

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall**

Agenda item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies and Attendance:</b> Apologies had been received from S Hay, A Thackray, J Fairbairn, N Simpson, Cllr C Hamilton, and Cllr J Fullarton. In attendance were P Hood (Chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); K Tulloch (Secy); M Black, J Virtue, D Bouchard; Cllr H Laing; 2 representatives from Sibbalds/Dunglass Estate; 6 Members of the public and a Community Development Plan worker who left at the end of the pre community council meeting.</p>	
2	<p><b>Police report</b> – had been circulated.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> were accepted as correct and signed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
4.1	<p><b>Progress with garage purchase</b> – PH confirmed that she had returned details of our intention to purchase plot A, to BHA, and was awaiting further instruction and confirmation. Allotment Assocn will be purchaser.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Container on garage site</b> – KT had approached a local planning officer who said that although they didn't encourage containers on such sites, if it were painted and sensitively planted, given the equipment we needed to secure, it was likely that an application to place it would be successful. KT had obtained a quote at around £1700 for a second hand 20ft container, but Cllr Fullarton had intimated previously that another CC area had been successful in obtaining one at a much lower cost. KT will investigate with other CC Chair. It was suggested that the strimmer could also be kept within such secure storage.</p>	KT
4.3	<p><b>Grass cutting</b> – the John Deere tractor was almost ready for delivery, however Sherrifs would hold this until SH was back from holiday for storage reasons. See also item 6.2 under Community Wind Farm Benefit Applications. NS is investigating, with SBC, the potential to divert some of their funding to the CC if they cut some of the SUW on the Council's behalf.</p>	NS/SH
4.4	<p><b>Kinegar Wind Farm benefits</b> – As agreed at the last CC meeting, PH advised Foundation Scotland that Co'path and Cove were not prepared to agree to a joint funding panel being set up at this stage, because of the various difficulties discussed at the meeting, although we were happy to work with Oldhamstocks in the future. CCCC wish the proposed fund to be divided 50/50 and each community to managed their own fund. Foundation Scotland have advised Oldhamstocks and have not received any response. In those circumstances, Foundation Scotland suggest we go ahead with the agreement – they have a draft which they will send to PH who will circulate. Tom Black from Foundation Scotland will come to the CC meeting in December to discuss the situation.</p>	Cf Dec
4.5	<p><b>Allotment update</b> – NS had presented a report in his absence, and confirmed that the Asset Transfer request to Transport Scotland had been acknowledged but no response as yet. He has engaged someone to draft plans for the allotment site, to move forwards a planning application which</p>	

<p>4.6</p>	<p>may require funding. A local farmer had flail cut the area, and offered to take soil samples. KT will thank him for this which was done free of charge.</p> <p><b>Community Development Plan</b> – see separate minute of “pre Community Council meeting” attached.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>4.7</p>	<p><b>Branches on Oldhamstocks Road</b> (overhand and obscuring view for traffic) – no further update from member of the public but Cllr Laing had highlighted this issue to SBC.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>4.8</p>	<p><b>Crofts Road parking</b> – cf Dec meeting, as Officer from SBC has been invited to attend and update.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>4.9</p>	<p><b>Officer attendance at Dec meeting</b> – Cllr Laing is chasing this to ensure there is attendance.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>Update on pigeon hut</b> – JV taking this forward, as is Cllr Laing with housing society.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p><b>Meals for older people</b> – circulated, and to Wednesday Club via JV.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><b>Cove Parking outcome</b> – recent application to Audit and Scrutiny Committee had been partially successful, with Cllr recommendation that Officers take forward the suggestions and needs of the Cove community. Member of the public (petitioner) spoke to this item. Council had agreed a “no through road” and “unsuitable for HGVs and buses” sign to be erected, and would consider the access road to Cove in its speed review next year. Although a TRO had been placed on the Cove car park, there was no intention to target residents now that there was a restriction on length of stay of maximum of 48 hrs. Residents’ parking signs could remain, although would not be policed by SBC. One land owner wished to see the car park being used as a revenue stream to support the harbour. Ownership of the car park was questioned – it has been adopted by SBC but they are not necessarily the owners. Member of the public was thanked for all his hard work, and congratulated by Cllr Laing, as feedback from the A&amp;S Committee was that this was a reasoned well argued piece of work. The CC also thanked the A&amp;S Committee and Cllr Laing for all of their work on this.</p>	<p>JV</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p><b>Woodland/right of way</b> – two representatives of the estate at Dunglass were in attendance to address community concerns regarding the work to thin and fell several large trees in the woodland area adjacent to the right of way and primary school. Members of the public had raised concerns about the maintenance of access over the right of way, the state the local paths had been left in, the loss of established trees and the future plans in the various “phases” of this work. Savills representative apologies for the lack of communication with in the community and will endeavour to ensure that this does not happen with future works. The tree thinning is part of a 30 year plan agreed with the Woodland Trust and the Estate, to take out invasive species and replant with native woodland. The work had had to be rushed forward due to constraints over the badger mating season, so prior communication hadn’t occurred. Further phases would also involve the use of the access on to Callander Place, and it was agreed that advance notification would be given over when these were likely to occur. It was agreed that good communication would go a long way to alleviate such issues in the future and reassure the community. The representatives were thanked for their input.</p>	

