

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

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

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton (JF), PC A Richardson (AR) and various 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 was as that distributed at AGM
4. Police Report : PC Alan Richardson introduced himself and reminded CCC that the area committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov would include a report from the Safer Communities Board to which all Comm Councils were invited. *(RG to get contact lists revised)* In the last 2 months he was pleased to note that no reported crimes had taken place, and youth calls were down. Drinking was still happening at various known sites however, and the job of the police is not just to move these youngsters from 1 location to another, but more one of education. It was also noted there were no significant accidents in the area over that period. Information has been received and circulated re at least 2 scams being perpetrated in the area. He reminded us that under NO circumstances should anyone part with financial or security information over the telephone. Also a worry is a repeat of a carjacking team who put a notice on the rear window of the car which is only noticed as the driver starts to reverse. The driver then gets out to examine the notice, the thief jumps into the car (engine still running) and steals the car. Unfortunately, too often the driver may still be behind the reversing vehicle!! DO NOT leave your car with the engine running to investigate ANY notices, rather take two minutes and check BEFORE you get into the vehicle.
5. Matters Arising : JF informed us that the budget for signage this year had been spent, so although countdown signs and "Coldingham" signs had been promised, there was no longer any money in the budget to pay for them. The foliage round the signage at the Sooty Duck was much better (thanks to the owners), and the SBC are STILL looking at moving it (see budgets above!). the Post Office is closing on 20<sup>th</sup> December. The village does not want to lose the Post Office and negotiations with Post Office Counters and SBC are ongoing re an alternative. Re inconsiderate and dangerous parking near the roadworks on Eyemouth Rd: a polite notice has been posted. If this happens again, PC Richardson recommends contacting the police immediately.
6. Planning : Bogangreen exhibition was very well attended, and RG expressed the Comm Council's gratitude to Mr & Mrs Swann for their efforts. There is a public meeting being held in the village hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 with discussions starting at 7pm. AS will chair this meeting as our planning rep.  
Proposal for Myrtle cottage for dwellings and workshop space. This is generally seen as a good idea, encouraging enterprise and business, although past experience with other developments urges caution and it was suggested that a condition be applied retaining the workshop use as just that, and not conversion to dwellings. Meeting was also reminded that this may constitute a "building group".  
*(RG to source updated Local plan)*

7. SBC Cllrs Report : JF was mindful of rumours circulating that the Windfarm Developer would be closing the road for large chunks of the day. An initial meeting has been held, although no decisions have been made as yet. *(Further info from AR that the current wind turbine traffic on the A1 will continue till at least Feb 2010.....patience is urged!)*  
JF had been to Southampton to see an innovative recycling project. Some of the ideas could save SBC many thousands of pounds, with composting of previously landfillable waste etc. Waterwatch (Scottish Water) has been informed about the deteriorating condition of the Bogan Burn pipe.  
No further information is available re proposals for the cemetery.
8. Correspondence : Only correspondence received has been dealt with (Carjacking scam; Long term changes to refuse collections; Cemetery)
9. AOCB : Christmas Lights are almost all here, also the icicles, still need cables, connections etc. Intention is to have a grand switch on nearer Christmas *(N.B done on 30 Nov at Senior Citizens Dinner)* The lights can be removed to allow trimming of conifers.  
Yew trees at the church are growing back.  
RG to speak to Mr R Wortley re rotary activities nearer Christmas.  
RG raised Lawfield bus shelter again.....no activity. FW and RG more than happy to fix it ourselves if SBC supply the materials. JF to approach SBC with this proposal. *(Note : now on SBC list to be dealt with)*
10. DONM  
Next meeting will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7:30pm in Coldingham Primary School.