



## **COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 7pm in Coldingham Village Hall**

**Present : R Goldie, N Wood, P White, P Scott, E Turnbull, D Thomson, R Thomas, M Beatt, Cllr H Laing, Cllr J Fullarton**

**Apologies : S Williams, M Clift, Cllr C Hamilton**

**2 Ladies turned up hoping to attend. They had erroneously been invited to attend by Cllr Fullarton. This is contrary to current guidelines which preclude members of the public from attending, The risk assessment in place for CCC using the hall does not cover members of the public either. Their points re the 40mph zone were taken on board and they took their leave.**

**Church Community Garden : Query over who has responsibility for the garden. SBC? Priory? Suggestion that there was an idea to turn all/part into some kind of community garden. General feeling it was exactly that at present. More info required. Cllr Fullarton suggested a contact – Amy Alcorn from the Green Space Programme.**

**Surgery Closure : General irritation in the way this whole situation has been handled by EMP & NHS. Agreement that Coldingham, Reston & Auchencrow and St Abbs Community Councils should submit a joint letter re-iterating the unsatisfactory handling and outcome.**

**20mph trial : Felt in general this was good but not everyone sticks to it. Purchase of a community speed gun was again mentioned but no decision taken. Questionnaire to be sent in to SBC by CCC.**

**Speeding & Parking : The 40 mph zone on the Eyemouth Rd is in completely the wrong place. The new owner of Law Cottage is particularly upset because when she bought the house, it was 20mph outside. SBC had previously undertaken to repaint the existing yellow lines in the village which have faded, still waiting. Parking is a major problem around the top of High St, suggestion we ask holiday house owners to ask their guests to park sensitively, and NOT in the “triangle” where drivers need to pull in to see round the bend. It was agreed we should ask Police Scotland advice on parking, speed limits and speed issues. The issue of using the village as a diversion route when A1 is closed came up again. The problem is that they need to use another A class road....unfortunately A1107 is exactly that, however, in the past it had been stated that it should be used for either North or South bound traffic..NOT both.**

**RAGES : CCC membership paid.**

**Fireworks: Are school doing this?? If so they need to let Police Scotland know. Apparently they are waiting for their permit from SBC (by txt from their mtg).**

**Map in square : requires something ( coldingham crest logo?) to cover some damage. Agreed to do quick fix now and perhaps more permanent later.**

**Village website : M Clift has given up his guardianship of same. A solution has been agreed by various interested organisations and it was agreed CCC should contribute to the cost of the new set up.**

**Applications for COVID grant : Youth organisations, Food Bank, EHS Ipens, Music Festival and Senior Citizens Christmas meal all agreed as suitable. There was a verbal request for prizes for the school, but not enough information was available to make a decision at this point.**

**Railway extension proposal : It has been suggested that new rail lines from the East here through to central Borders could be a good thing. This would be a massive project, and at £12m per mile, rather expensive. This discussion is way above us, but we will keep updated.**

**Village Cross : Awaiting further information re costs.**

**Running Race March 2022 : pole to pole... a request is being made for Stewards on the day. More information will be available closer to the time.**

**Festive Lights : N Wood gave updates on the electrical situation. He and R Alexander organising floodlights etc for Remembrance day to highlight the soldier silhouettes. He has also arranged Poppies for the display this year.**

**Trees at war memorial : Been checked and they are not touching the wall behind them. They are however rather taller and it was felt they could be reduced in height. A complication is the cradle arrangement around them that supports the lights. It was agreed that N Wood should approach the gentleman in Bogan who has helped in the past.**

**Meeting was reminded that this coming weekend is "Scarecrow Weekend".**

**DONM : Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Village Hall.**