been copied into emails and will take this forward due to lack of response from officers.	Cllr HL
4.9	<b>Rabbits at Bankhead</b> – despite emails to officers, no response has been received re way forward. Cllr HL will again take this up with SBC in the hope of a response!	Cllr HL
4.10	<b>Kinegar Community Benefits</b> – PH has a meeting tomorrow with Foundation Scotland (FS). She had met with Oldhamstocks (East Lammermuir CC) Chair recently, and it was apparent that they felt they were entitled to a 50/50 split of any agreement. However there is still no contract with new owners of Neuk/Kinegar turbines and this is a cause for concern as without this there is no certainty of ongoing commitment nor what would occur should the development change hands. Initially, the CC had proposed a split with 25% being used for joint projects, but the administration of this would be very difficult and it was felt that the effort involved wasn't appropriate. Agreed that whilst a 50/50 split was the probable outcome, PH would seek advice from FS and feed this back to the CC.	PH Oct agenda
4.11	<b>Market Cross estimate</b> – see under Community Benefits applications at 6.5.	
4.12	<b>Treasurer update</b> – this had been circulated and there were no further comments.	
4.13	<b>Garage Parking</b> – much discussion around this. Would appear most cars stored on SBC land on verges were “scrap” and “for parts”. Discussion around using SBC land and entrance to village as a business – agreed this wasn't appropriate. Multiple complaints re blocked access; pavement parking; SORNed vehicles awaiting uplift or parts disassembly and agreement that the garage was using aspects of the village potentially without relevant permissions. It was broadly agreed that the entrance to the village was negatively affected due to many scrapped vehicles on verges. Cllr HL will explore SBC's response to this, and whilst the CC were broadly supportive of the garage and its input to local people, there was agreement that the current situation could not continue. <i>[Editorial comment – SH has now met with garage owner, and many cars will be removed, however, there are some cars parked that belong to local home owners, and this also needs to be resolved. Apparently, outline planning permission has now lapsed on the alternative site – to be confirmed]</i>	Cllr HL  SH Oct agenda KT√
5	<b>Correspondence</b>	
5.1	<b>SAS engagement steering group</b> – KT will attend and feedback.	KT

5.2	<b>Pease Bay planning application for extension to caravan park</b> – a response from the CC had been submitted via the planning sub committee to SBC. Available on iDox.	
5.3	<b>Dunglass bridge planning permission</b> – spraying of rocky outcrop with concrete – it was agreed that the CC did not have an opinion on this as it is a technical issue.	
5.4	<b>Waste water consultation</b> – circulated - no comments	
5.5	<b>Viridor Liaison meeting 26/9/18</b> – NS will attend and feedback	NS
5.6	<b>Letter from Nursery</b> – engagement request re how the nursery children can contribute to enriching the village. Welcomed and to invite nursery co-ordinator along to a CC meeting to explore. KT will write to nursery organiser.	KT√
6	<b>Wind farm community benefits applications</b>	
6.1	An application had been received from Cockburnspath Village Hall re <b>legal fees for the asset transfer re the football field</b> . Agreed unanimously by all members (whilst JV and PH declared an interest as part of the VH committee and abstained) to support this application as detailed in minutes of August 2018 pending application, now received. CR2 funds.	KN
6.2	<b>Dishwasher replacement</b> – Village Hall – an application was received and supported unanimously ( whilst JV and PH declared an interest as above). To support cheapest claim of £2010 for replacement dishwasher from CR 2 funds.	JV
6.3 /6.4	<b>Rural and Wednesday club applications</b> -To be submitted for October consideration	
6.5	<b>Market Cross repairs</b> – KT had obtained 2 estimates for repairs to base and neck of market cross. This is necessary to ensure ongoing safety of this important monument to the community. Whilst “ownernship” battles over the monument continue, it is the CC’s opinion that maintenance and safety of the monument and pedestrians/traffic are paramount and as such, we are prepared to repair it to a standard where it presents no threat to the community. Two estimates received and agreed to go with £718.20 from East Coast Masonry, subject to viewing third party liability insurance and completion of work by end Oct 18. KT to email and confirm. Agreed unanimously from CR2 funds. KT will email both estimators and Cllr HL will chase up issue of Asset Register with SBC.	KT√/KN Cllr HL KT√
7	<b>SBCCN/BAF</b> etc – PH had issued an update circulated to all. No further comments.	
8	<b>SBC Councillor updates</b> - Upcoming MIR report consultation (planning); BAVS autumn programme; Localities Bid funding; Biodiversity action plan. Cllr HL also spoke to these items and encouraged members to go online, access reports and consultations and comment. In particular, she highlighted the biodiversity action plan. KT asked about wild flower meadow planting over verges etc and Cllr Laing said that this was in the plan for future biodiversity. Cllr Hamilton was no longer present at the meeting.	

<p>9</p>	<p><b>Community Councillor updates –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JV commented on an issue re sheds etc and pigeons at Tollview. Cllr HL will take this forward with Eildon Housing .</li> <li>2. SH – grass verge cutting on banking of Hoprig Road below and adjacent to Hoprig Park – poor cutting and Cllr HL will take this forward.</li> <li>3. MB – had received complaints about sand ingress and staining from quarry. Advised complainant to speak to quarry owner re damping down of sand piles – to monitor.</li> <li>4. MB – had received request to instigate 30mph speed limit to south of village on old A1 from Abbey St Bathans road end to current 30 mph limit. Also request to extend 40mph from this boundary to the exit road beside Drysdale’s Freight yard. Cllr HL will explore this in first instance.</li> <li>5. Community Action team – Cllr HL said that there was a Community Action team of police officers, paid by SBC who could look at local issues. Cllr HL is taking this forward re garage parking.</li> <li>6. PH – Volunteer befrienders – leaflets for Square and other notice boards.</li> <li>7. PH – feedback received from Dunglass Guides re award given from wind farm benefits to support their leadership training. Great feedback and it was recognised that a condition of any grant from wind farm benefits should include the provision of a report back to the CC which could be shared with the developer/benefits provider.</li> </ol> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p><b>Next meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall. Members of the public are encouraged and welcome to attend all or part of any community council meetings.</b></p>	<p>Cllr HL</p> <p>Cllr HL</p> <p>MB to feed back</p> <p>Cllr HL</p> <p>Cllr HL</p> <p>KT/NS</p> <p>PH/KN</p>
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