



## COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes - Approved

20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

#### Present

Coldingham Community Council:

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

Members of the Coldingham Community: 13

Councilors: Cllr Carol Hamilton

Coldingham Police: 0

#### Apologies for absence

Dawn Tait, Cllr James Anderson; Cllr Aileen Orr.

#### Previous Minutes

The meeting minutes for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved – PA nominated, NW seconded.

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

Updated action table in Appendix A. Key discussion points below:

##### Post Office/Mobile Banking

- The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and Mobile Banking. RBS confirm that their mobile facility has a lift and is aware that a customer in the area declined to use the facility. They will take the opportunity to discuss the matter with the customer on their next visit. RBS stated that they do not close the mobile branch if customers are still waiting after the allotted hour and confirmed they have received no complaints. KR strongly advised individuals lodge a complaint at the first opportunity with the banking staff and online through the bank's complaint form.
- Banking Hub Rollout – Of the estimated 800-1000 banking hubs planned to address bank closures only 23 have been opened since 2022 with further 27 expected by Easter 2023. The matter was discussed in Parliament in December 2023 with members complaining of the painfully slow progress. There is only one banking hub planned for the Scottish Borders – Jedburgh. Currently Cash Access UK are still looking for suitable premises.
- LINK – Confirmed following a Community request they carried out an assessment of the Eyemouth area and deemed that the population had a sufficient level of access

to cash. They would not make the report available as it was deemed confidential. They note our concerns with the Luckenbooth and can speak to the Post Office to ascertain their plans.

- KR informed the meeting that copies of the correspondence could be made available on request.

**Action – KR to Write to John Lamont thanking him for his assistance and to repeat community’s ongoing concern re Post Office closure and the impact on the community.**

Considerable discussion regarding the Luckenbooth and Post Office within followed. The key points are summarised below:

1. The Post Office – Worth exploring alternatives, i.e. a visiting Post Master. This currently operates in Cockburnspath albeit for limited hours.
2. The Luckenbooth is a social hub for the village and provides social inclusion . The potential loss of the Post Office impacts the financial viability of the Luckenbooth. There was general agreement that options to improve its financial viability could be explored. Suggestions included:

- A proposal from Ann Kerr for CCC to pay Coldingham Sands Community Company the rental and electricity costs of the Luckenbooth for the next two years - £3,000/annum. The idea behind the proposal is to provide financial support to the next individuals (if anyone comes forward) that want to establish a business in the Luckenbooth when Ann retires at the end of the 2024.
- Engaging with Coldingham Sands Community Company and the Coldingham Society. **Action - KR to engage David Campbell to discuss the Luckenbooth.**

CCC Windfarm Wish List - RG confirmed that the wish list survey was being distributed by CCC members. Completed forms were to be returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. The CCC members would meet thereafter to conduct a sift of the responses. A coffee morning would be held at the Village Hall shortly afterwards to present and further discuss the analysis and next steps.

### **SBC Councilor’s Report**

- Planning – The SBC Planning Team are short staffed and as a consequence everything is taking longer. The advice is to avoid contacting the SBC Planning Team unless necessary. If urgent contact your local councilor.
- Eyemouth Swimming Pool – Is closed as major works are under taken to make it fit for the future re Net Zero and the Green agenda.
- Pot Holes – SBC are aware of the ongoing issue with potholes exasperated by the weather. The advice is to email Cllr Hamilton or RG with concerns.

## Police Report

The Police Scotland – Scottish Borders Area Command report for January 2024 was received - the points relayed to the meeting are summarised below:

Item	Summary
Mental Health	204 mental health related calls across the Scottish borders
	18 Missing persons enquiries
	82 domestic related incidents.
Assaults	Assault reported at Scoutscroft holiday park – no complaint made
Antisocial behaviour	Report of a disturbance at North Grange House. No criminality or complaint made.
Theft	Report of theft from van at Braeheads, Coldingham
Drug warrants	5 drug warrants executed across the Scottish borders, four were positive and four persons were charged.
Cannabis Cultivation	Communities reminded to report any suspicious activity in relation to people being seen at disused large premises over a [period of time via 101 or Crime Stoppers.
Scams	Phone/Internet/Doorstep scams continue
Cold Calling	Communities wishing to set up a new zone or refresh an existing zone should contact their local community policing team

- NW praised the Police and Trading Standards for their help and support in a recent Road Scam he had been the target of.
- ET mentioned that the current ‘No Cold Calling’ stickers were faded. **Action - RG to obtain more ‘No Cold Calling’ stickers.**

## Treasurers Report

NW informed the meeting that:

- Claire Malster had sent £450 for path maintenance.
- He had sought advice from the banks on options that would allow the Windfarm funds to work for the CCC whilst it sat idle. The banks were unable to advise.

## Correspondence and Discussion Points

Topic	Key Discussion Points
Traffic/Road Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old Cambus A1107 – closed from 9pm - 6am for three nights starting tonight</li><li>• A1 resurfacing north of Grantshouse 11-15 March 2024 – 5 nights. RG to respond re the South route diversion.</li><li>• A1 South Houndwood – 14-20 March 2024, closed between 7.30pm and 6am.</li></ul>
RNID	Letter received from The Royal National Institute for Deaf People stating tat they were recruiting
Film in St. Abbs	Letter received from the University of Westminster requesting permissions to film at St Abbs.

