

Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting – 10th August 2022 at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall

Agenda item		Action by
1	<p>Apologies and Attendance: In attendance were P Hood (Chair); Cllr J Anderson (SBC); Cllr A Orr (SBC); J Sutton (CDF); M Given; J Virtue; S Carroll (Village Hall Chair); S Fletcher; R Laird (Vice Chair); K Tulloch (minutes); S Kennedy; 3 members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies were received from PC S Boyd (Torness CNC); S Hay; J Fairbairn; C Morrison; J Morton (Secretary); K Nelson (Treasurer).</p> <p>Members of the Public issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gentleman raised issue of unoccupied houses at Hoprig and storm damage, plus they remain empty. Potential difficulties with either planning or building standards. SK will pass address on to Cllr Anderson, who will investigate with SBC. • MoP raised issue of neighbour’s trees overhanging their property and causing work to tidy etc. Affects several houses. Reported earlier in year, but CC have no record of email, so this will be resent. The CC could help to facilitate a meeting towards a resolution. Cf September mtg. 	<p>SK Cllr Anderson</p> <p>MoP CC; September</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting had been circulated. Some minor alterations to be made and to be signed off Sept meeting.</p>	<p>September</p>
3	<p>Actions – no actions.</p>	
4	<p>Police Reports: Multi ward report had been received via Cllr Anderson in his report. Nothing to report for Co’path and Cove. PC Boyd is continuing to liaise over unauthorised use of off-road bikes at Monynut and surroundings.</p>	<p>PC Boyd</p>
5	<p>SBC Councillor reports: Cllr Anderson had submitted a detailed multi ward report of activities/concerns. See attached. Cllr Orr said that at a recent Police Committee meeting, she had been made aware of the level of aggression from some of the off road bikers at Monynut and advised that the Police should be contacted over this on every occasion. She also discussed recent issues with human and dog waste in East Berwickshire. Cove was mentioned in this respect and Councillors Orr and Anderson were advised of the results of the recent Village Poll, where residents did not wish to see the installation of a public toilet. Much discussion around this but Cllrs Orr and Anderson felt they would like to visit the area. The state of the Southern Upland Way in Borders was also mentioned to Cllrs as walkers were complaining about it. SH does what he can, but our machinery isn’t suited to some areas, plus SBC have previously said they had contractors for this, who had arrived to carry out work which had been done locally. Cllr Orr also spoke about the Mercat Cross and mentioned some of the history to this. Discussion ensued around the provision of a “Common Good Fund” for Cockburnspath and Cove, which could assume ownership and insurance. They can help facilitate this.</p>	<p>Cllrs Orr and Anderson</p> <p>Cllrs Orr; Anderson</p> <p>Cllrs Orr and Anderson</p>
6 6.1.1	<p>Community Councillor etc Reports</p> <p>Caretaker Report (SH) – circulated. SH is liaising with Council Officer K Robeson over the Southern Upland Way and paths maintenance generally. Mentioned redesign of football field – for walking football but also more children playing now. Village benches also updated. A complaint from a member of the public had apparently been received</p>	<p>SH</p>

