

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 14th Dec 2010 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

Present : (CCC Councillors)

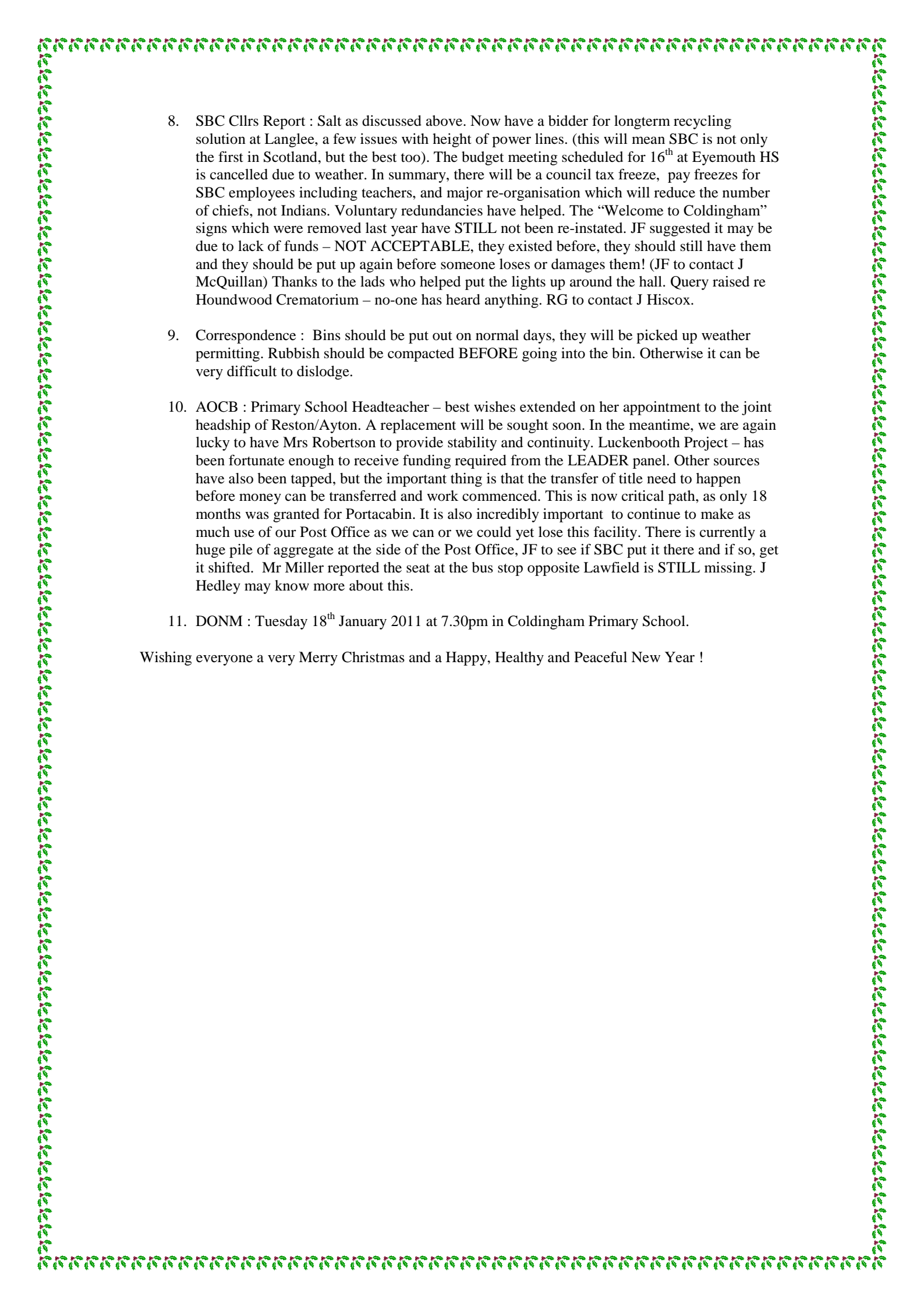
Rhona Goldie (RG)
Alan Simmons (AS) (part only)
Mike Beatt (MB)
David Jones (DJ)

Apologies:

Rhona MacKay (RM)
Finn Warholm (FW)
Ann Pennaluna (AP)

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton, and members of the public