5.5	<p><b>Bridge at Hoprig Road</b> – NS had liaised with SBC Officer and a bridge will be replaced on this core path starting Spring 2019. The landowner had been identified and had no objection to these works.</p>	
5.6	<p><b>Christmas Trees</b> – Cove wished a tree, as did Co’path. PH and some members of the public will visit the forest in Gordon in the first instance to identify the trees required, and order them (foc). Later in the year, they would then be cut down and transported. Should there be no suitable trees on site, KT will approach the Dunbar supplier with our needs. KT will ask her husband to check the electric supply, and said that the Co’path tree needed to be dense enough to support the heavy outside lights. Cf December.</p>	PH and others  KT
6	<p><b>Community Wind Farm Benefit applications</b></p>	
6.1	<p><b>Playgroup</b> – not submitted</p>	
6.2	<p><b>Tractor Application</b> - £15,156 was agreed to purchase John Deere X948 from Sherriffs of Haddington. Unanimously agreed and to come from Hoprigshiels (Fishermen 3) funds. Quotes were available for 4 machines and 2 suppliers, but this was the most suitable, with the best service and customer care, plus had the facility to add on additional items in the future. KN to progress. May invite BHA etc to the “opening” of the tractor!</p>	KN
6.3	<p><b>Tractor ancillaries</b> – unanimously agreed to fund necessary ancillary equipment from Hoprigshiels (Fishermen 3) funds to total £461.37. KN to progress.</p>	KN
6.4	<p><b>Community Development Officer application</b> – to pay for services already used for CDO amounting to 3 days @£250 totalling £750. Unanimously agreed to come from Crystal Rig 2 funds. KN to progress.</p>	KN
6.5	<p><b>Community Christmas Lunch application</b> – as previous years, the CC unanimously agreed to support this application for £700 to come from Drone Hill mini grant for unconstituted groups. It was recognised that this was an important event within the community each year and we are happy to support it. KN to progress.</p>	KN
6.6	<p><b>Wednesday Club Christmas lunch</b> – 18 members aged over 60 out to Christmas lunch locally, and receiving hampers. This is a constituted group, and will provide own transport. Copies of their accounts were submitted with the application. Unanimously agreed to award £700 from Crystal Rig 2 funds. KN to progress.</p>	KN
6.7	<p><b>Donation to CFR funds</b> – it was unanimously agreed to support a donation of £100 to our local (Dunbar and East Berwickshire Community First Responders) from Crystal Rig 2 funds. The CFR group replace our public access defibrillator pads free of charge over the years, and provide a monitoring service to ensure the defibrillators are functional and emergency ready. They were thanked for their continued support to the communities locally. KN to progress.</p>	KN
7	<p><b>Reports and updates</b></p>	
	<p><b>Treasurer update</b> KN updated the CC on funds currently available via Community Wind Farm Benefits. After deduction of the tractor and ancillary awards above, there was £3132.63 left in this account. Crystal Rig 1 had a balance of £16000, and Crystal Rig 2 a balance of £31,770 prior to the deductions above. Ferneylea still held a balance of £7000.</p>	KN/KT

