



## COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes - Draft

15<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

#### **1: Present/Apologies**

Coldingham Community Council:

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| Krishna Ramcharran (KR) | Ethne Turnbull (ET) |  |
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Members of the Coldingham Community: 7

Police Scotland - not in attendance.

#### **Apologies for absence**

CCC: Jack Eeley (JE), Alice Fisher (AF), Philippa Allan (PA), Peter White (PW)

Councillors: Cllr Carol Hamilton (CH), Cllr James Anderson (JA)

#### **2: Agenda & AOCB items**

**Agenda** – A number of items were proposed for AOCB by members of the community present. A number were accepted and alternative suggestions proposed for the following:

- Grit Bins – KR to ask AF for an update and the option for a second grit bin along the Moor Road ideally just before the Press Mains turnoff.
- Coldingham Resilience Funding – KR advised the community to apply for a microgrant.
- Wildflowers – KR advised the community to apply for a microgrant.

**No Quorum** - The Chair stated that with only two CCs present there was no quorum and therefore no decisions could be made in the meeting.

Members of the community questioned whether the meeting should have gone ahead. The Chair acknowledged the issue and apologised. This was an exceptional situation, two community councilors had indicated at the March meeting they would be absent, notification from two other CCs was received late in the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The Chair had decided it was too late to cancel the meeting.

#### **3: Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes approved (ET, PW virtual post meeting) subject to correction of defibrillator cost in Treasurers report from £123,452.00 to £1,228.95.

#### **4: SBC Councillor Report**

No report provided.

## **5: Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Minutes**

**Planning Training** – Following communication with Logan Ingliss (LI), CCC had been informed that the training provided to St Abbs CC was the standard CC Handbook train with an emphasis on planning. LI is developing an in-depth planning training package and KR has agreed for CCC to be the guinea pigs for the course.

**Recruitment of new Community Councillors** – Following consultation with SBC, KR informed the meeting that there are two routes for recruitment of Community Councillors – Co-opting and holding a By-Election. Co-opting would only allow the CC to recruit two members. With the CC down by 4 Councilors there was an urgent need to recruit to help progress a number of activities at pace. KR and ET were supportive of holding a By-Election.

### **Action : Poll absent CCs for their decision - KR**

**Planning Application 25/00236/FUL** – KR reminded the community that the CC had paused its decision until it had received additional information and CC's had had time to review the planning application in detail. PA had received a reply from one community council approached that were now disbanded. They had not experienced any noise or odour issues with a similar poultry unit. The CC had reconvened on the 26 March 2025 to discuss the application. Based on the planning application and response to further enquiries the CC councilors voted unanimously not to object to the application. The official response was submitted on the 27 March 2025 with the footnote:

*"Given the nature of some of the issues discussed, i.e. odour, noise, and vehicle movements, it was suggested that maybe these could be monitored and reported on at the end of the first year of operation. This would demonstrate that the mitigations were effective and road movement estimates accurate. "*

### **BEAR Scotland**

KR reminded the meeting that a number of points had been raised at the last meeting which he said he would clarify with BEAR.

- Letter Drop – BEAR Scotland confirmed the properties included in the letter drop on a map – **Appendix A**. The properties were inside the boundary of Coldingham village and explained why those properties just outside of the boundary up to EastLaw had been excluded. KR indicated that he had heard from members along the route who had received the letter.
- Press Mains Signage – BEAR Scotland had confirmed signage, indicating the road was for local access only, had been put in place. Members of the community present indicated they had seen the signs in situ.
- Potholes – BEAR Scotland confirmed potholes at Silverwells Cottage and Huxton Cottage had been reported to SBC for repair.

KR asked for feedback on the effectiveness of the trial measures. It was agreed that the 4-way traffic lights were a considerable improvement but that it had been placed in the wrong location.

**Action : Feedback back observations to BEAR Scotland - KR**

#### **6: Treasurers Report**

KR summarised the Treasurers report (Appendix B).

#### **7: Microgrant Application**

ET explained the microgrant sub committee had reviewed an application for £1500 from the Coldingham Primary PFA. The application was to contribute towards the funding of a 3 day water sports activity session at Whiteadder for up to 15 children. The cost is £50 /day per child. The activity would provide water safety training and recreational opportunities in a supervised environment. Parents would make up the remainder of the funding requirement. The recommendation of the sub group was to approve the funding application for the full amount of £1500.

**Action : Poll absent CCs for their decision - KR**

#### **9: SBC Planning Applications**

Planning application 25/00423/FUL for an extension to create a porch had been received for consideration. ET and the Chair had no objections to the application.

**Action : Poll absent CCs for their decision - KR**

#### **10: Police Report**

No report received.

#### **11: Wishlist**

For the benefit of some community members new to the meeting the Chair provided a short overview of the work being undertaken to develop the playpark and progress the Wishlist – a long set of projects identify by the community in a survey undertaken in 2023. KR explained that the CC were aiming to hold a couple of consultation sessions in the coming months to present the ideas for the playpark and associated costs and to revisit and refresh the Wishlist with a view to identifying a small number of projects to progress.

