

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council – Minutes of meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm by Zoom**

Agenda		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies and Attendance:</b> Apologies were received from J Virtue. In attendance were P Hood (Chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); S Hay (vice chair); N Simpson (vice chair); M Black; D Bouchard; J Fairbairn; J Lister; R Laird; S Fletcher; K Tulloch (secretary); Cllr H Laing (SBC); member of CCEL (shop report); and 4 members of the public. The meetings are recorded and this was explained to members of the public whose consent to this was gained.</p>	
2	<p><b>Police Report:</b> Circulated</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> – agreed as correct and signed by PH</p>	
4	<p><b>Agreement of agenda items</b> – it was agreed that the shop report would be taken first, followed by the two planning applications and that if possible, the meeting would conclude at 9pm.</p>	
5.4	<p>The Community Council wished to record its sincere condolences to the Gray family due to the loss at sea recently of Peter Gray. Our thoughts are with them during this very sad time.</p>	
5.3	<p><b>Cockburnspath Community Shop report:</b> The report was given by a member of the shop committee (ML). So far, drains, water and electricity and intruder alarm are all connected. Fire alarm will be fitted tomorrow and slabbing is almost complete. The chillers etc will hopefully be moved in tomorrow onwards. Internal fitting of the shop is well underway, and first training for volunteers has taken place. Information currently being collated for Building Control for completion certificate. ML thanked volunteers and those who have assisted with expertise, man power and equipment and the opening is close, although at this point, an exact opening date can't be given – but it's almost there. ML said that it will be a "soft opening" with no ceremony attached at this time. It is hoped that in the future a full opening can occur, when restrictions allow and all who have assisted can attend. The CC thanked the group for all of their work and were very happy to hear of this progress.</p>	
6.2	<p><b>Proposal to house adjacent to proposed relocation of garage (21/00635/FUL) (relates to 21/00513/FUL re garage)</b> – Discussed and members of the public encouraged to have input to this. Their primary concern was over the tidiness of the site and the potential to place older cars on it. However, there was some agreement that if the applicants live on site, it would be more likely to be well maintained. They are content with the CCs responses to the proposed garage relocation, and do not have any objections to make on the dwellinghouse application. As it is a single storey dwellinghouse, its impact will be lessened. As such, there have been no negative comments about the dwellinghouse. SH said that most of the vehicles being parked at any new garage, will not be seen from the C130 and neighbours, being on the opposite side of the proposed garage. KT mentioned that SBC can place restrictions on any consent, which are enforceable by SBC, and spoke about recommendations for such, made by ourselves. Also discussed noise assessment and attenuation with trees etc. Member of public asked about accident damaged cars being kept outside and it was clarified that these had to be stored inside due to the nature of this work. Cllr HL clarified that 5 objections or an objection from a statutory consultee are</p>	



5.2	<p><b>Village Poll update</b> – The Village Poll on line consultation will launch at the end of this week, and both JS and KT fed back on progress and were really excited. Very grateful thanks to the developer for this – they have gone over and above their remit. Flyers will go through each door in the community, and posters will be put up. KT will liaise with MoP at Old Cambus. DB has spare keys for notice board and will liaise with PH. A brief explanation re the first category (Leisure and Tourism) was given and on hotspots, and aspects to be consulted on. The first category will run for 6 weeks and users will get a one week notification of the closure of a category. JS explained that even the admins cannot see who has voted for anything and that the site fully complied with GDPR requirements. It was also explained that additional hotspots and suggestions could be made by comments, and the admin team will add these. Thus, it prevents it being prescriptive but comments will be strictly moderated. There is a lot of excitement about this and our grateful thanks go to our local developer! Leafleting distribution was confirmed. JS will provide development links to other relevant parties eg Cllr Laing, Foundation Scotland etc. PH added that some other local communities may be interested in seeing how this works and Cllr Laing added that she welcomed the inclusion of younger people in this poll.</p>	KT DB/PH  JS
5.6	<p><b>Flooding – Cockburnspath Burn</b> – KT had not heard back from SBC Officers and it was broadly agreed that some clearance of the burn itself could take place by local people in the meantime.</p>	SH
5.7	<p><b>Website for minutes</b> etc – now up and running under <a href="http://www.copathandcove.com">www.copathandcove.com</a> The last 6 months minutes are available here. The website doesn't always render well on mobiles, but this was probably due to platform being developed pc down.</p>	
5.8	<p><b>Caretaker role update</b> – a lot of work recently had been to assist with allotments. SH has a spreadsheet of hours worked. He said that he hoped people saw a difference in verges and paths already, and asked that people contact him with ideas and issues. SH will place his information on notice boards. Minimal “helping hand” demands had been received (recycling). DB asked if the allotments will have a noticeboard as he also has a spare one from Old Cambus and it was agreed that SH will look at this, or use the old Square one. NS said that he felt SH should have duplicate keys for all notice boards and SH confirmed that he already had keys for the Square board. (Holder of keys for Tollview is away for some time so an alternative contact has been established). Confirmed keys for Tollview and Old Cambus are same keys and DB has spares – to go to SH.</p>	SH  SH
	<p>SBC Cllr updates – requested update on grit bins from SH</p> <p><b>Potholes</b> (also under SH's remit) – jet patcher currently working around Hoprig/Ecclaw, but some potholes are full of water and they will return to complete this work. Agreed Hoprig road needed resurfaced. Ongoing issue!</p>	SH
5.5	<p><b>Management of wind farm benefits</b> – PH spoke to this initially – there had been an exploratory meeting with Foundation Scotland (FS) this week regarding what type of assistance they could offer and ascertain the information they would need to allow them to cost this service. The minutes of this meeting are available separately and will be circulated by KT. FS are very flexible in their approach and hold a great deal of</p>	KT

