

Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting Wednesday 8th December 2021 – hybrid meeting between Village Hall and Zoom, at 7pm

Minutes

Agenda item		Action
<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Apologies and Attendance: Apologies were received from PC S Boyd (Torness CNC); R Laird (co-vice chair); M Given and Cllr J Fullarton. No apologies received from L Sheerin who did not attend. In attendance were (Zoom) J Sutton (CDF); K Tulloch (secy); S Kennedy; J Fairbairn; S Fletcher; Cllr H Laing; Cllr C Hamilton (in part). In attendance in hall were P Hood (Chair); S Hay (co-vice chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); J Virtue; N Simpson; C Morrison; J Graham (Village Hall Committee Chair); 1 member of the public.</p> <p>Minutes of Previous Meeting – were agreed as correct and signed by Chair.</p> <p>Emergency Planning – J Graham from Village Hall was in attendance for this. – storm Arwen had recently occurred resulting in severe damage and loss of power across the area, with some much more severely affected than others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed point of contact from SBC Res Comms (NS) who had circulated a report to all. - Some Res Comms network remains as a result of COVID lockdowns - Needs group to take forward what our resilience should look like and how it should operate. Issues with mobile phone coverage. - Needs to be flexible for differing emergencies - Co-ordinator is point of contact feeding back info from SBC but also information re community needs, to them - Newsletter in Dec needs to ask questions about what people can do for themselves, and what they want to see happen locally - Village hall as part of resilience plans – volunteers are needed and may not be prepared to travel/go out in severe weather conditions and would also need training in how to respond. - Generator may be useful, but who would start up and be responsible? - Would SBC be prime mover in generators and training? - VHC have not discussed the hall as a rest centre, but can do at next (Jan 22) meeting - JS will help facilitate a meeting between SBC and ourselves with other interested parties - SF felt there should be a measured by direct response and approach to local issues arising - KT mentioned the ideal “resilience comms tree” that was initially set up for such eventualities - PH asked whether a rep for each street may be appropriate - Acknowledged that this was a community wide issue and not just a CC one. - Res Comms/Emergency Planning Officer can be contacted for advice and training is available via SBC. - SH said plans should not be too complicated and hoped hall would be opened should something serious occur. - JG will speak to Village Hall Committee re their input to a “think tank” on this. - NS will also look at this with support from JS. 	<p></p> <p></p> <p>JS</p> <p></p> <p>JG</p> <p>NS/JS</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>SBC Councillor report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr HL asked that the specific areas of the Southern Upland Way which were subsiding, be identified to relevant officers at SBC. They can then take forward any issues with landowners re re-routing etc. NS and SH to liaise with Cllr HL who will contact Officer. - Cllr HL and CH had met with officer re playparks throughout the area. Agreed all of East Berwickshire playparks are looking shabby, - Some funds will be available through Scottish Govt and Local Authority although this won't be immediate. - Council can purchase equipment on behalf of communities (should there be a lease option) and this would be ex VAT. Council would instal. - Speed signage – SH will look at where electronic cameras could be placed, and acknowledged short 20 mph is an issue as such cameras must be placed at least 100m into the speed reduction area. Some discussion re whether 20 mph could be increased but unlikely unless new housing occurs. - Toilets – no further update – currently will remain open until end December. - Cllr Hamilton said that Roads Dept remained very busy, so may not be able to respond to local incidents as quickly as we may like. 	<p>Cllr HL SH/NS</p> <p>SH</p>
<p>6 Taken early</p>	<p>Playpark</p> <p>Member of the public then spoke re potential playpark plans:</p> <p>She said that a new playpark was a priority in the community and she was disappointed with lack of progress re CC funding. She said funding applications need legally constituted body and Village Hall no longer willing to be such for purposes of the playpark.</p> <p>The CC advised that a group is needed (potentially involving school, parents and nursery) regarding what is needed addressing the main issue which is whether to remain under SBC ownership and any subsequent improvement scheme, or to look at a 10 year lease by the CC from SBC. PH said that the group needs to be separate from the CC and CDF (JS) is happy to assist with setting this up. The group could then bring recommendations to the CC regarding action and funding. Action by MoP and CDF.</p>	<p>MoP JS</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Community Councillor reports</p> <p>NS – A report from the recent Viridor stakeholders meeting to be forwarded Interesting meeting and gave some information re waste usage and heat plan. Still lack of partner for heat plan some 7 years on but discussions ongoing.</p> <p>NS – Allotments – looking at polytunnels and what would withstand weather. Polycarbonate tunnels used in Shetland will withstand 120 mph winds but would need planning permission.</p> <p>JV – the CC's poppy wreath was a victim of Storm Arwen. It will be replaced with the one from the Church , then next year, 2 wreaths will be ordered. A search had been carried out, but no sign of the missing wreath.</p> <p>JV – Callander Place – verge eroded on field side from school to Manse. Some discussion of this in Community Action Plan</p>	

