

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 15 th December 2009 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

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

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton (JF) 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 : £347.88 in bank, less £22 to be paid for Remembrance Day wreath
4. Police Report : Since 1 of our CBOs was on annual leave and the other was on school dance duties, an e-mail report was read out. We are grateful to have this report and the continued contact. The report reminded us of vigilance during the festive period; safety for (dog) walkers; children on way to school; Christmas drink/drive Safer Scotland Campaign; Bogus callers, especially for the elderly; phone scams.....reminding all NOT to give out any personal or financial details by phone.
5. Matters Arising : signage – although JF informed the last meeting that the budget was spent, RG queried the fact that these signs already existed, so re-instating them would not be too expensive. JF was tasked to query this. Re the bus shelter: Health & Safety prevents CCC doing the repairs themselves. Apparently the work is on SBC local's list, but so far all that has happened is one set of windows have been removed. It is ridiculous to leave it in that state, and saying that "Coldingham vandalised it in the first place" does not help the situation. JF agreed to get a progress update from Darren Hiscox. Re the cemetery: 3 ft between the centre of the tombstones seems to be the rule for distance between lairs. The land beside the cemetery is not suitable for use, (access problems predominantly) so SBC are investigating alternative land. Re Post Office: RG has written to Post Office expressing CCC gratitude for their assistance in re-instating a service to Coldingham as soon as practicable. Plans are progressing for a permanent solution also.
6. Planning : Bogangreen public meeting was well attended. AS chaired the meeting ably and RG read out the notes of this meeting to those present. These will be converted to a CCC response by AS. It was agreed that the main focus should be on conditions and adherence to same. It should also be borne in mind, this is outline application only. RG expressed the Comm Council's gratitude to Mr & Mrs Swann for their attendance also. Alan Swan has actually published a very useful paper on planning entitled "Place Setting"? which JF encouraged us to refer to. The disappointing news in the press re no money to upgrade remainder of A1 was referred to. RG along with other local CCs will write to transport minister
7. SBC Cllrs Report : JF reminded us that SBC budgets are due out this week, with a meeting planned for 22nd Dec. It is hoped the deficit has been closed. Obviously we are cautioned that next year (as is every other) will be more difficult. Re road salt: with the press telling us of shortages, JF was able to reassure the meeting that there is currently no shortage of salt/potash in the Borders. Last years shortages were caused in part by shortages down south. Brine mixture has also been trialled on the roads, seems to stick better and not blow off the carriageways. BEAR still causing problems in places with lack of road maintenance etc. White lines need freshened at various places, suggest writing to John Lamont and/or Transport Minister. Templehall flooding mentioned again, although it does not seem so bad. SBC local

will be reminded (JF) The Whitfield cut was again mentioned. Someone has been up on the side again recently. It is too expensive to modify at present.

8. Correspondence : Letters of congratulation have been received from M Moore and J Lamont. They DO look good and our congratulations to our hard workers, Mike, Elaine & Dave.
9. AOCB : Query re responsibility for clearing up after hedge cutting : this is responsibility of whoever is cutting, whether it be landowner or contractor (or SBC).
10. DONM
Next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th January 2010 at 7:30pm in Coldingham Primary School.