	<p>expertise, but it was recognised that some development work would need to be undertaken to ensure that all wind farm developers are on board with any changes, to ensure a “one stop shop” for applicants to the overall pot of money. Emphasised that this was exploratory and consultative at this point and that the CC would come to a conclusion about which, if any, options, and with whoever, could be explored. It was acknowledged however that the current Treasurer’s role was unsustainable in the longer term due to the level of work involved. Some concerns regarding the potential loss of control of monies – PH explained that the CC or another body (development group or funding panel) would have the final decision-making role on any funding award. She explained that as the Community Action Plan could reveal some fairly specialised projects where their assessment would be outwith the expertise of the CC. JS explained that FS would come back to us next week with a “menu” of what can be offered by them. She also explained that some alignment of developer contracts (as above) would be needed. She mentioned the difficulties with training and retaining volunteers within a development group or funding panel and that this may create issues, whereas “contracting out” to the likes of FS, would remove this risk. RL asked how other communities managed this and what experience FS had. PH explained that FS have considerable experience in assisting other communities manage their wind farm benefits and the minutes of the meeting would reveal this. KN also mentioned that FS can do the reports back to the wind farm developers which would be welcomed. PH explained that there was a lot of similarity between conditions of application amongst the various developers although their reporting procedures and differences in admin would need alignment. She also explained the conflicting roles the CC can find themselves in during funding applications and their assessment. NS asked about feedback from the wind farm developers and asked if there had been negative feedback re our decision making. KN clarified that there has been no negative feedback to date.</p> <p><b>7 SBCCN</b> – not discussed.</p> <p><b>8 SBC Councillor feedback</b> – Councillor Laing gave this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information required from SH re grit bins. SH to action</li> <li>- Funding under the Small Schemes is now available with a funding pot of £48200 available. Contact is <a href="mailto:dsilcock@scotborders.gov.uk">dsilcock@scotborders.gov.uk</a></li> <li>- Community Fund is now open with just over £57k available for grants up to £5k – first tranche ends 1<sup>st</sup> July 21.</li> <li>- 20 mph consultation now available <a href="http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/20mph">www.scotborders.gov.uk/20mph</a></li> <li>- KT mentioned how sorry the CC were at the loss of MSP Paul Wheelhouse and Cllr Laing will pass this on to him.</li> </ul> <p><b>9 Community Councillor matters:</b></p> <p><b>JS</b> - Articles needed for the newsletter which aims to be out next week. The village poll will be promoted in this.</p> <p>AGM of the Village Hall Committee also takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> June – a zoom link will be available through the hall committee. KN said that the link is not yet available but will be shared once it is. This will be in the</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>Cllr HL</p> <p>All</p>
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	<p>newsletter as well. PH asked that as many as possible help to support the AGM and village hall generally.</p> <p><b>PH</b> - Asked about whether we can hold our next CC meeting within the hall with doors open, but this will be a decision by SBC which we await clarification on.</p> <p>She also suggested that we hold a CC meeting in July this year as the current situation dictates that they hold their elections in August. Agreed.</p> <p><b>JF</b>- Thanked the CC for its support to the bowling club over the last year and said they were opening up on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May</p> <p><b>NS</b> - Good community involvement in the pond digging and wildflower planting. He said we needed to concentrate on supporting the existing projects, not necessarily creating new ones. KN said that she felt we had and support to the bowling club and the allotments had been great throughout the restrictions.</p> <p><b>SH</b> - Lights under the AI/Cove tunnel are not working. "Ownership" of this had been disputed in the past and it wasn't clear who was responsible for maintenance. Cllr HL will take this forward with Council.</p> <p><b>KN</b> - She will follow up on bicycle racks at Cove.</p> <p><b>SF</b> - Reiterated that she had confirmed that the village poll was a consultation process with no onus on committees concerned. It would just make projects easier to fund as it would come under the projects identified within the Community Action Plan.</p> <p><b>KT</b> - Said a huge thank you to the Church Hall and Church Committee for the use of the hall during restrictions – it has been a valuable asset to the community re foodbank, school swap shop, gardening freebies and sewing classes etc and its use is much appreciated.</p> <p><b>10</b> PH checked with <b>members of the public</b> whether they had any comments to add. They said the meeting had been very interesting and complimented the current CC on its workings.</p> <p><b>Addn item</b> <b>Elections in August:</b>  KT clarified how the election process would run, with a 28 day notice period being required. Our CC has a cohort of 10 people and if there were higher numbers wishing to stand then a public election would take place. Cllr Laing confirmed that a presiding officer would take the first meeting until office bearers were elected following a public election. She confirmed the Officer at SBC would probably be L McGeogh, but will confirm this.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.</p> <p><b>The next meeting of the CC will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7pm probably by Zoom. Members of the community are very welcome to attend all or part of any CC meeting. A zoom link will be available from <a href="mailto:jenniesuttoncc@gmail.com">jenniesuttoncc@gmail.com</a>.</b></p>	<p>All</p> <p>July</p> <p>Cllr HL KN</p> <p>Cllr HL</p>
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