



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - Approved

16th January 2024, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

Present

Coldingham Community Council:

Phillipa Allen (PA)	Jack Eeley (JE)	Alice Fisher (AF)
Rhona Goldie (RG)	Krishna Ramcharran (KR)	Dawn Tait (DT)
Richard Thomas (RT)	Ethne Turnbull (ET)	Peter White (PW)
Norman Wood (NW)		

Members of the Coldingham Community: 14

Coldingham Police: 0

Apologies for absence

Cllr James Anderson, Cllr Carol Hamilton, Cllr Aileen Orr.

Previous Minutes

The meeting minutes for 19th December 2023 were approved – AF nominated, RT seconded.

Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Minutes 19/12/2023

Action	Description	Owner	Due Date	Update
1.	Obtain replacement signage re dog fouling and keeping dogs on leads from SBC for Coldingham Church.	RG	28/02/2024	In progress
2.	Consult Coldingham Community on ideas for finishing the paving around the Mercat Cross.	NW	28/02/2024	NW to chase Andrew and PA to nudge him
3.	Arrange for Hannah Park of Sustainable Selkirk's Home Energy Advice Service to present at the March 2024 CCC meeting	AF	28/02/2024	Completed. Hannah Park to formally confirm, KR will chase.
4.	Write to John Lamont requesting an update on the banking hub initiative	KR	31/01/2024	KR indicated the action was in progress. Further discussion arose during the meeting. Key concerns were i) the RBS Van that visits Eyemouth has limited mobility access. It was reported that one wheel chair bound member of the community has had to conduct their banking business outside of the van in plain view of everyone else. (ii) At the end of the scheduled time slot, RBS close up shop and leave even if there are people in the queue that they have not seen. (iii) The services provided by the Van are limited to simple transactions, not suited to business
5.	Seek advice on how to make the cash in the bank work for the community	NW	28/02/2024	NW to discuss options with the Bank 17/01/2024. NW explained he had a concern about how to show the Wind Farm funds in the accounts statement. He has been advised this can be easily done by introducing an additional line item clearly label wind farm funds Currently it is unclear what other

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				Community Councils are doing but one to explore further.
6.	Write to Phillipa Gilhooly (PG), SBC Traffic and Road Management Safety, requesting SBC conducts a full traffic review of Coldingham village	RG	31/01/2024	RG confirmed an email had been sent asking for a traffic survey and follow on consultation to PG. No response received. RG to chase.
7.	Resend Police Road Safety Report to RG	SJ	31/01/2024	No update. Police Scotland absent from meeting.

SBC Councilor's Report

No Councilor was available to attend the meeting. Members of the community sought clarification on the purpose of their presence. RG explained Councilors attended by invitation to listen but not interfere. They could provide information and respond to questions asked of them. COVID had reduced their effectiveness and they were also spread thinly with 39 Councils to cover each month.

Police Report

No one from Coldingham Police was in attendance. RG confirmed that as of 2.30pm copy of the Police Scotland report can not be received.

Treasurers Report

Archaeological Report: NW explained that he had received a draft copy of the Archaeological Data Report which the Region insisted CCC had to carry out to at a cost of £720. The report will be made available online in due course.

Annual Support Grant (£600) – Paper being prepared confirming how the funds had been spent.

Drone Hill Grant – RG reminded the meeting that the closing date for applications for the £5k Drone Hill grant closes on the 10th March 2024.

Community Consultation – NW/RG explained how important it was to receive input from the community on how the wind farm funds and annual grants should be spent. RG presented and read a draft survey questionnaire to be delivered to each house in Coldingham for completion. It provided details of two long standing ideas – The Memorial Garden and Play Park refurbishment. RG requested feedback on the draft questionnaire from the CC members.

It was agreed that a walk-in session could be run in mid February once the survey questionnaires had been completed and reviewed. The purpose of the session would be to further discuss, prioritise and group the suggestions. Other topics mentioned were match funding, the evaluation process for selecting ideas and how that might be enhanced depending on the cost of the project.

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Topic	Key Discussion Points
Sunny Banks Planning Application	RG explained the Community Council had received notification of a planning application at Sunny Banks, School Road. A response was required by 12 th February 2024. Jennifer Mole (JM) explained that the planning application was for a studio within which she could conduct her work. It would be towards the back of the property, and only visible to those that looked onto the back of her property.
Reston Junction	A community member had raised concerns about the poor visibility, particularly in bad weather, at the A1 Reston/Coldingham junction. RG explained the issue had been raised in the past with both SBC and BEAR ¹ . During discussions re Reston Station the idea of a roundabout had been muted but nothing had ever transpired. Dave Jones confirmed this and agreed to help with pulling together the background information to aid a new request.
Democracy Matters Consultation	RG received a note from Claire Malster reminding the community to participate in the Democracy Matters Survey which closes on 28/02/2024 and can be found on the Scottish Government Website https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/democracy-matters/
SBC Budget Survey	Cllr Anderson had been in touch to encourage the community to participate in the SBC Survey if they had not already done so. Currently East Berwickshire were top of the table with a 22.81% response rate. Staying top of the table could help influence budgetary decisions.
Road Closure A1107	RG notified the community of a road closure at Old Campus A1107 (Coldingham Moor) for three nights ² . It was agreed for RG to pin the map showing the location on the CC notice board.
Flooding	NW/RG confirmed that following further investigation into the issue the subterranean well discussed at the last meeting was not actually filled in but flooding was still occurring. Carol indicated that she had email SBC CEO who was apologetic and indicated that Phillipa Gilhooly would visit to inspect the issue.
2014 Constitution	RG reminded the meeting that the CCC had to submit the agreed version of the 2014 Constitution to SBC by March 4 th 2024 and that the CCC needed to review their copies and suggest amendments. MC why the CC were not using the new constitution. KR explained that the new constitution which included a complaint procedure was still under consultation and was at least a year away and why SBC provided a copy of the 2014 Constitution.
Sea Gulls	RG agreed to check with Bobby on progress with contact Environmental Health