<p>8.1</p>	<p>SH – excess tar from the Hoprig Road repair had been spread over track at side of Manse – it was a shame community hadn't been asked about more appropriate use of this.</p> <p>JV – mobile post office – often issues with machines not working eg ATM – the hall committee will take this up with PO.</p> <p>SH – spoke to the circulated caretaker report. Lots of chainsaw work recently post storm. He asked Cllr HL to take forward the issue of repairs to the steps at Crofts Road and Croftsacre, which come under BHA, but no response had been received from them. Cllr HL will action. SH said he had put cones up around the area as the steps were dangerous.</p> <p>SH – had had some discussions around EV charging points in the community. Asked that Cllr HL take forward our case with SBC. Cllr HL said that there were to be 10 new charging points at Reston station and that there was £187000 of UK funding for Scottish Borders, to help with new charging points. Cllr HL will take this forward and feedback. The latest email from Aikengall was welcomed, in that £150 could be awarded for new EV charging units installed in people's homes. Community EV points could be considered under the main fund should this be necessary.</p> <p>KN – completion reports had been sent to Foundation Scotland. Fencing around the football field had now been paid for. Fishermen 3 (Hoprigshiels) now has a new liaison officer. CC grant has been successfully paid into account – KN gave some information re this as she had had to justify this this year due to monies in bank.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>Cllr HL</p> <p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>8.2</p>	<p>JS – spoke to previously circulated CDF report. She has also circulated the Coldingham Surgery questionnaire analysis and asked for Cllr HL's reaction to findings. Surgery building has now been privately sold. JS explained that due to this a community outreach wellness programme was being looked at including outreach services such as podiatry. Supply of prescribed medicines were ok across most areas, but other services lacking. JS has emailed local stakeholders regarding the behaviour of Eyemouth Medical Practice recently.</p> <p>SF – spoke about Care in the Locality conversation as there is quite a lot of need in the local area. She would like to see this progressed.</p> <p>JF – raised issue of local bottlebank adjacent to bowling club. It hasn't been emptied and people are leaving bottles and bags lying beside receptacles. Some negativity on facebook re this and JS has dealt with this. Cllr HL will contact relevant officer in SBC to get receptacles emptied.</p> <p>PH – thanked JF for facilitating use of the bowling club for recent hybrid meetings – this was much appreciated.</p> <p>SK – said he was the only first responder in the community and was limited in terms of on call time. All defibrillators are now back up to date with pads etc. He was thanked for this.</p>	<p>Cllr HL</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Wind farm money management in the future – KN, and PH were continuing to work with Foundation Scotland re this and RL had arranged a meeting with Old Luce CC by zoom on 13th Dec at 7pm. PH hoped members would attend and a zoom link will be sent out.</p>	<p>KN/PH</p> <p>All</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Police Report – PC Boyd from Torness was thanked for his comprehensive report and his and other officer's attendance at the recent Remembrance Sunday wreath laying. No report from Police Scotland.</p>	
<p>8.4</p>	<p>Secretary role moving forwards – KT was thanked for her service to the CC – she will continue to support the CDF until August 22. JM will take on many</p>	

	<p>of the roles with support where necessary from KT, and MG will take over liaison with SBC Officers. SK will take over circulation of planning materials. Cllr HL asked who she should respond to re queries now, and was advised that this should be MG and via the secretary email (secretarycccc@live.co.uk)</p> <p>10 Planning – the CC had no further comments to make on the renewed application regarding fuel ash at Neuk Farm. An application to trim trees at the Old Smiddy also attracted no comments or objections.</p> <p>11 Christmas/New Year – tree up and some decorations – all a bit delayed due to work after storm. More decorations to go up shortly. Christmas Eve (around 5pm for an hour) Santa and elves etc on trailer as last year. SH discussed some covered sweets for children watching. JM to place on facebook.</p> <p>Decision taken not to do anything for Hogmanay. KT will cancel piper.</p> <p>Additional item – SF raised the recent issue over the unpleasant social media post regarding members of the CC and the wider community. Discussed whether the community facebook page should be removed, or comments limited to questions only. JM will take this suggestion forward ie turning off comments for many posts, but it will not stop individual unpleasant comments on their own pages. To monitor.</p> <p>Drysdale’s postcode -The application for a new postcode for Drysdale’s quarry was welcomed – this will reduce traffic and confusion over postcode in the area.</p> <p>PH conclude the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and wishing them all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.</p> <p>The next meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council will be held on Wednesday 12th January 2022, at 7pm. A zoom link will be available, and venue to be confirmed regarding any changes to COVID restrictions.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>KT</p> <p>JM</p> <p>All</p>
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