



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7pm in Coldingham Village Hall

Present : R Goldie, N Wood, P White, P Scott, E Turnbull, D Thomson, R Thomas, M Beatt, S Williams, Cllr C Hamilton, and no members of the public due to Covid restrictions again.

Apologies : Cllr J Fullarton and Cllr H Laing

R Goldie introduced the meeting and explained the various restrictions still in place re C19. Those attending should wear masks where possible, sanitise hands on arrival and departure, maintain social distancing where possible. Because of the ongoing situation, it was not possible to have a meeting in December so no notes were available.

Previous minutes : notes of Nov meeting approved by P White and seconded by D Thomson.

Matters Arising : Website update is going very well, 3 sets notes been transferred. After each meeting, approved notes will be uploaded. Festive Lights were again excellent, many comments on how they enhanced the centre of the village were received. Cllr Hamilton expressed her thanks to the team involved also. Speeding etc : work will begin probably March to move 20mph signs, Reston Rd desperately needs at least countdown signs, and in general, speeding is still an issue, as is inconsiderate parking on High Street. Another discussion with SBC officers would be welcomed. Memorial garden : D Jones supplied report that the first meeting has been held with the directors last week, and a meeting with SBC estates officers will take place on 25th. Cross : Mr McClure has invited a few members of CCC to visit Dunbar to see some of the work his group – The Ridge – have been undertaking there. He had advised that a structural engineer should be engaged to assess the groundworks and plinth thickness etc.

Treasurer's report – N Wood reported that whilst SBC agreed we actually have more to trim than many other CC areas, we're still not getting any more money! No surprise there! We do however wish to thank the ground clearance crews for their amazing response and clear up after storm Arwen. Concern about Creel Path expressed again, maybe a joint approach with St Abbs could be the way forward.

Police Report – R Goldie summarised the latest police report. A couple of incidents wrt caravan sites were reported, unfortunately par for the course at this time of year. More worrying was the exceedingly high number of incidents connected with mental health issues. It is believed this has a basis on the lockdowns and rules concerning Covid-19.

SBC Cllrs Reports – Cllr Hamilton suggested alternative sources of possible funding for path clearing and strimming. Not much else due to festive breaks.

AOCB : St Michael's Knowe – excavation work ongoing...permission given for archeological survey work ONLY. Further updates will follow when we have verified information. Wellness group – it was agreed that the report was full but CC members were unsure exactly what was

being asked of us. Given the cease and desist order from EMP solicitors, we have to be VERY careful what we agree to. It was suggested that RG ask for a 1 paragraph summary stating exactly what is being asked for, also a look at the raw data, as there is still concern at the way the questionnaire was circulated and data collected. Platinum Jubilee - various suggestions were forthcoming, Hog Roast, music etc. A meeting will be held soon between various village organisations to pool ideas and skills. The beach loos were closed for 4 days over festive period – surely not the best move! Planning requests – not much, RT and RG keep eye on SBC website. Stated again that nothing is posted to us, although planning office been told repeatedly that ET is current contact. Power loss compensation – difficult to assess because those who had low power weren't technically WITHOUT power. Has to be off for 12 hours plus to qualify for compensation. Advice is to contact energy supplier individually. Mrs Fisher has requested we fund a PPE recycling bin? Unsure what this entails, RT agreed to get more information. National Park in Borders mentioned again..not further information at present.

DONM : Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7pm in Village Hall.