¹ BEAR Scotland is an alliance of three highly successful organisations who are prominent in the United Kingdom roads sector – Eurovia UK, Jacobs and Breedon – joining together to provide trunk road network management and maintenance solutions to Transport Scotland

² <https://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk/notices/scottish-borders/traffic>

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Meeting minutes - action completion dates	<p>Michael Clift (MC) indicated that a list of actions was a useful addition to the minutes but asked why the completion dates for a number of the actions were after the current meeting. He thought the completion dates should be the next Council Meeting otherwise matters are likely to be delayed for longer than necessary.</p> <p>RG explained that a number of factors had to be taken into account when setting a completion date for an action. In this instance the dates took account of the Christmas and New Year break, and also the nature of the action itself. Several required a longer duration as letters had to be written and responses received. KR echoed his agreement and indicated that in all instances dates would be pragmatic and reflect the importance of the action. Where community members had a different view he was open to discussion and compromise where appropriate.</p>
CCC Introductions	<p>MC indicated that there had been no introductions by the Community Council members of who they were, what they feel they bring to CCC and what they hope to bring to the community that elected them. It was agreed for each CC member to introduce themselves by name and where in Coldingham they lived.</p>
Disability Parking Spaces opposite St Vedas	<p>MC requested that the disabled parking bays be reinstated by clearing the surface debris, repainting the yellow paint work and adding a Blue Badge Holders Only sign to the head of each space. It was currently impossible to distinguish the use of the spaces leading to their misuse.</p>
Footpath from High Street pass Defibrillator	<p>MC indicated the footpath is often blocked and suggested several solutions including two posts towards the outer edges making the path too narrow for parked cars but wide enough wheelchairs, pushchairs etc. to pass through safely, and a yellow line at the front edge of the paving to make it clearer.</p>
Luckenbooth Carpark – Disabled Spaces	<p>To prevent the misuse of these spaces MC suggested the spaces could be reinforced with yellow markings and labelling to include the universal wheelchair markings in each bay and wall signs could be added at the head of each bay.</p>
Disposal of Beach Clean Rubbish	<p>Jennifer Mole (JM) explained that a recent beach clean she had been on had resulted in a builders sack being filled with rubbish. A week on and the rubbish had still not been taken away.</p>
Berwickshire Flag	<p>Dave Jones (DJ) explained that originally the proposal for the border flags situated on the A1 near Lamberton, was St George, Saltire and Berwickshire South bound and on the North bound the Union Flag, Saltire and St. George. The initiative had never transpired. However, DJ explained that Berwickshire now had a flag and that it should take its rightful place.</p>

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th February 2024, 7pm at the Coldingham Community Village Hall.

Actions arising from the meeting

Action	Description	Owner	Due Date
1.	Reston Coldingham Junction – RG and KR to liaise with DJ to understand the history and outcomes on previous discussions re this junction	KR	31/01/2024
2.	Review, comment and agree amendments to the 2014 Constitution for CCC	CCC	20/02/2024
3.	Seagulls – Ask Bobby if he has contacted the Environmental agency re the issue	RG	26/01/2024
4.	Identify replacement options for village outside Christmas lights and costs	NW	31/01/2024
5.	Provide comments (not via email) on the 'Wish List' survey to RG	CCC	26/01/2024
6.	Add improvement of visibility and definition of disability spaces at the Coldingham Beach car park opposite St Vedas to list of issues to be discussed with Phillipa Gilhooly	RG	31/01/2024
7.	Add improvement of the visibility and definition of the disability spaces in the Lucken booth Car Park to the list of issues to be discussed with Phillipa Gilhooly	RG	31/01/2024
8.	Chase SBC re removal of rubbish in builders sack from last Coldingham beach clean	AF	19/01/2024
9.	Speak to Carol Hamilton re flying the Berwickshire Flag at the 3 flag poles at Lamberton	RG	31/01/2024
10.	CCC to submit response to SBC re Sunny Bank planning application for a studio	RG	12/02/2024
11.	Pin Road Closure map to Village Hall Notice Board	RG	19/01/2024
11.	Speak to Sheila Wilson to understand what Coldingham Primary School did with respect to recording stories from long term Coldingham residents.	NW	31/01/2024