

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

| Present : (CCC Councillors)                               | Apologies:   |
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| Rhona Goldie (RG)<br>Mike Beatt (MB)<br>Finn Warholm (FW) | Rhona MacKay (RM)<br>Ged Hearn (GH)<br>Ann Pennaluna (AP)<br>Alan Simmons (AS)<br>David Jones (DJ) |

Also in attendance were, Cllr J Fullarton SB Warden L Wood, and a good number of members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also PC Richardson, Cllr M Cook, & Cllr D Raw.
2. Previous Minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting
3. Treasurers Report : Account now healthy as SB grant has been paid. Verge strimming bill can now be paid.
4. Police Report : PC Richardson was unable to attend due to operational constraints and PC Nash being on sick leave. We wish her well and hope she has a speedy recovery. He did however supply an e-mail which RG read to the assembly. SB Warden L Wood was in attendance and gave a short presentation of their work. He and his partner are part of the SBC team which in turn is part of the Safer Communities Scheme. Working in pairs, their prime focus and their area of empowerment is dog fouling and litter. They work very closely with SB Local and the parks dept to try and deter anti-social behaviour. Their ethos is very much that education is the best policy. Unfortunately most of their time is spent on dog-fouling patrol, especially on the Beach. The comment was made that there were inadequate bins in the area around the beach, not so! In fact there are 12 bins in the vicinity to the beach. This led to discussions about the fact there are no signs on the beach regarding dog-fouling or camping. Camping on the dunes is frowned on for ecological reasons, those wishing to camp should do so on the actual grass. SB legal dept is looking at the issue of signs, but if there are no by-laws this will preclude their use. In general, considerate use of public facilities is to be encouraged. Other areas where SB Wardens can be of assistance include streetlighting issues, dead animals on the roads, dumping of rubbish etc. This led to discussion on dumping of grass cuttings down the side of the burn. This practice is NOT to be encouraged, particularly with the village entering the Floral Gateway competition.
5. Matters Arising : No reply as yet re Remembrance garden; RG wrote to SBC re garden bins. JF tried to give an explanation, but we await an official response from SBC; Pharmacy application – our SBC councillors have a formal motion going to council on Thursday. RG to write to John Lamont & Nicola Sturgeon re process in general; Post Office now at stage of looking at issue of legal transfer of premises before further work can go ahead; Hill Path – RG to write to Paul Matthewson re diverting flow from Westloch. We appreciate that the path is not adopted and current budgetary constraints are tight, however this is a major issue.
6. Planning : Outline planning permission has been granted for the Bogangreen proposal. This is a longterm vision, particularly in the current financial climate, and SBC have imposed a large number of conditions on the application; re Paths, no one had any issues with the use of the BB26 pathway instead of the current impassable route. RG will e-mail E Calvert and this will allow the progression of the new walks booklet. It was suggested that it could perhaps mention the fact that many local villages have their own little walks booklets.

7. SBC Cllrs Report : Signage – now a budget for this, so Coldingham sign to be re-erected; Road repairs – it will cost a HUGE amount of money to fix the roads properly and Scottish Govt has given an extra £2m (about 10% of what would be needed). Priority will be A and faster B class roads, then into towns and villages (main through routes). D routes etc will be lesser priority. SBC is having to repair as opposed to doing large scale maintenance, which would be better. (BEAR Scotland look after trunk roads, such as the A1 & A68). Mr Scott asked if the workmen could possibly concentrate on the insides of the corners where a lot are breaking up. JF to convey this.
8. Correspondence : “Green” Forum in Galashiels coming up to talk about grants available for insulation, eco-friendly solutions, carbon technology etc.
9. AOCB : RG to e-mail D Silcock re the catch on the gate at the war memorial, also ask about fixing the crack on the base of the noticeboard. Both noticeboards are in a dreadful condition, RG & FW to arrange a convenient time to empty them, teak oil them, repair locks etc and generally refurb them; DJ had asked that loose gravel in the car park could be swept away the next time the sweeper was in the area. JF to take away; there will be a coffee afternoon in St Abbs old school on 30<sup>th</sup> May from 2 till 4, with a display and “building boats” theme to encourage community spirit.
10. DONM : Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm in Coldingham Primary School.