



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - Approved

15th October 2024, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

Present

Coldingham Community Council:

Philippa Allan (PA)	Jack Eeley (JE)	Krishna Ramcharran (KR)
Richard Thomas (RT)	Ethne Turnbull (ET)	Peter White (PW)

Members of the Coldingham Community: 9

Councilors: Cllr Carol Hamilton

Coldingham Police: n/a

1: Apologies for absence

Alice Fisher, Cllr James Anderson, Cllr Aileen Orr.

2: Agenda

The agenda was proposed by KR and agreed without amendments. A member of the community requested that an item be added to AOCB to discuss an 'Old Van' being parked in the Coldingham car park (near the surgery) for several weeks. KR agreed to take minutes.

3: Previous Minutes

The minutes were approved subject to a minor name correction (RT/PW).

4: SBC Report

CH had no urgent/important matters to raise but was happy to take questions during the course of the meeting.

5: First Responders Discussion and Defibrillator Demonstration – Leanne Gilly (LG) and Martin Galloway (MG) of the first Responders gave an interesting and informative overview of the role and responsibilities of the First Responders. They also gave a clear and helpful demonstration of how to use a defibrillator, highlighting how its use was guided by automated voice and sensors. Leanne and Martin fielded a variety of questions from the attendees. LG indicated their willingness, should the community desire, to give a Defibrillator Awareness Training Course (7-8 min attendees). LG explained that the First Responders carry checks on registered defibrillators – KR agreed to contact LG to discuss this further in relation to the defibrillator installation at Coldingham Beach the CC were looking to fund. MG said that if any one was interested in becoming a First Responder they should contact the team via face.

6: The Benefits of a Community Newsletter – Ellie Philipps (EP) gave an interesting and informative presentation on the potential benefits of a newsletter for Coldingham based on her experience of establishing and running a Parish Newsletter. She was part of a team of three people (1 for design and 2 for content) and it used to cost £245 to produce a 1000 physical copies. A number of attendees saw the potential value of a newsletter. The key challenge was finding volunteers to help and funding. EP indicated she might consider advertising for volunteers. KR indicated that a newsletter was the kind of project the microgrant could fund as a pilot.

7: Matters Arising / Actions from Previous Minutes

Headstones : JA had forwarded a response on from SBC. In summary an assessment had been completed and SBC had carried out appropriate safety measures. SBC were of the view that it now lay with the plot owners to ensure fallen headstones did not present a safety hazard.

ET raised a separate issue. She circulated an email from Diane Munro at SBC (Parks and Environment) stating to a member of the public that a memorial can only be put on an existing family liar, they cannot be put anywhere else as the burial grounds are part of two scheduled monuments. ET indicated that this could have an impact on the viability of the proposed memorial garden discussed at previous community council meetings.

Speeding Signage : KR explained that a School Warning triangle had now been installed on the Westloch approach to Coldingham Primary School and an electronic 20mph speed sign had replaced the solar panel speed sign.

A second letter had been submitted requesting SBC give further consideration to relocating the 20mph speed limit 140yds out of the village heading west. To strengthen the request a comparison had been made of the measures used in the surrounding villages of Eyemouth, Burnmouth and Ayton. It was found the majority of roads where the speed limit changed from 60mph to 20mph had additional measures in place such as road narrowing or other traffic measures that by default caused drivers to reduced their speed. For example the roundabout at Eyemouth High School.

Members of the community raised concerns about the St Abbs approach to Coldingham Village and the Reston Road into Coldingham. KR explained the St Abbs approach had not been mentioned previously but could be looked at. Aside from the addition of Dragons teeth to the road, all other speed reducing measures in were line with the surrounding villages and the opportunity for SBC to do more was negligible if not zero.

Actions – KR confirmed the action log was being updated and provided an update on the key actions:

- Planning Application – Highview Caravan Park. KR confirmed the CC had submitted a response of ‘No Comment’ – the majority vote. An observation had been included on the reply regarding the lack of consideration to environmental targets, increased

traffic through the village and the absence of engagement with the Community Council.

- Coldingham Paths Subgroup – A meeting was still to be organised with Mike Fenty.
- Login to CCC email – this had been reissued and CC's that had IT confirmed their ability to access the email account.

8: Treasurers Report – KR presented the Treasurers report on behalf of AF (Appendix A). AF and PA were still awaiting online access and as a consequence could only make payments via cheque. There was insignificant financial movement since the report in September 2024. The current balance is £123,262.59. This differs to the balance at the bank by £35.00 due to an unrepresented cheque from 2023/24 accounts. The only expenditure was this period is £33.00 for the Remembrance Day Service Wreath.

9: Police Report - KR summarised the report for September 2024 (see Appendix A) and confirmed a copy of the report would be made available on Coldingham Info website.

