

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting, Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7pm in
Cockburnspath Village Hall.**

Agenda item		Action
1	Apologies and Attendance: Apologies were received retrospectively from Cllr Fullarton. In attendance were P Hood (Chair); S Hay (Vice Chair); N Simpson (Vice Chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); K Tulloch (Secretary); J Fairbairn, J Virtue, D Bouchard, A Thackray, M Black, Cllr H Laing; 2 members of the public.	
2	Police Report – concerns for welfare and A1 traffic incidents only, although a car related to a recent alleged firearms incident in East Lothian had been discovered at Co’path.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting – agreed as correct and signed.	
4	Matters Arising	
4.1	Grass cutting/tractor and insurance – SH gave a brief update on 2 issues with the tractor which were now repaired. Insurance quotes are ongoing and cf to January. It was agreed that users of the tractor would be limited to trained volunteers, and at present, there will be no lending out to the wider community. KN actioning insurance quotes currently, and NS has explored potential fund transfer for some cutting with SBC. Chair of VH was in attendance and some clarification of how the football field will be maintained – agreed it would be a “community tractor” and the field will be cut as frequently as required and “special events” would be catered for. Some bankings were an issue, i.e. Croftsacre but SH is currently doing a reconnaissance of areas that can be cut, and to what height. Chair of VH and NS/SH will liaise over the football field.	Jan KN SH/NS
4.2	Crofts Road parking – Cllr Laing had liaised with officers at SBC and affirmed that there is no promise of funds and no intention to fund. Officer from Assets Team had said that even if works were to be undertaken, it is unlikely that they would be adopted as an SBC asset and therefore maintained. Drainage was an issue, according to SBC, although external estimators disagreed. Much discussion around this, with options to be explored being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchasing the land from SBC under Community Empowerment, but agreed there may be issues regarding it being surrounded by SBC land, and whether, even if work done via our funds, it may not then be adopted. Cllr HL will enquire re asset transfer as kerbs currently being damaged by parking. Currently emergency vehicles may not get through. Cf to Jan agenda. - Would Localities Bid Funding be useful here? Cllr Laing will ask as there are new requirements which may make this possible. - If work was done, would SBC adopt? Cllr Laing will ask as we have £4k BHA funds still being held for this purpose. - Would SBC do the work if we paid for it? 	Cllr HL Jan agenda Cllr HL Cllr HL
4.3	Callander Place update – no further news.	
4.4	Rabbits and fencing at Bankhead – new fencing in situ – very much welcomed. MoP’s offer of tree planting – JV and NS will take this forward with MoP to see if planting might be carried out on the allotment side of the new fencing. Cf Jan. The lock on the gate will be looked at.	JV/NS Jan agenda
4.5	Christmas trees – Village looking lovely. MoP may be able to get a tree for next year, but some discussion around whether the large tree in the	

	Square could be lit and a smaller Christmas tree bought? Problem is lights for tree are very heavy, and dwarf an average tree. Sub group for next year – revisit summer 2019. Cove Christmas tree is up, but may not survive winds!	Summer 2019
4.6	Donation to CFR funds – agreed to approve unanimously £100 donation. KT to do application to CR2 to KN.	KT/KN
4.7	Gala – new Treasurer has found old bank account and mandate for old signatories to sign off and new committee to go on. Some funds still in account, with other cash to pay in. Anticipate funds will be given from comm benefits and potentially SBC.	
4.8	Old Cambus rep for CC – all want noticeboard but nobody wishes to be a rep. A volunteer is needed to populate the noticeboard however. KT will email. A new noticeboard will be funded through Drone Hill additional grant.	KT
4.9	Old Cambus defib – KT had received an email from Townhead hamlet, stating that they wished a public access defib. Some concerns about whether public funds should be used for this, and the creation of a precedent giving the proximity of the existing machine. However, any application will be considered if made. KT will email residents. It was also agreed that in 2019, a further Heartstart training in the village would be offered. KT will liaise and organise a training session for the CC.	KT
4.10	Dunglass tree felling – MoP had fed back on some issues of concern, and Secy will feed these back to Savills. The Dean has been left in an appalling state as a right of way – again this will be fed back to agents.	KT
5	Correspondence	
5.1	Free Training for Res Comms – circulated.	
5.2	Letter from MoP re tree planting at Bankhead – see 4.4 above	
5.3	Shadow flicker from Kinegar turbines – 2 cases of shadow flicker have been reported to SBC and agents, and these are being investigated.	
5.4	Newsletter contributions – the CC felt they would like to make a regular contribution to this with notes of upcoming meetings and ongoing agenda items. Agreed to do same with school newsletter.	
5.5	Localities Bid Funding – changes to requirements – no longer “new” projects and limit is now £15k. Discussion around how this fund was actually working and degree of community decision making involved. SBC still hold the purse strings! Idea was for bottom up decision making. Discussed Crofts Road parking and in future, allotment purchases as being appropriate items. PH asked about Area Partnership meeting which she could not attend. Budget, spend and savings were discussed. SBC had turned down participatory budgeting request from SBCCN however and there is no appeal to this decision. Discussion around Community Empowerment and how community democracy was actually working. Localities Bid has become a glorified small grants scheme, rather than a genuine engagement with community decision making.	KT
5.6	Progress re Community Action Plan – funding is being applied for with a view to Planning for Real training in the Spring. Gala and Flower show plus other local events will be used to engage community to inform the action plan. It was agreed that this plan will help to inform applications to the Localities Bid Funding with real evidence of need and engagement within the community.	

