

Annual General Meeting of Cockburnspath and Cove Community Council

Wednesday 9th March, 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

Minutes

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies and Attendance: Apologies were received from PC S Boyd (Torness CNC); S. Fletcher (Rev); C. Hamilton (Cllr). In attendance in the hall were P. Hood (Chair); R. Laird (co-vice-chair); S. Hay (co-vice chair); K. Tulloch (Sec); J. Virtue; J. Sutton (CDF); M. Given; C. Morrison; H. Laing (Cllr); J. Fullarton (Cllr) and J. Morton (Sec). Via Zoom were K. Nelson (Treasurer) and J. Fairbairn.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting - Were agreed and signed off by the Chair. (2021)</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising - None</p>	
4	<p>Chair's Report - P. Hood. The last year has been a difficult one for everyone with Covid and Lockdowns. We have throughout all managed to stay in contact via zoom, hybrid meetings and personal meetings. Well done to everyone. The CAP has ploughed on, creation of the kiosk idea. There are various other things that have been carrying on. We anticipate that the CAP will be in a publishable form fairly shortly, certainly by the end of March and the beginning of April. As far as the CAP is concerned, it's thanks to Kinegar that was prepared to pay for Jennie and Kate. Thanks to Will and Griz for a lot of work going on in the background.</p> <p>The last AGM should have been the end of our four-year term but SBC had extended it through to August so we had an election in August as some of our long-term members retired. Molly and Dave thank you very much for all your efforts over the time that they've been on. We had new members join. S. Kennedy, M. Given and later on J. Morton. Welcome to you all.</p> <p>There have been a number of planning issues throughout the year, one of which Pease Bay still outstanding. There was an issue with a planning application at Hoprig. The application was eventually refused. The Garage application has now been agreed. SK now deals with planning applications on behalf of the CC. The Allotments are up and running with a very strong society. This was an idea originally thought up by the CC (Jim Black). We have pursued this for about 6 years.</p> <p>A major topic which involved much discussion was the Windfarm community benefits and whether we should ask Foundation Scotland to help us manage these. A great deal of work for the Chair and Treasurer. There have been several meetings between Foundation Scotland and the CC. Thanks to RL we had a meeting with Old Luce who uses FS. They gave us a good insight into what FS provides for them.</p>	

	<p>We also had presentations from Berwick Bank and Eastern link. Much discussion has recently taken place as we have come to the end of the year long Caretaker Pilot. It was a huge success and there were many letters of support thanking the Caretaker for all his hard work. Well done to the CC for supporting this application and well done to SH for carrying it out. We have just secured funding from Penmanshiel Wind Farms to extend the Caretaker role for a further three years.</p> <p>New projects we should have an idea after the CAP is published. I know that one person is wishing to start a transport scheme of some sort. We also have the question of the playpark, at the last meeting we discussed at some length the issues behind the granting of funding to a play park and the experience that Reston has had to upgrade their playpark.</p> <p>5 Vice Chair's Report -</p> <p>R. Laird - I was asked to join the CC last year and attended my first meeting in January, 2021. In March, 2021 I was co-opted on as a Community Councillor and in September of that year was formally elected as a CC Vice Chair.</p> <p>My area of responsibility is the outlying farms of Fulfordlees, Ecclaw, The Neuk and Kinegar House. I also liaise with the local Torness Civil Nuclear Constabulary who update the Council on police matters concerning the local community. I do this also with Police Scotland on wider police matters.</p> <p>As a Council we benefit from a number of Wind Farm monies to use in Community Projects. Because of this we are seeking an organisation to manage these benefits for us. A proposal was put forward to approach Foundation Scotland whose expertise lies in this area. Subsequently I arranged a meeting with our Council members and Old Luce Community Council in Dumfries and Galloway who use Foundation Scotland to manage their Windfarm monies. The purpose of the meeting was to understand what Foundation Scotland would do for us and how they go about administering everything. This meeting was very productive. As our Community Action Plan is coming together progress is being made with whom we hope to employ to manage such.</p> <p>S. Hay - I am continuing to build relationships with SBC. Reporting faults, potholes, lights which concern SBC. This is to do with repairs and fixtures throughout the village. I have looked at what is involved in the Caretaker role. My biggest plan is to improve the look of the village. Get it tidied up. I have been involved in other things this year, particularly with N. Simpson and C. Morrison arranging to have fences erected at the football field and playpark.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report - KN had sent a very full report up to February. Current balance of CC account is approximately £2,000. The Community Benefits Account £ 298,000 with £70,000 is already pledged. Full year end accounts will be prepared at year end (March 22). Full report is available separately.</p>	

<p>7</p>	<p>Secretary's Report - KT had presented a report previously circulated covering work for the CC and also the CDF admin over the last year. Full report available.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>CDF Report - JS had circulated a report of her work over 2021. The publication is expected at the end of March beginning of April 22. Full report available.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Election of Office Bearers - RL proposes PH remains as Chair. SH seconded this. Motion Carried. PH proposes RL and SH as Vice Chairs. KN seconded this. Motion Carried. PH proposes KN as Treasurer. RL seconded this. Motion Carried. KN proposes JM as Secretary. PH seconded this. Motion Carried.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Chair - The Chair handed round copies of the Constitution of Cove and Cockburnspath Community Council and Code of Community Conduct for Community Councillors. CC members were required to sign these documents. All signed.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>AOCB - Everyone was thanked for their roles over the last year under difficult circumstances with Covid. PH was also thanked for her role as Chair over the last year.</p> <p>PH thanked everyone for attending the AGM Meeting and the next meeting will be in one year.</p>	