



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7pm in Coldingham Village Hall

Present : R Goldie, P Scott, E Turnbull, R Thomas, M Beatt, D Thomson, P White Cllr Orr and 5 members of the public.

Apologies : N Wood and Cllrs Hamilton & Anderson

Previous minutes : notes of August meeting approved by P White and seconded by M Beatt

Matters Arising : Planning application been submitted for the Cross renovations. RG will now make a formal approach to RES (Penmanshiel Wind Farm) for funds. Cllr Orr remarked that Cllr Anderson had made comment to another organisation that there was untouched wind farm money they could have access to. There are several things wrong in this : it is not up to him to tell anyone else, or us, how that money will be used. It was deliberately left to avoid CCC having "too much" in their account and being unable to access statutory SBC grants. Given the large cost of the refurbishment, this is the best source of funding at present. Money will be available in future which will be able to be accessed through the appropriate channels. In the meantime, there are other avenues the above organisation could apply to. Playpark : still waiting contact from PFS.

Treasurer's report : Accounts returned. In the absence of our treasurer, we can report that we are in fact solvent.

Police Report – R Goldie noted that again there was no police report. It was noted that there had been 2 accidents in the village recently, 1 demolishing the wall at Bromley House, the other a bump at the Scoutscroft junction.

SBC Cllrs Reports – R Goldie reported that CCC certificate and advice on data protection had been received. She went on to explain that that is the reason members of the public are not named within CC minutes and the wording in some instances is deliberately vague. It can be annoying, but we must be compliant with GDPR. ScamAlert available as an app or online, but be careful it is the REAL service you are looking at. General advice : if it looks too good to be true, it probably is! If in doubt, do nought... and ask for advice from someone you trust

AOCB : Dog mess and human waste still a major problem. Again, it is felt that early education is paramount, children can be the best educators of their elders. Discussion took place on the difficulties around putting some wild animals down, protected species etc can cause problems, and if it becomes necessary to euthenase some wild animals, this must be reported appropriately. R Goldie reported on the Proclamation re the new King which took place around the Borders. From those who attended, it was generally felt it ended in a rather flat tone. Also R Goldie was disgusted to realise that no-one had thought to inform any of the religious leaders in the communities. Given the Monarch's position as head of the Church of England, this was a glaring error. Thanks were extended to Bobby Kerr and George Prentice for their very prompt action with the flag, getting it to half mast as soon as news broke, in the pouring rain! and ensuring it was at full mast as prescribed for the proclamation and returned to half mast until after the late Queen's funeral. Update received from Mrs Fisher re funding being awarded for repair to the path to the beach toilets. Feasibility study taking place over the summer, parking a major issue, as is wheelchair access to the Beach café. Local Action Group funding available from SBC, which is being applied for. Discussion took place on Greener Berwickshire Network, with particular reference to litter. Discussion then took place re composting and bays for community use. The history of composters supplied by SBC was supplied, and it was explained that proper composting requires work, ie being turned regularly. Several of those present commented on the additional problem of attracting vermin. Discussion moved on again to SBC collection of green waste. Unfortunately this is an old topic and we have tried unsuccessfully for many years to have a green collection.

DONM : Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 7pm in Village Hall.