

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 16 th Nov 2010 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School
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Present : (CCC Councillors) Rhona Goldie (RG) Finn Warholm (FW) Alan Simmons (AS) Mike Beatt (MB)	Apologies: Rhona MacKay (RM) David Jones (DJ) Ann Pennaluna (AP)
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Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton, PC Nash, and a good number of members of the public, including Mrs J Carter from Friends of the Priory.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also Cllr M Cook & Cllr D Raw.
2. Previous Minutes were accepted by MB and seconded by AS as a true record of the previous meeting
3. Chair's comments : Congratulations to the ladies who organised the Christmas Fayre last weekend. It was full of interesting and varied crafts and stalls, and was a great success, even although the weather put the kybosh on the Sunday afternoon crowds. Christmas lights – MB reported they should go up soon and will be switched on nearer the Christmas dinner date. Gritting – seems to be sporadic, non-existent in places, further discussion at item 8!. The paths booklet – this is nearing issue, seems to be a grant we as CCC could apply for to help with cost of waymarkers, RG to work with M Fenty re this. The Coldingham Society AGM was held recently, M Fenty is the new Chair, and AS the new treasurer. RG commented that it was good to see this group continue, given the amount of, mostly unseen, good work they cover.
4. Treasurers Report : Account healthy as reported by AS, £22 to be paid for wreath for remembrance day. (Not sure where this went, but it seems to have appeared now, with a handwritten message – RG to pursue) Re strimming – this long-going argument needs resolution . J Hedley may have records of previous agreement. RG to write to him, AS meanwhile to look at historical evidence.
5. Police Report : PC Nash gave a very full report. The new Police noticeboards have been erected, (possibly in the post office?) KN also handed over a poster re car theft for local display. (*Now up in 2 places*) 1 reported accident in the period, no reported crime. KN urged all to exercise increased vigilance towards the festive period for unusual people/vehicles. Do NOT leave doors and windows open, this just invites the criminal.....and LBP will be starting their Drink Driving & Safer Streets Campaigns in the not too distant future. JF had been approached re speeding on the hill out of the village towards the moor. If this is a repeated problem, a traffic survey could be carried out and action taken depending on the results. Yes, it IS true grants can be given for 'solar powered' speed indicators, but any such application would have to be backed up by statistics, so it goes back to the above. RG thanked KN and her colleagues for their attendance and help at the remembrance service on Sunday past.
6. Matters arising : Bin collection – RG suggested too early in new system to give much in the way of feedback, allow some time to get into new system, maybe collate comments fgor about Jan/Feb. JF agreed, but stated that major difficulties should be flagged up sooner rather than later. AS reported that the communal bins at the Bow seem to be a dumping ground for all sorts of waste which the bin men will not lift and he himself often has to transport it to the centre in Eyemouth. Residents are reminded this is NOT a general skip, it is to collect the refuse from houses down the Bow as the bin lorry cannot get that far. It is unreasonable to expect another private resident to dispose of your rubbish. JF also agreed to speak to D Silcox about a 1 off special uplift.

7. Planning : application re alterations to the Priory to include lift and ramp, also alternative escape door. It was thought a shame that the traditional pews were to be removed and replaced with ordinary chairs! Concern was expressed that the door to the toilet would open directly onto the main room, should have modesty door of some type. Discussion ensued re position of ramp and detrimental effect on look of a historical building. Otherwise no objections.
8. SBC Cllrs Report : Gritting : A1 done by BEAR for SBC, they have set codes of practice, eg, MUST grit at risk of frost. Residents should receive the same service as last year, under normal circumstances, but if exceptional conditions occur, listen out for advice. The grit bin at Braehead has only ½ a lid, JF to get someone to check this out. Car park : SBC looking at a bylaw to prevent folk parking there all day (this would be region-wide, not just here in Coldingham). Also, possible that disabled spaces could be marked out when resurfaced. Fishers Brae : white lines to go down to “narrow” the road, countdown markers were also mentioned for Eyemouth Rd. SBC have now agreed to hand over the property (public conveniences) to the community company for the Luckenbooth project. SBC have also come to an agreement with the 2 public houses re use of their facilities as the public conveniences will be closed for some time. JF reported a proposed meeting with BEAR/Seast Transport on 28th Nov. to be commented on at next mtg. The RAGES meeting held recently was VERY well attended, which was great to see, now the transport minister can push STAG2, adding to the consultation process. The pinch point as always remains the Portobello Jcn, RAGES are pursuing this point. Budgets : should be announced by J Swinney tomorrow and SBC will debate impact on Thursday. The brown traffic sign in the square appears to have been damaged by a large vehicle of some kind, JF offered to report this with a view to fixing it.
9. Correspondence : RG informed folks about the ‘Race to Infinity’ – BT scheme promoting a superior broadband service to communities – votes can be registered on the website : <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/> (deadline is end of 2010)
10. AOCB : (i) RG to find out what happened to our CCC wreath; (ii) Pensioners Christmas dinner is on Monday 6th December; (iii) Hill Path : JF/RG to check with P Matthewson if drainage/diversion work been done. AS has a lot of rubble, once above been done, perhaps Com Service Order lads or Borders Agricultural college could help shore up the path. JF also offered some rubble; (iv) Nuns walk : counterbalance on gate was reported as not working, if this is so, report to G Ross (*RG checked, working fine*); (v) water on road at Townhead Farm at A1107 could cause problems if/when temperature drops. There are known drainage issues here, JF to have a quiet word with landowner and alert roads dept; (vi) TMP for windfarm – nothing as yet!! (vii) : Garden Party also received Very Highly Commended for the war memorial garden – many congratulations!
11. DONM : Tuesday 14th December 2010 at 7.30pm in Coldingham Primary School. Please note this is a week out of kilter due to the encroaching festivities!!