	<p>KN was able to show how these funds had been distributed throughout the community over the last few months via a pie chart. She was thanked for her ongoing commitment and work.</p> <p>PH and KN had been working on the Drone Hill (additional £10000) application which had now been submitted to cover noticeboards and leaflets re walks, nature etc locally.</p> <p><b>Chair report</b> PH confirmed that as the new bank account was now open, RES (Penmanshiel) was now able to pay out the previous years payments, subject to some conditions. They wish a separate committee set up, equal numbers of CC members and additional members of the public. It was agreed that this committee should comprise 3 CC members and 3 members of the public – PH had already found 2 willing members, and another, present at the meeting tonight, agreed to be the third. They were thanked for their assistance. It was also agreed that we would adhere to RES’s requirements for a 3 year term of office for these members, despite the CC officer term being 4 years. PH will progress this with RES and hopefully monies will be to hand soon. PH had also attended a recent <b>SBCCN meeting</b> and participation in SBC committees was discussed alongside other matters.</p>	PH
<p>8</p> <p><b>Addn item</b></p>	<p><b>Gala report</b> A member of the public was in attendance to seek support and advice regarding the 2019 Gala, as this marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gala in Co’path. The CC put forward several suggestions, emphasising the importance of getting their old bank account and signatories sorted. This was considered to be the main starting point and the CC agreed that without transparent financial records, properly audited, it would find it difficult to support the Gala in the future. Member of the public will feedback on how this progresses. Fundraiser (darts) on 24<sup>th</sup> November from 11am in Co’path Bowling Club, to which all members of the public and wider community were invited.</p>	MoP
<p><b>Addn item</b></p>	<p><b>Old Cambus area</b>– 4 residents from Old Cambus were present to represent their hamlet’s interests. It was agreed that the CC were happy to consider co-opting a member from this hamlet, subject to them discussing this with their own community and presenting someone willing to attend meetings. They will also consider whether they wish a notice board, and where it may be sited, and whether they wish to progress with CPR training which can be offered. A representative from Old Cambus will feedback to the CC once they have sought the views of their community. In the meantime, KT will ensure that the minutes and agendas are emailed to members of the community at Old Cambus/Redheugh/Townhead.</p> <p><b>Liaison Groups</b> – no new meetings</p> <p><b>Planning</b> – no new applications</p>	MoP KT
<p>9</p> <p>10</p>	<p><b>SBC Cllr updates</b></p>	

<p><b>11</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Laing updated us on the continuing consultation of the <u>MIR</u> (Main Issues Report) with details of local workshops etc.</li> <li>• <u>Cemetery gates</u> – Officer has responded with queries over what works were required. Agreed to ask for repainting and repair of the latch. Cllr Laing will feedback to Officer to progress.</li> <li>• <u>Craft and Design Course</u> availability in Galashiels – 11 sessions.</li> <li>• <u>Anti social driving campaign</u> - driving course available for young/new drivers, with costs refunded on completion of course.</li> <li>• <u>Shaping the budget</u> – consultation to end of January 19. Please complete at <a href="mailto:bugetteam@scotborders.gov.uk">bugetteam@scotborders.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• <u>Passport to college</u> course in Galashiels</li> <li>• <u>Curry and Chat</u> starting in Longformacus at Village Hall, to help people with mental health issues.</li> <li>• <u>Armed Forces breakfast</u> club 17<sup>th</sup> November in Coldstream.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Councillor issues</b>  DB – Will attend Res Comms meeting tomorrow night in Council HQ. PH sends apologies, as does NS.</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p>JV – Pothole near Seaview on Hoprig Road/top of Square. SH will progress on his return and in meantime, Cllr Laing will report.  KT – thanked the CC for her honorarium.</p> <p><b>Members of the public issues</b>  No further issues, other than as above.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b> – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm with a “pre Community Council meeting” at 6.30 pm if required to accommodate Officer from SBC and representative from Foundation Scotland.</b></p> <p><b>Members of the public are encouraged to attend your Community Council’s meetings, either in whole or in part.</b></p>	<p>SH/Cllr  HL</p>