

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 20 th July 2010 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Village Hall

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

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton, PC Richardson, and a good number of members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also, Cllr M Cook, & Cllr D Raw.
2. Previous Minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting
3. Treasurers Report : Account healthy as SB grant has been paid. 'Rights of way' strimming bill has been paid but not yet cashed. There is also £79 to be refunded to Community Company as it was paid twice!
4. Police Report : We have received the letter from Inspector A Clark. Although it is technically past the date for replies, he is aware of CCs not having meetings in the summer and will still be happy to take our suggestions. There have been calls re obstructions on the way to the beach (building works), if this causes a real issue such as congestion, call the police back!; a purse was stolen from a house on 11th July, the thief sneaking in during an unrelated party, investigations are ongoing; a window was broken at the school, again enquiries are ongoing; a wheelbarrow and ladder were removed from premises but recovered nearby; there has been a spate of vandalism at the beach, a bin fire, damage over the water at Milldown, a party at the ford leaving a dreadful mess; parties have taken place at the picnic site at the bottom of Fisher's Brae, lots of drinking and much mess left; car(s) seem to have started leaving Lawfield by bumping over the grass and over the footpath at the dead-end opposite the Ayton Rd; the hidden dip in the A1107 to Eyemouth will be dealt with, probably by warning signage being introduced; it was suggested that similar signage for narrow, hidden corners be introduced at the bottom of Fisher's Brae near Teviot House and Bridge St.
5. Matters Arising : the noticeboards are in the process of being refurbished during the summer months, the crack in the concrete plinth and the loose catch in the concrete of the war memorial gate need attention, RG to deal with this (she ran out of oomf last month...sorry); the signage at village entrances seems to be up now (that on the Ayton entrance is still to be checked, but it was agreed this is a minor road). It was stated that as one of the oldest villages in Scotland we should have signage which reflects that..after all, Greenlaw has something a bit different. JF to pursue; the Gala takes place on Sunday 25th on the playing field from 12 till 5, help on the field in the morning to set up would be appreciated, there is a beer tent this year, High School Talent contest, free face painting, the signs are all out, bunting on its way, fingers crossed for the weather.
6. Planning : Pharmacy – We have received an appreciative letter from Eyemouth Health practice thanking the community for the support in opposing the Unicare application. It is heartwarming that as a small village we can still show solidarity for something we feel strongly about. RG expressed her pleasure at the outcome and her thanks to all who expressed their views. The Post office application was the only formal planning application this month...unanimously accepted. AS received a copy of the SESPLAN main Issue document, also a CD copy. It covers many issues including transport in the SE Scotland. Responses are sought by 27th August. It is also available to view on www.sesplan.gov.uk.

7. SBC Cllrs Report : JF reported that there was budget provision to acquire a water bowser for the Garden Party work; the winter maintenance consultation was ongoing, we may be asked for input, the hope being better readiness for severe conditions; Wind Farm Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is almost there, expect it around September; there is a round Britain charity cycle race ongoing, watch out for them on the roads and support them where possible please; Hill Path is worse than ever; the sides of the Reston Rd are crumbling, request these 2 matters be dealt with by roads people ASAP; the seat opposite Lawfield has still not reappeared; it is not possible to put seating into the bus shelters for safety reasons (injury if they collapsed); it was reported that the 2 blue bus shelters are in a dreadful state, flashing and tiles coming off, needing painted. FW and RG are happy to help do some of the work (after the noticeboards) if SB Local do the rest. RG to contact SB Local, JF to pursue also; it was also reported that the grasses at Bromley House on School Rd are overhanging quite far and causing pedestrians to move far into the road, RG will contact the owners and ask politely if the grasses could be trimmed.
8. Correspondence : In : An invitation was received to help host Scottish Borders Walking Festival. This has been done in the past, is good for the village economy, and it was agreed it would be beneficial. RG to send a conditional Yes; the primary school have supplied a large number of incredibly good Dog Dirt posters. Everyone had a look at them and it was agreed they should be laminated and displayed as soon as possible; a poster was received promoting Borders Sight & Sound Day on 11th September, this will be put up once the noticeboards are ready, also one from Volunteer Centre Borders (RG to find out a wee bit more about this one). Out: RG has written to A Hood from 'your-energy.co.uk' re wind farm funds. This company would be willing to help administer any funds which may be forthcoming in the future, but within guidelines agreed by the steering group.
9. AOCB : RG & DJ attended a consultation in Haddington re the Rail transport down the East Coast, which included discussion on the re-opening of Reston Station. This has led to RG realising our RAGES subscription had lapsed. It was agreed this should be reinstated (it's only £10); warning about a Peace March in the area in August, watch the roads!; the council left a rather uneven surface at Applin Cross which resulted in an older lady falling very badly, cutting her face and doing over £100 damage to teeth. One of the neighbours who works for the council very kindly filled it in with some tar as a temporary measure, JF to pursue; the Floral Gateway judging takes place on Wed 28th July from 2 till 3. Please do your best to present our village in its best possible light!!
10. DONM : Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 7.30pm in Coldingham Primary School.

Wishing you all a good, happy and safe summer, and looking forward to resuming business in September.