

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)
Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 18 th Jan 2011 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School

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

Also in attendance were Cllr J Fullarton, PC Nash, and an excellent number of members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from those noted above, also Cllr M Cook, Cllr D Raw. (DJ arrived part way through)
2. Previous Minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting
3. Chair's comments : Items 7 & 8 will be swapped on the agenda, to allow JF to give his report prior to CCC viewing his planning application. We were too late to organise the Carol singing, by the time RG contacted the appropriate people, Father Christmas was already on his way and there was no time to gather folk to sing. Must do better next year. We also missed the chance to give raffle prizes to the Old Folks Dinner.....it was held last night (17th). This years is on Monday 5th Dec 2011. We (CCC) have received an invitation from RES (windfarm developer) to discuss potential benefits from a proposal at Penmanshiel. AS & MB may be able to join RG at 12 on Wed 26th to discuss with RES.
4. Treasurers Report : No income or expenditure, hence no change to account
5. Police Report : PC Nash reported 6 calls for service. These included hospital assistance due to bad weather, advice re neighbour dispute; quad bike accident; arrest for Eyemouth enquiry; property found, and domestic incident. There were 2 crimes, both connected with the quad bike, 1 of excess alcohol, 1 of no insurance. KN reported that in 2010 there were 49 crimes in total, of which 10 were driving offences detected in our area, and 18 were related to disputes at Highview. The Census is due this year and the ONS (Office of National Statistics) will be coming round door to door. You MUST answer their questions, but it is a DOORSTEP survey and they do NOT require access to your home. All those conducting the survey will have ID available. Midnight football at Eyemouth High School is returning from 4th to 25th March 2011 from 7 till 9pm. S1 to S6 are encouraged to submit a team...applications online. Areas within the force are being reorganised, but there should be little if any impact on service we see and receive. One benefit is that there is now a sgt in charge for this area to safeguard provision of CBOs.
6. Matters arising : Signs coming into the village have all been re-erected. Gritting has been causing concern, as stocks were used rapidly and no replacement stock seemed likely. This meant that major routes were targeted in preference, as instead of 1000 tonnes available per day, SBC was down to 300 tonnes. Deliveries are now getting through, and SBC is once again building a stock before the next onslaught. The quick response team was fantastic, but a tad expensive. It is hoped that Central Govt will donate some money for pothole and emergency road repairs, but it will not meet the entire cost.
7. Planning : (This item was dealt with after item 8 to avoid conflict of interest.) 5 applications were received : 2 windturbines at Lunsdaine – agreed; 2 wind turbines at Bogangreen – agreed; dwelling at Hawthorndean – agreed; dwelling at Milldown – agreed with proviso that access be looked at carefully as there are already access issues; retrospective application for decking at Mutende cottage – reluctantly accepted, not acceptable to habitually put applications in after the event.; also construction of vehicle access from property onto High St/FishersBrae – not accepted as blind exit considered dangerous.

8. SBC Cllrs Report : Interviews for the new Headteacher at Coldingham/Cockburnspath will be held 7/8 Feb. SBC are undergoing reorganisation in an attempt to save money, cutting out middle management, leaving the Indians alone!! It may be of interest to note that last year £486k was spent in Coldingham (8:1 ratio); £2.6m spent at Gunsgreen (6:1 ratio). Waste management was very difficult during the bad weather, with staff doing their very best (they are to be commended for their attempts), but it should be back to normal by next Monday (24th) which in essence means that all rubbish should be in bins, and no side rubbish will thereafter be lifted.
9. Correspondence : SBC Budget meetings have been rearranged for Thursday 3rd Feb at 7pm in Eyemouth High School.
10. AOCB : Access to the churchyard will be disrupted from next week as resurfacing works take place in the car park. Access will only be from Chariot Rd or the Bow. P Scott has carried out a survey of seats, bins, dog bins. Once the weather gets better, a volunteer squad can assess them for repairs and painting (assuming they are not privately owned, which we will not touch).
11. DONM : Tuesday 15th Feb 2011 at 7.30pm in Coldingham Primary School.