



## COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes - Approved

19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

#### **1: Present**

Coldingham Community Council:

Jack Eeley (JE)	Alice Fisher (AF)	Richard Thomas (RT)
Ethne Turnbull (ET)	Peter White (PW)	

Members of the Coldingham Community: 8

Councillors: Cllr James Anderson (JA)

Police Scotland were not in attendance.

#### **Apologies for absence**

KR, PA, Cllr CH.

#### **2: Agenda & AOCB items**

Agreed (AF/JE). Noted by ET that Foundation Scotland MoU requires signatures.

#### **3: Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes approved (RT/PW). Noted that KR continues to update the Action Log for the Community Council website.

#### **4: SBC Councillor Report (Cllr JA)**

-Wind Farm and Battery Sites. There are issues with unregulated private contractors setting up battery storage sites across the Scottish Borders. A report is in preparation.

-Traffic Diversions on the A1: Continued concerns caused by the A1 diversion, especially heavy goods vehicles damaging roads and property. The recommended diversions are being widely ignored with 2-way traffic using the Coldingham route. AF noted that Community PC Susie Jacobs is meeting KR.

It was suggested that residents document issues caused by HGVs with photos or videos. Cllr JA noted that SBC have invested in 4 mobile camera systems and suggested that Coldingham may be a suitable early site.

## **5: Matters Arising/Actions from Previous Minutes**

### **Remembrance Day**

Thanks were expressed to all those involved in a successful event.

### **Mercat Cross**

PW summarised progress. Work on the surfacing is scheduled for late November 2024, with completion during December 2024. Paving colours have been agreed - predominantly a sandstone-toned 'Harvest'.

A meeting with KR and the landowner is to be scheduled to finalise the land transfer.

An attendee raised the possibility of a formal 'launch event'.

An attendee noted the aesthetics of the redundant fuel pumps on the adjoining property, prompting discussion of the logistics and costs associated with capping &/or filling subterranean tanks.

### **Play Park**

It was noted that efforts are underway to add Coldingham to the SBC play park reserve list for funding. However, work on that list wouldn't commence until 2027 at the earliest.

### **Disabled Parking Spaces**

SBC assets team to provide updates on re-marking disabled spaces and cleanliness at the beach within two weeks.

### **Salt Bin Requests**

Requests for additional bins at local car parks were escalated, though ownership and maintenance queries remain unresolved.

### **Speeding / Road Safety**

"Dragon's Teeth" markings have been installed on School Road village approach, but there are continuing reports of speeding issues. KR has emailed SBC in this regard.

An attendee urged further efforts to secure additional speed indicator displays. AF noted that Coldingham may have missed out on an earlier opportunity due to miscommunication, but added that KR and Cllr CH are pursuing this issue. Cllr JA that Coldingham is on the list for the next financial year.

An attendee noted the need for improved pedestrian crossings near schools. Painting existing crossings was suggested for increased visibility.

## **6: Treasurer's Report**

AF noted that an online banking facility was now in place. The current financial situation was summarised as follows:

-Balance as of meeting date: £138,460.62.

-Penmanshiel Fund: £133,557.54.

-Drone Hill Micro Grants: £1690.45.

-SBC Annual Fund: £1063.40.

Recent Transactions comprised: Remembrance Day Wreath (£33); Website Hosting and Domain Renewal (£105.60). Payments for hall hire, printing costs and paths maintenance are due. An invoice has also been received for Christmas lighting PAT testing £292.32

A further payment from Penmanshiel is imminent circa £14k - £15k

A Foundation Scotland grant [ £10k ] towards the Mercat Cross is awaiting the conclusion of the land agreement.

KR has been added as a banking signatory.

AF noted that the change from a business to a community account incurs a monthly £4.25 charge. This led to a discussion on options for depositing some reserves in interest-bearing accounts.

AF thereafter proposed that CCC deposit the bulk of wind farm funds into a notice account offering 3.6% interest, requiring 32-day notice for withdrawals, while retaining a reserve of £20,000 in an interest-bearing account with immediate accessibility and the SBC funds to be kept in present current a/c. This was agreed unanimously.

ET noted that applications to the micro-grant scheme have exceeded the currently available funds.

An attendee raised the question of future funding for the Memorial Garden project which has been under consideration for some years, noting that previous discussions between project backers, architects and SBC staff in archaeological and other depts have not been particularly productive. Work on this continues.

ET noted that a resident had forwarded to KR an SBC email implying that no planning approval was likely for any building activity in the area concerned.

## **7: A1 Diversion**

It was agreed that this had been adequately discussed under item 4.

## **8: Defibrillator - Purchase Decision**

Further to previous discussion of the options under consideration, AF proposed that CCC accept the St John's bid. This was agreed unanimously.

It was noted that the 1st Responders have agreed to add it to their inspection schedule and monitor the condition of the new apparatus, and Landells have agreed to install it.

### **9: Planning Applications**

2 Planning Applications had been received:

- A single residential development at Templehall
- A 'sun tunnel' installation on an existing property at Press Castle.

No objections to either were made.

### **10: Police Report**

AF summarised the report, which included 2 assaults and one incident of antisocial behaviour in the Coldingham area.

### **11: Correspondence**

Gala Committee. Per recent Facebook posts, the Committee has had some recent resignations, is struggling to find new members and its future is presently in doubt. A proposal has been floated for a 2 year pause in activity. An attendee queried the organisational / constitutional status of the Committee and related physical assets etc.

### **12: AOCB**

PW noted the continuing (or recurring) issue with rats in the lower Bogan Burn. Cllr JA will pass this to appropriate SBC contacts.

An attendee referred to water quality locally, specifically the presence of particles in tap water.

AF mentioned continuing work on the local Resilience Plan, PW agreed to the use of the Anchor Inn as a meeting point in this context. Locally available private generator capacity was also queried, JA noting that SBC has acquired new larger output generators but these require suitable external hookup connections.

JE summarised progress on the Playpark project. It is hoped that applications to other (non-CCC) funding sources will begin early next year, likewise consultation with children at the School.

### **13: DONM**

Tue 17/12/2024, 7pm in Hall.

Meeting closed.