<p>6.1.2</p>	<p>about the football goal posts and the field being in the conservation area. It was ascertained that this was not the case.</p> <p>Vice Chair report (RL) – re Be Green application to enable them to manage “green” funding available from Community Windpower (CWP) – outcome awaited. Likely to be new terms and conditions imposed by CWP. In the interim there is a system to manage such applications on a case by case basis by the CC. RL said there were 2 applications under such consideration currently being passed to the sub group for their views. Shop had installed an ATM and still in need of volunteers. An issue at Torness recently had resulted in swimming around the area being restricted.</p>	<p>RL; SH; CM</p>
<p>6.1.3</p>	<p>CC Treasurer update (KN) – KN had given apologies for the meeting but had left a voice message regarding the potential to retain the CDF beyond end August. CC members felt that this was an urgent issue and a sub-group will meet early next week to facilitate a funding application. KN had also submitted a written report which had been circulated.</p>	<p>SF Sub group 15/8/22</p>
<p>6.1.4</p>	<p>Community Development Facilitator update (JS) – now nearing the end of contract. Discussed achievements under Community Action Plan (CAP). JS updated the CC on the new position regarding an EV point in the Village Hall car park. An application for 75% of the cost of a 22kw charger has been submitted to the Energy Trust on behalf of the Village Hall, by JS. The Village Hall have agreed to fund the remaining 25%. However, a response from the Energy Trust has not been forthcoming and should the village hall wish to proceed with this application, it may ask for wind farm monies to cover the 75% of total cost (total cost is approx. £9k). An estimate for a larger charger (50kw) had also been sought (approx. £46k) but the hall had been advised that due to potentially unstable power current sources rurally, these chargers frequently break down, and parts and technicians to repair them are difficult to source. JS said that after the meeting with a supplier, a pros and cons list was drawn up, and it was decided that a 22kw charger was the better option, with resilience built in via cabling to ensure the system could later be upgraded to faster charger if deemed necessary and reliability issues were sorted. PH said that this was only identified as a “medium” need in the Village Poll. However, JS pointed out that the recent energy crisis may change views on this. SC asked if it was high priority to get a charger in at all, and that this would be discussed at the next VHC meeting in Sept. SK asked who any charger was aimed at – ie trickle charger may not attract many people to the village due to length of time to charge. SF agreed. SC said that the VHC would be considering the potential to create 2 further car parking spaces in the car park to mitigate against losing space due to a charger, but wanted to clarify that they were not the prime movers in this application and had been approached about whether they would back an installation of one in the car park. The VHC should submit an application after their Sept meeting, if they wished to proceed, and there was a shortfall in monies. At present, this information was just to update everyone on the revised position pending a decision from Energy Trust on the current application. PH checked that all were in agreement that no action was needed by the CC at this point, and this was confirmed.</p>	<p>SC/VHC</p>

	<p>JS also said she would be prepared to continue her role moving forward to help implement some of the actions from the CAP on a 10 hr/week basis. (see also 6.1.3 above in relation to sub group meeting, which SF will organise with some urgency.) JS had also attended a recent Berwickshire Area Partnership meeting where Res Comms equipment update and Place Making were discussed.</p> <p>6.1.5 Chair's report (PH) – PH had spoken to Foundation Scotland re the management of wind farm applications/monies – they hope to come back with information on their bona fide assessment of funding applications, within the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>Mercat Cross – PH thanked KT for arranging for a conservator's report which has now been completed and received. Agreed to pay cost of report (£764.40 inc VAT) from Fishermen 3 funding.</p> <p>6.1.6 CC members updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF – wondered about how to help people with energy costs and travel to and from Dunbar for example for shopping. Discussed opening Church and / or Village Hall for warmth and basic sustenance. Community Transport via Pingo is sporadic and only covers Berwickshire, so cannot take people to Asda or Dunbar. Will only go as far as Morrison's into Berwick. Agreed this was just a pilot at present. West Coast Buses were cutting some routes. Discussed car shares, and Berwickshire Wheels for assistance. Issue is that only CWP in part will look at personal funding applications, and this is only for energy saving eg insulation etc. • JS – discussed amalgamating facebook pages for the various groups in the community. She will take this forward with MoP. • MG – would like to see signage for shop on Southern Upland Way. RL will speak to shop committee. • JV – re banking on Hoprig Road, between Square, Church Hall right up to top of village. A MoP wanted to stop a Council worker recently from cutting it and this was discussed at some length. Currently a rat problem also. Cllr Anderson will take this up with Officer at SBC in conjunction with SH. <p>7 Planning (SK)</p> <p>7.1 - Ramparts, Cockburnspath – application ref 22/01013/FUL – no objections so far. PH will contact the immediate neighbour also.</p> <p>7.2 - 1 Hoprig Square – approved subject to conditions. (22/00793/FUL)</p> <p>7.3 - Siting of 20 accommodation units for seasonal workers on land north of Old Cambus Quarry (22/00967/FUL (retrospective)). Some discussion around this and nature of "seasonal" workers; also which LDP policies this would be considered under. Some concerns re sewage outflow and water supply. SK will communicate to SBC.</p> <p>8 General Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you notes had been received from MoP re help to fund borehole at Hoprig. • Thank you note received from JV/Wednesday Club also. • Local housing strategy 2023-2028 asks for residents' views – advertise in newsletter? 	<p>PH/Sept</p> <p>KN</p> <p>JS</p> <p>RL</p> <p>Cllr Anderson SH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>SK</p> <p>JS</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual public Meeting re Land Matters – notices to go on boards.• Rediscovering Dunglass event had been cancelled and funding will be returned to CC. <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>The next meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council will be held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend all or part of any meeting.</p>	KT
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