

Coldingham Community Council (CCC)

Notes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 20 th April 2010 at 7:30 pm in Coldingham Primary School
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Present : (CCC Councillors)	Apologies:
Rhona Goldie (RG) Finn Warholm (FW) Alan Simmons (AS) David Jones (DJ)	Rhona MacKay (RM) Ged Hearn (GH) Mike Beatt (MB) Ann Pennaluna (AP)

Also in attendance were, Cllr J Fullarton PC Nash and a good number of 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 : Verified accounts passed to AJS. Copies sent to Clare Malster to allow annual grant to be processed. Invoices for Christmas Lights sent to Awards for All as proof of purchase. (Thank you MB)
4. Police Report : 12 calls generated to police since last meeting – 1 re a bank card being skimmed in Edinburgh, please exercise real caution...if it doesn't feel right...it probably isn't!; several calls re advice; alarm calls; urinating in a public place – NOT acceptable in this day and age; a fallen tree; suspicious car; beach parties (not a problem on investigation); prior notice of shooting; tarmac 'contractors'; also door to door street pedlars (who do have a licence, although not issued in this area). There was 1 reported crime, a domestic situation. There will be a presentation on 15th May at Chirside Community Centre on how to handle cold callers / bogus workmen and what to look out for. Times to be confirmed (daytime). We are also warned to keep an eye open for reg numbers of scrap dealers; fuel thefts are still ongoing, now moving on to oil tanks; and beware ANYONE asking for bank details on the phone...banks do NOT do this. Dial 1471 and give the information to the police.
5. Matters Arising : Hill path – large amount of correspondence re this, responsibility rests with the landowner, not an adopted path. However, it is felt that if the run-off from Westloch Rd could be stopped, this would help stop the erosion and give a chance for repairs to be successful, (JF to talk with Paul Matheson, RG to e-mail Darren Silcock); Floral Gateway – agreed that application should be through Garden Party, but EVERYONE in the village can take part by keeping their own areas attractive. (N.B. not discussed, but the bus shelter at Lawfield has been fixed!!). The draft Beach Management document was discussed briefly, RG passed 1 copy to FW, and when finished will pass hers to someone else. Queried the reason for requiring such stringent planning consent to change or update the huts, is this SBC trying a sneaky way to reduce the numbers of huts, when there is already a huge waiting list? No reply from Beechgrove garden, therefore plans drafted by M Maynard to be forwarded to SBC for perusal.
6. Planning : There were 3 applications :
 1. Temporary use of a house in Priors Walk as a surgery during the expansion to the surgery;
 2. Replacement windows at Wayside;
 3. Replacement fence at New Inn (recommendation from Lic Bd).None of these applications gave any cause for concern and were fully supported. The only comment on item 3 was that size of fence should be such that no-one could get their head stuck (small people), perhaps vertical strapping instead of horizontal?

The major item for discussion was the letter received from NHS Borders (Primary Care Contractor Organisation) as an application by Unicare Pharmacy Ltd to open a pharmacy in the village. Firstly, the owner of the property quoted (Woodbine Cottage) had not at that point been approached by anyone wrt this application. Second, there is at least 1 incorrect statement in their application. They state there is no pharmacy in the area and residents have to travel 5

miles to get one. Wrong! The surgery is a dispensing practice, so pharmacy services are already available in the village, often instantly, and even if they were not, Eyemouth is 3.1 miles from village centre. Dr Mason was able to give us an overview of the services provided by the current surgery, including the fact that the pharmacy effectively funds the ability of EHC to provide a twice weekly surgery at Co'path, with medicines collected at surgery times. This service would fold if the surgery lost their ability to be a dispensing surgery, as would some of the services provided by EHC in Coldingham village. Community Councils are not eligible to attend any Pharmacy Practices Committee hearings, but are able to make their views known through written means. Private pharmacies apparently take precedence over dispensing surgeries, so if this were to go ahead, we would not be ALLOWED to have a dispensing surgery in the village. This is a potential erosion of services to our village. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed this proposal is neither necessary nor wanted in our village and RG agreed to write to NHS Borders appropriately. Anyone else who wishes to make comment should do so, address available from either the surgery or RG.

7. SBC Cllrs Report : Fallago Rig enquiry reopened and ongoing; Blue Bins – any issues let SBC know, especially if bins on the High Street are causing hazard to vehicles or pedestrians; JF has spoken with Jason Hedley at the church re the Yew trees, looking for a suitable resolution; re Post Office, DJ will meet with SBC on Thursday this week; Composting bins v Green bins – much debate on this, villagers are annoyed that we have to travel 3 miles to get rid of garden waste (composters are inadequate) whilst Eyemouth residents, who have the recycling centre on their doorstep, have a Green Bin. JF assured us that it was acceptable to bag garden rubbish and put it in our black bins, but of course, when fortnightly collections start, we won't have room!! Apparently a lot of grass cuttings and garden rubbish get dumped at the side of the burn.....this is not going to help our chances in the Floral Gateway competition! RG to write to SBC and request a rethink on green bins.
8. Correspondence : IN : SESplan (South East Scotland planning strategy) available online (www.sesplan.gov.uk) or in Post Office (or call 0131 242 8181); a survey from Volunteer Centre Borders in Gala has been received, RG to complete & return; our Certificate of Insurance has been received for this year, suggestion it be displayed in notice board; letter received re HMRC enquiry centre in Hawick potential change in hours, invited response by e-mail, RG to respond if appropriate; received YouthChex application (by young folk for young folk), no such groups in village, so not appropriate this year; SBC letter re BT "adopt a red phone box" scheme. The box at Huxton made 0 calls in the past 12 months, the one in the village made 225. No interest in adopting box, expensive for no benefit; outdoor diary received, AJS to pass to Ann in the Post Office.
OUT: RG wrote to Post Office nominating Ian Laing for outstanding service and expressing our concern over his treatment. No reply or acknowledgement received to date.
9. AOCB : A query was raised about the fact that Eyemouth & Chirside both had had new park facilities, whilst Coldingham seemed to have to raise money for anything we wanted. JF explained that Eyemouth's was provided using a "developer contribution", whilst Chirside was partly grant and partly "developer contribution". Spare key for main notice board to go to AJS. The village hall desperately needs helpers, just to do basic things like open up and lock up, help keep things moving. There is a meeting in the hall on Tuesday 4th May at 7pm. Please come along and help...if we don't help...we'll lose the hall!!! RG agreed to get notice into Radio Borders.
10. DONM
Next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May 2010 at 7:30pm in Coldingham Primary School.