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also PC Nash, Cllr M Cook & Cllr D Raw.
2. Previous Minutes were accepted and seconded as a true record of the previous meeting
3. Chair's comments : Bad weather : is there anything else we as a community council can do. Other than clear paths and keep an eye on neighbours, not sure what could be done. (Reasonable) Suggestions gratefully accepted. SBC have done incredibly well so far, with extra help from Borders Machinery Ring, and are to be commended. Local men who have been very pro-active and deserve our heartfelt thanks are Jimmy Robertson, Andrew Redden and Peter White. RG to thank SBC lads for their efforts. JF informed the meeting that SBC are trying to conserve their stocks of salt and grit. Although they had adequate stocks at start of this weather, Scottish Govt reserves the right to "redistribute" if desired by other authorities. Santa's visit : Yes, we would like to do the Carol singing on that night, RG to contact R Wortley for date (*note, found out too late on 18th that 18th WAS the date – sorry!!*). Mgt Rules for Coldingham Bay have been approved, as discussed previously, comment given to Tweeddale Press. SBC are trying to keep light-handed control – better for everyone – especially with Blue Flag status, important that it is available for all.
4. Treasurers Report : AS provided a copy of the current statement. Funds are healthy. The wreaths have disappeared, before the lights went up. Mr Craig rescued them from the wind and stored them under the hedge, RG to try and recover them.
5. Police Report : PC Nash had sent a very full report (she was attending Co'path, as was MC). The new Police noticeboards have been erected in the Village Hall. There were no crimes reported in the period, although 11 assorted car, domestic, neighbour and other disputes were called in to local police.
6. Matters arising : Hill Path/Westloch Rd drainage work been carried out. No further work will be able to be done till spring, then on a voluntary basis as noted last meeting. The pillar at the gateway to the war memorial is being fixed. Thank you. Ian Laing, our village postie, is retiring after 24 years. He has been a real asset to the village and we thank him warmly, and wish him all the best for his future. Senior citizens Christmas dinner had to be cancelled, an alternative date will be set. RG to contact ladies and see what help they would like.
7. Planning : 3 items : Crosslaw Farm – 2 wind turbines – no objections; Buskin Farm – 2 wind turbines – no objections; Cairnlea – 3 rooflights. Concern was raised that this may be the first step in an attempt to convert this to residential use. Although NOT a planning matter, it was noted that the paperwork erroneously laid claim to the square of land adjacent to the house. This is in fact the property of SBC, and that should be noted. Request to JF that SBC should perhaps erect a sign to this effect to avoid future confusion.

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8. SBC Cllrs Report : Salt as discussed above. Now have a bidder for longterm recycling solution at Langlee, a few issues with height of power lines. (this will mean SBC is not only the first in Scotland, but the best too). The budget meeting scheduled for 16th at Eyemouth HS is cancelled due to weather. In summary, there will be a council tax freeze, pay freezes for SBC employees including teachers, and major re-organisation which will reduce the number of chiefs, not Indians. Voluntary redundancies have helped. The “Welcome to Coldingham” signs which were removed last year have STILL not been re-instated. JF suggested it may be due to lack of funds – NOT ACCEPTABLE, they existed before, they should still have them and they should be put up again before someone loses or damages them! (JF to contact J McQuillan) Thanks to the lads who helped put the lights up around the hall. Query raised re Houndwood Crematorium – no-one has heard anything. RG to contact J Hiscox.
 9. Correspondence : Bins should be put out on normal days, they will be picked up weather permitting. Rubbish should be compacted BEFORE going into the bin. Otherwise it can be very difficult to dislodge.
 10. AOCB : Primary School Headteacher – best wishes extended on her appointment to the joint headship of Reston/Ayton. A replacement will be sought soon. In the meantime, we are again lucky to have Mrs Robertson to provide stability and continuity. Luckenbooth Project – has been fortunate enough to receive funding required from the LEADER panel. Other sources have also been tapped, but the important thing is that the transfer of title need to happen before money can be transferred and work commenced. This is now critical path, as only 18 months was granted for Portacabin. It is also incredibly important to continue to make as much use of our Post Office as we can or we could yet lose this facility. There is currently a huge pile of aggregate at the side of the Post Office, JF to see if SBC put it there and if so, get it shifted. Mr Miller reported the seat at the bus stop opposite Lawfield is STILL missing. J Hedley may know more about this.
 11. DONM : Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7.30pm in Coldingham Primary School.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year !