

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 20th Dec 2011 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

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

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton, and an excellent turnout from members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also Cllr Cook, the Police & Cllr D Raw.
2. Previous minutes were not available, those will be circulated with this set.

Chairman's comments : Following the AGM, Mike Clift has accepted the invitation to be co-opted onto the council and RG welcomed him to his first official meeting

3. Treasurers Report : bank balance remains over £600, with the remembrance day wreath to be paid for. Names supplied to find out who to pay!!
4. Police Report : The No Cold Calling Zone survey was an overwhelming YES to the scheme. Cheque gone to LBP, awaiting delivery of packs. There are a number of scams on the go at present, one in particular pretending to be from the Post Office but actually originating from Belize, with a huge phone cost if the number is called....DON'T !! At this time of year, it is a well known fact that presents are in houses/garages and sheds. Please do not leave valuable items in places with less than basic locks...if possible, move gifts indoors or get decent padlocks. Don't let someone else benefit from your hard work. The wind turbine which fell/was brought down at Bogangreen cottages is a salutary lesson to the planners re distances from roads etc. The road was closed for over 24 hours due to concerns. The householders have our full sympathy and are to be commended for the action they took to make it safe. Re the Drone Hill site and cabling.....delays are being caused by thieves pinching the cable almost as soon as it is installed. Please report ANY suspicious activity to police.
5. Matters Arising : Christmas Lights – left in the lurch somewhat re putting up the higher lights, many thanks go to Jim F & Sandy and DJ for stepping into the breach (or void, rather high up!!). School Road – RG received e-mail stating that it would NOT now be resurfaced till next financial year, despite promises that it would be done at same time as car park (which incidentally was paid for as part of Luckenbooth Project). Luckenbooth/Post Office now open and amazing ! Well done to the team! Bins at the car park are an issue...we used to have 3, 2 fell apart.....now been told if we want another bin, we'll have to buy it! Also, having to pay for signage to replace that which disappeared from the Square. Putting it very mildly, there is general dissatisfaction at SBC money being spent in this area. It seems very much as though communities such as ourselves who get on with things and actually SAVE SBC money, get penalised in favour of communities less willing/able to get on and do! A public meeting on Penmanshiel windfarm proposal was held.....not particularly well attended. A survey will now be put round the doors. Responses will then allow CCC to reply representatively. If folk complain later....they've had their chance. We can do nothing more if people do not respond.

6. Planning : There was one planning application :
 - i) Replacement windows at Prior Bank. – No objections.

7. SBC Cllrs Report : Drainage at Pease Bridge remains an issue, please continue to report flooding and it will be dealt with. Press Mains Rd- agreement that the narrowing and HUGE deep ditch has not enhanced the road in any shape or form...Drone Hill been contacted , although it is actually the contractor working on behalf of ScoPo who is responsible. Ray Beard coming for meeting re cemetery...this will be a public meeting, DJ gave JF available dates for hall. Meeting on 11th Jan re Cross. Neighbourhood Mgt was trialled last year, JF gave description of how it works...sounds similar to Parish Maintenance in days of yore.....that worked well. Major gritting routes were explained, let SBC know if there are issues with grit bins. (we could get more, but surprisingly enough, we'd have to pay for them AND the saltno comment!) There is currently 19,000 tons of salt in storage. The salt bin behind A Craig's house is damaging his hedge, could it be moved please. (*secy's note – now opposite next to recycling bins*)

8. Correspondence : A letter has been received advertising the Reivers 4x4 Community Response Group who could offer a service to all Berwickshire Comm Councils. Another "letter" has been received via e-mail from an obvious hoaxer trying to get people to contact them about a possible legacy.....DON'T!

9. AOCB : The flagpoles have been re-instated at Lamberton, but 1 of the Saltires is missing!!.

10. DONM
Next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 7:30pm in Coldingham Primary School.