10: Correspondence

BEAR Diversion – KR reminded the community of the BEAR diversions taking place over the coming weeks leading to a closure of the A1 and North Bound Traffic being diverted through Coldingham via the A1107. KR encourage community members close to the diverted route to maintain a log of disruptions caused which could be used as supporting evidence in any subsequent complaint. A member of the community indicated that a letter had been sent to SBC and BEAR several months previous requesting local signage around Press Mains.

Police Engagement – KR explained that a member of the community had written to Scottish Borders Police regarding their lack of attendance at community council meetings and the apparent inaccuracy of information. Both the member of the community and CCC have received correspondence from Gregg Banks, Chief Superintendent and Alison Granger Community Sergeant reiterating their commitment to community policing and offering to attend a community council meeting to address community issues and concerns. KR indicated the CC were willing to make the invitation as long as the community could provide a clear agenda and expected outcome. This would ensure the meeting was productive for both the community and Scottish Police representatives.

Crosslaw Resurfacing – A letter had been submitted requesting the CC support a petition being submitted to SBC regarding the resurfacing of Crosslaw Road. KR explained he had asked for additional photos to understand the full extent of the issue and confirmed they would be circulated to the other community councillors and a decision sought on whether to support the petition or not. A CC member raised concerns about the Abbot Row. KR encourage he community to write to SBC and provide photographic evidence to support the case, reminding the community of CH's prompt to keep submitting photos of potholes to SBC via the online portal.

11: AOCB

Microgrant Update: KR informed the meeting that several bids have been received and are under evaluation.

Xmas Lights: RT notified that he had been passed an email from SBC indicated that all PAT certificates had to be submitted by

Remembrance Day: KR indicated that he had been in touch with George Prentice and Andy Haddow. Aside from the purchase of the CCC wreath and a member of the CC being present to lay the wreath the CC had no other obligations.

Parked Van: A member of the community raised concerns regarding a parked van at the Coldingham Park car park. There was speculation as to the reason including marketing of caravans and awaiting repairs. PA agreed to speak to the owner with the view that if it was not moved with seven days it would be reported to the Police.

12: DONM – Tuesday 19th November 2024, 7pm Village Hall.

APPENDIX A - TREASURERS REPORT

1. Annual Accounts

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Coldingham Community Council										
Financial Year		2024/2025								
Balance brought forward from previous year				124,424.56						
INCOME						EXPENDITURE				
Receipt No.	Date	Item	£		Receipt No.	Date	Item	£		
1	07.05.24	Foundation Scotland	£1,690.45		2	08.05.24	Rent for Village Hall Hire	£ 35.00		
3	16.05.24	Compensation - Bank of Scotland	£ 40.00		6	19.09.24	PA - Coldingham Gala	£ 3,612.42		
4	30.08.24	SBC - Annual Grant	£ 693.00		7	25.09.24	RBLS - Wreath	£ 33.00		
5	04.09.24	SBC - Hall Hire	£ 95.00				Total	3,680.42		
		Total	2,518.45							
Less unrepresented cheque										
		Total	0							
YEAR END POSITION										
		Total	123,262.59							
		Balance at bank	123297.59							
		Difference	35.00							
							<i>Discrepancy of unrepresented chq from 2023/24 accounts</i>			

2. Bank of Scotland

- a. Alice Fisher is now a signatory on the account - Phillippa Allan is awaiting confirmation
- b. Awaiting access via online banking (forms submitted)
- c. Payments can currently be made via cheque

3. Outstanding Payments

- a. Due to CCC:
 - i. Payment from SBC for Grass Cutting once timesheet submitted
 - ii. £10k still due from Foundation Scotland for the Cross

4. Grant Funding

- a. Coldingham Community Council has two funding streams to distribute to the community:
 - i. **Penmanshiel Wind Farm** (balance £118,288.91)
 1. Grant made to Coldingham Gala for PA System of £3,621.42
 - ii. **Foundation Scotland** - Micro Grants (balance £1,690.45)
 1. No grants yet distributed

5. AOB

- a. **Christmas Lights** - The SBC Annual Grant balance of £374 has been ring fenced - RT actioning

Alice Fisher, Treasurer, Coldingham Community Council

October 2024

Appendix B – Scottish Borders Area Command Report for Sept 2024 - Summary

Police Survey – Scottish Borders Area Command urges the community to complete the survey

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2024-2025/>

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Involved in 193 mental health related calls, 20 missing person enquiries, 89 domestic related incidents.
- East Berwickshire – 22 mental health calls and 1 missing person enquiry.

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

- Assaults – 3 in Eyemouth, enquiries ongoing with 2 and complete on the other

Anti Social Behaviour

- No incidents in Coldingham, four incidents reported in Eyemouth and one in Chirnside

Vandalism/Vehicle Damage

- Vehicle set alight - Braeheads Coldingham, CID investigating lines of enquiry

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

- Theft by Housebreaking – 1 incident, Whitsome
- Theft – No incidents in Coldingham, 3 incidents (shoplifting) reported in Eyemouth and one in Reston