

**Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council Meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in  
Cockburnspath Village Hall**

**Minutes**

- 1 **Apologies and Attendance:** In attendance were P Hood (Chair); K Nelson (Treasurer); J Fairbairn; J Sutton (CDF); J Virtue; J Morton (Secretary); S Hay (Vice Chair); M Given; K Tulloch (Minutes); S Kennedy; S Fletcher; M Jack (Foundation Scotland) in part. Apologies were received from C Morrison; Cllr J Anderson; PC Boyd; N Simpson.
- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** were agreed as correct and signed.
- 3 **Police reports** – nothing new to report
- 4 **Community Councillor Reports** –
  - JF** – complaints about dog waste being found at foot of Hoprig Road; SH added that this is a problem throughout the village and to report any offences either direct to SBC or to him to take forward.
  - SH** – has obtained a Christmas tree for Co’path and one for Cove. Thanks to CM and Monynut for this. SF will check whether Rotary are doing a Santa in the Square this year, and if not, consideration will be given to a local event. **(Action – SF/SH)**
  - SH** – proposed that a payment be made to member of the public for electricity supply for Christmas lights in Square, for past 2 years and this year. £50 was unanimously agreed **(Action KN)**
  - SF** – Food etc vouchers – no news from SBC re this and no feedback from Cllrs, so it was agreed to ring fence £1000 of Ferneylea monies for a cash fund which would be administered by SF in confidence. SF will issue signed vouchers for a 4 week period probably – arrangements to be finalised. **(Action – SF/KN)**
  - PH** – reminded all about Place Making workshops – people should be aware of this SBC focus. JS has attended workshops and given presentations about this. Similar to the process gone through with Community Action Plan.
  - PH** – had asked Reston CC about whether their larder competed with the local shop for business in response to a comment from a member of the public. The response given was that the shop have increased footfall now due to the larder’s operation.
  - PH** – notified the CC that she had re-established contact with East Lammermuir Community Council Chair and there is a desire to work together on joint projects and to liaise over wind farm benefits, particularly the new off shore plans.
- 5 **Actions**
  - 5.1 Funding applications.
    - i) Application received for replacement tractor from N Simpson. Total cost = £17220 with £11000 trade in, and £2500 from allotments so amount requested was £3720. Agreed unanimously from Aikengall backlog. **(Action KN)**
    - ii) Application received from Wednesday Club for £700 for annual vouchers and Christmas meal. Agreed unanimously from Aikengall backlog **(Action KN)**
    - iii) Application received from Village Hall for residual monies for EVC. Agreed in principle at Oct meeting, and unanimously agreed to award £2500 with caveat that any unspent monies be returned to benefits account. Discussed how charges for use of EV will be made by Village Hall, but they cannot disseminate these due to Charity Law – this was accepted. From Aikengall backlog. **(Action KN)**
  - 5.2 Defibrillator for Old Cambus – KN and SK are in discussion with Old Cambus community and this will progress to a funding application in due course. **(Action KN/SK)**

- 5.3 Funding application for extension to CDF contract – this application has been assessed by Foundation Scotland who have carried out due diligence and made a recommendation to approve this funding request. M Jack from FS joined the meeting by Zoom to answer any questions. Emphasised importance of keeping hours under control and of achieving the priorities identified ie Volunteer Development Programme; Sports and Leisure; assistance to Bowling Club. Agreed 10 hrs/week to be worked flexibly. KN warned about demands on JS's time with meetings, Wellness, hall etc. and said that she would act as a "sounding board" for JS to ensure a focus on the priorities mentioned above. Within the grant application, there is also a provision for 5 hrs/month of admin assistance at £15/hr. The CC agreed unanimously to accept the findings of FS on this application. **(Action KN/JS)**
- 5.4 Update on Foundation Scotland (FS) – PH and KN attended the annual meeting of FS on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The meeting was aimed at encouraging philanthropic funders to donate. Some interesting projects. After the public meeting at end October, PH wishes to progress a funding panel, with a view to FS taking over most of the assessment of community benefits. Also progress the letter to developers re these changes. She suggested using the Drone Hill model as an illustration of how a funding panel could work. The Panel would consist of 2 members of the CC and 5 or 6 members of the public. PH requested that everyone looks at potential recruits for this. Meeting of potential people interested (an initialising group) on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm in Bowling Club. Flyers and notices to go out asap. **(Action PH/JS/JM)**
- 5.5 Update on Crystal Rig 4 (CR4)– SK, KT and PH had met with representative from CR4 (Fred Olsen) recently. They have proposed a Community Liaison Group – first meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov by Zoom – involving all CCs who will be recipients of community benefits. No exact amounts available at present, due to decisions regarding turbine outputs still to be made. PH mentioned that the representative had looked favourably on plans to utilise FS to manage benefits on the CC's behalf. KT added that there were no benefits from CR3 and said it was unlikely that benefits from the older CR1 and 2 schemes would increase. **(Action SK/PH/KT)**
- 5.6 Sub group (Green grants) replacement member – since the sad death of Rosemary Laird, a replacement is needed on this sub group. SH and CM are currently part of the group. KN agreed she would continue with this, as fairly soon, such functions will pass to Be Green in Dunbar. There are currently 3 applications in front of the sub group for consideration. **(Action KN/SH/CM)**
- 5.7 Update on Aikengall contract – A new contract proposal has been received by the CC from Community Windpower in respect of Aikengall II (Wester Dod). A sub group will discuss the way forward in due course.
- 5.8 Mercat Cross upgrade – JV reported that when the old Common Good Fund closed, £100 left was transferred into the Marshall Brown Trust. She added that a member of the public had raised monies from the community for upgrade to the base of the cross, and obtained stone from the railway line (NB it was not stolen from Dunbar!). Still no feedback on insurance of cross. Agreed to go ahead with a notice on cross about impending works in the meantime. KT reminded the CC that there would need to be a traffic regulation order in place before any work could commence, and that repointing and lime mortar stone work was not recommended over the winter. **(Action KT and cf to January 2023)**

5.9 Food vouchers and playpark insurance – Cllr Orr was not in attendance so there is no SBC feedback on these items. Please also see CC reports in 4 above re local arrangements.

- 6 **SBC Councillor reports** - no Councillors in attendance although Cllr Anderson had sent apologies and provided a report which is duly noted.
- 7 **Planning update** – SK provided the CC with an update on the Drysdale’s proposed static caravan park for agricultural workers. A strong defence had been submitted by agents, but so far, no decision from SBC.
- 8 **SBCCN/BAP updates** – the next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December and PH will attend.
- 9 **Correspondence** – thank you letter received from Walking Football re floodlight funding and a verbal thank you received from parents re the children’s Hallowe’en party which had been a great success.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2105 hrs. The next meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm in Cockburnspath Village Hall. PH gave apologies for this meeting. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all or part of any meeting and a zoom link is available from [secretarycccc@live.co.uk](mailto:secretarycccc@live.co.uk), on request.**