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	RG to speak to Bruce. Carol indicated that release forms need to be completed y any one captured on film.
SBC	Draft Council Plan April 2024 issued. Feedback required yesterday. <b>Action - RG to provide feedback on SBC Draft Council Plan 2024.</b>
Verdant Leisure	Have applied for licensing hours. Previously the had a liquor license. PA confirmed the hours were the same Sun, Weds, Thurs, Sat 11am – 1pm.
Westruther and Gorden Community Council	A planning application has been submitted for Longcroft Windfarm (220m turbines). Westruther and Gorden CC are planning to object and are looking for support.
Apen Cross Buildings	The future of the buildings has been under discussion for sometime. Promised repairs are outstanding. John Lamont is involved in the discussions. RG to draft a letter to Darren BHA seeking more information. The letter is to be circulated to the CC for comment before issuing
Seagulls	Bobby provided an update. Reference received on the 24 <sup>th</sup> , on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 the matter was passed on to environmental health and the ASBU Team. Received an incident diary sheet for completion.
PA System	Carol informed the CC that Jim was working on a proposal for a new PA system for the village.
Milldown Beach Litter	Jennifer Mole (JM) Raised concerns about the litter at Milldown Beach and sought input as to what could be done to make users of the beach more accountable for their actions
Coldingham Beach Clean	AF announced there was a big beach clean planned for Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024, 11am.
Resilience Team	AF raised the idea of initiating the resilience team to deal with key issues with the village. It was said that Andy Upton did a good job as part of the part of the COVID team. <b>Action - AF/NW to put the feelers out for resilience team volunteers.</b>
Coldingham Beach Damage	Nigel raised the issue regarding the damage at Coldingham Beach including the loss of the ramp, and grass loss and what could be done. It was mentioned that Helen Gibson (St. Abbs) was liaising with the SBC Countryside Ranger.
Coastal Walkway	The 100yr wall up to the Head is crumbling. There is a need to preserve the coastal pathway. RG indicated that positive conversations were taking place and still evolving with SBC, the landowner, Coldingham Community Council and St Abbs Community Council.
Constitution	KR raised the question of what the process was for agreeing and consulting on the constitution which had to be submitted to SBC in March 2024. RG referred to the existing constitution. KR pointed out that neither SBC or the CC could provide a copy which was why the CC had agreed in December 2023 to review the 2014 Model Constitution template provided by SBC.

### **Summary of actions agreed in meeting**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Write to John Lamont thanking him for his assistance and to repeat community's ongoing concern re Post Office closure and the impact on the community.	KR	19/03/24	Open
2	Engage David Campbell to discuss the Luckenbooth	KR	31/03/24	Open
3	Obtain more 'No Cold Calling' stickers.	RG	31/03/24	Open
4	Provide feedback to SBC on Draft Council Plan 2024.	RG	19/03/24	Open
5	Put the feelers out for resilience team volunteers.	AF/NW	31/03/24	Open

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7pm at the Coldingham Community Village Hall.

## Appendix A - Actions arising from previous meetings

There was not enough time at this meeting to address the outstanding actions. Update below:

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Action	Description	Owner	Due Date	Update	Status
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	KR spoke to Dave Jones and it was agreed it was best for KR to engage Logan at Reston CC.	Open
2.	Review, comment and agree amendments to the 2014 Constitution for CCC	CCC	20/02/2024	No update	Open
3.	Seagulls – Ask Bobby if he has contacted the Environmental agency re the issue	RG	26/01/2024	See minutes 20/02/2024	Closed
4.	Identify replacement options for village outside Christmas lights and costs	NW	31/01/2024	No update	Open
5.	Provide comments (not via email) on the ‘Wish List’ survey to RG	CCC	26/01/2024	Comments received and incorporated. Survey printed and being distributed	Closed
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	Added to list	Closed
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	Added to list	Closed
8.	Chase SBC re removal of rubbish in builders sack from last Coldingham beach clean	AF	19/01/2024	Rubbish removed	Closed
9.	Speak to Carol Hamilton re flying the Berwickshire Flag at the 3 flag poles at Lamberton	RG	31/01/2024	Carol Hamilton and Dave Jones progressing	Closed

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10.	CCC to submit response to SBC re Sunny Bank planning application for a studio	RG	12/02/2024	No update	Open
11.	Pin Road Closure map to Village Hall Notice Board	RG	19/01/2024	Done	Closed
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	No update	Open

### 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Action	Description	Owner	Due Date	Update	Status
1.	Obtain replacement signage re dog fouling and keeping dogs on leads from SBC for Coldingham Church.	RG	30/04/2024	No progress. PA to talk to Lynn Bogel and Hannah Herne.	Open
2.	Consult Coldingham Community on ideas for finishing the paving around the Mercat Cross.	NW	30/04/2024	NW to chase and PA to nudge him. Andrew agreeable. Work to be progressed on ideas.	Open
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. Hannah Park has confirmed attendance on the 19/03/2024.	Closed
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	Closed

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				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	<p>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 Community Councils are doing but one to explore further.</p> <p>NW reported that the Banks were unable to advise on how to make the funds work.</p>	Closed
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	<p>RG confirmed an email had been sent asking for a traffic survey and follow on consultation to PG. No response received. RG to chase. No response received. Cllr Hamilton has agreed to nudge SBC.</p>	Closed



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7.	Resend Police Road Safety Report to RG	SJ	31/01/2024	No update. Police Scotland absent from meeting. Police report now received.	Closed