#### **12: Correspondence**

BEAR Scotland – Correspondence for BEAR Scotland had been received informing residents of a full closure for resurfacing. The diversion would be in place between 18-20<sup>th</sup> June 2025. northbound traffic would be diverted via the A1107 through Eyemouth and Coldingham. It had been reported that the consultation letter had not mentioned the arrangements for southbound traffic. BEAR Scotland are aware of the mistake. Southbound traffic will be diverted off at the A6112 Grantshouse junction continuing on the A6112 and A6105 through Preston, Duns and Chirnside rejoining the A1 at Berwick-Upon- Tweed.

Fleurs Farm Speed restrictions – The following speed restrictions will be in place on the 13<sup>th</sup> May between 8am and 5pm to allow BT Circet to install a new pole:

- 40mph - A1107 between Paddockmyre to Fleurs Cottage to Hallydown Hill
- 10mph - A1107 Fleurs Cottage

Westloch Road – KR informed the meeting that a number of residents on Westloch Road - of which he is one - would like to meet with SBC to explore how the condition of the road can be improved. It is patched at least twice a year and the road is used by residents, holiday makers and fisherman. KR has offered to try and facilitate a meeting between SBC and the residents of Westloch Road.

Coldingham A1107 Designated Route – The Chair had received complaints regarding the disruption and chaos caused by the accident on the A1 on Friday 11 April 2025 leading to south bound traffic being diverted through Coldingham. Residents reported bottlenecks at Bridge Street for several hours ( 5pm – 9pm) with traffic backed up in both directions, irate and rude drivers, and residents having to take matters in to their own hands to try and address the issues. It was agreed that if the A1107 through Coldingham is classified as a designated route then it should be maintained to a sufficient standard, have adequate lighting and be policed during emergency situations to ensure the safety of both drivers and residents.

**Action: Engage with SBC and Police Scotland - KR**

Coldingham Paths – Mike Fenty has scoped a number of possible paths. The next step is hold a meeting for those interested to agree of a subset which can be reinstated and maintained through the use of Coldingham Community wind farm funds.

**Action: Set up and advertise meeting - KR**

## **15: AOCB**

- Eyemouth Road Lighting – members of the community complained about the safety risks along the A1107 leaving Coldingham to Eyemouth due to absence of street lighting. KR indicated that this could be included within the scope of issues for the designated route discussion
- Village Hall – Questions were asked about the maintenance and upgrade plans of the village hall. Issues were raised about damp, the heating and lighting.

**Action : Set up a meeting with NW and others to discuss opportunities to assist with the maintenance and upgrade of the Village Hall - KR**

- Unkept building – Members of the community raised concerns about the appearance of the unfinished building adjacent to 'Silver Fern'. The unfinished building is deteriorating and it is becoming an eyesore.

**Action : Contact SBC Planning to understand what can be done - KR**

**16: DONM**

Tue 20/05/2025, 7pm in Hall.

Meeting Closed

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## Appendix A – BEAR Scotland Letter Drop



## Appendix B – Treasurers Report



### Treasurer's Report -April 2025

#### 1. Annual Accounts

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Opening Balance from 2023/24 | £124,459.56  |
| Income                       | £38,002.13   |
| Expenditure                  | £22,852.93   |
| Balance                      | £139, 608.76 |

#### 2. Bank Accounts

- a. We have 3 bank accounts with Bank of Scotland
  - i. Current Account
  - ii. Instant Access Account (1.92% on funds deposited over £20k)
  - iii. Notice Account (3.56% on 95 days notice/ 2.30% on 32 days notice)
- b. PLEASE NOTE - From 15th April interest rates on the Instant Access Account reduce to 1.81%

#### 3. Account movement since last meeting

| INCOME      |                           |          |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 28.02.25    | Interest - Notice Account | £325.04  |
| 10.03.25    | Interest - Instant Access | £15.36   |
| 24.03.25    | Interest - Notice Account | £ 143.68 |
| EXPENDITURE |                           |          |
| 18.03.25    | Bank Charges              | £4.25    |

#### 4. 2024/25 Community Funding

##### a. Foundation Scotland/ Micro Grants & Cross

- i. Balance - **£670.45**
- ii. Expenditure:
  1. Cross Project - £10,000 (*£47,339 TOTAL SPEND TO DATE*)
  2. Drone Hill Microgrants (Brave Bayers/ Pitch Face/ Friends of I. Cowe) £600
  3. Community Beach Hut - £420

##### b. Penmanshiel Wind Farm

- i. Balance - **£133,008**
- ii. Expenditure:
  1. Cross Project - £5,384 (*£47,339 TOTAL SPEND TO DATE*)
  2. Gala PA System - £3,612
  3. Defib - £1,228.94
  4. Paths - £316

##### c. Scottish Borders Council

- i. Balance - **£136.43**
- ii. Expenditure
  1. Multiple
  2. Rent for village hall since January still outstanding

Alice Fisher, Treasurer, Coldingham Community Council