5.7	Penmanshiel requirements – PH currently actioning – cf January.	PH/Jan
6	Reports	
6.1	Chair – PH had circulated	
6.2	Treasurer – Crystal Rig funds would hopefully be transferred soon	
6.3	Secretary – no additional items	
7	Planning Pease Bay Licensing changes – extension on hours, but no definitive information given on the website. KT will respond to this asking for advice on how to access the specifics of application. KN said that Cove and New Cove have frequently experienced noise from events there and would be guarded about a positive response. JV will ask their contact in Licensing Board.	KT
8	Community Benefits Applications	
8.1	Allotment costs - Unanimously agreed to award £285 from Crystal Rig 2. Good value for works carried out. KN declared an interest as her husband is a trustee of allotments and had prepared the application.	KN
8.2	Community Christmas lunch award of funds from November 2018. Amount changed from £700 to £350, at request of applicants.	KN
9	Liaison Groups – no recent meetings	
10	SBCCN meeting – PH had circulated	
11	SBC Cllr updates – Cllr Laing spoke about nursery intake for 2019/20 being open from 14 th to 18 th January where children born between 1.3.15 and 28.2.17 could access a pack of information from www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc . School has already held an event locally.	
12	Community Councillor updates	
	- SH – said that whilst cutting the SUW recently, 4 walkers have have fed back very positively about the cutting of access and walks. He hopes we'll get some funds from SBC to assist with this. Parking at Crofts Road – we will progress!	Jan
	- NS – Bridge at sheep dip done despite being promised this in Spring 2019! Lovely job – thanks to Officers involved for speed and quality of work to bridge and style.	
	- NS – stones and materials requested from SBC to stabilise slippery parts of headland part of SUW. ?Community Justice Team or volunteers from CC, where tractor cannot reach. Brambles to be cut back – NS is dealing with this.	NS/Jan
	- NS – lack of engagement with Transport Scotland over allotments – Cllr Laing will push this forward. Cf Jan	Cllr HL/Jan
	- AT – Hoprig hamlet are no further forward with negotiations over a mains water/hydrants, but meeting involved for new year.	
	- DB – fed back on recent Resilient Communities presentation – see separate note. Now salting roads rather than grit. Everyone to check local salt bins, and the two in Callander Place and Hoprig need repaired as hinges are poor. Cllr Laing will report. Yellow	All Cllr HL

	<p>bin at Village Hall/School is a resilient communities one, and requests to fill should go via Res Comms. NS asked if salt for tractor (potential) should come from bins or SBC. CC member at Reston had indicated that salt bin trailer for tractor they had wasn't very efficient, so liaison is needed prior to ordering. Additional insurance needs need to be reported to SBC under Res Comms i.e. registered users via Res Comms, otherwise any increased premiums will be the responsibility of individuals. Item stating need to photograph and ID defibs and sandbag stores – SBC installed sandbag store and defibs are all registered with SAS who are part of Res Comms – KT highlighted the need for these organisations to communicate and not ask communities to duplicate information! Existing snow clearing in the village by individuals has been largely as a goodwill measure and the community is very grateful for this. Schools initiative changing from resilient schools this winter, as this didn't work last year. Local schools will open when possible and volunteers are needed for snow clearing at schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB – leaves on steps at underpass making steps slippery. Although underpass itself is responsibility of Amey, it is unclear who is responsible for steps. Cllr Laing will enquire. <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and the Chair wished everyone a good Christmas and all the best for 2019.</p> <p>The next meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 9th January 2019, in Cockburnspath Village Hall.</p> <p>Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all or part of any Community Council meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
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