COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Coldstream & District Community Council held online Thursday, 16th December 2021.
Comments in red reflect conversation with SBC shortly after the meeting

Present:
Alison Campbell (AC)
Iain Dickson (ID)
Diana Findlay (DF)
Colin McGregor (C McG),
Colin Milne (CM)
Fiona Shepherd (FS)
Joy Thomson (JT)
Henry Wallis (HW)
Wendy Myers (WM
SBC Councillor John Greenwell (Cllr G)
SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (Cllr M)

Council officers
Samantha Elliott
Brian Young

Visitor
Gordon Thompson

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Jannette Sim (JS), Jeanette Milne (JM) and Cllr Rowley (Cllr R).

2 REPORTS FROM SBC – Road Issues presented by Samantha Elliott & Brian Young

Monument pinch point
Officers explained that details of public utilities around the monument were awaited before any bollard work could be done but that was not expected to be an issue. Mr Thompson provided details to officers of one supplier who might be able to provide 3 sided bollards (as shown in the picture that had previously been forwarded to the committee). Public utility drawings have now been received, there is no obvious issue with

installing a bollard at this location. I have investigated the company suggested (Ballantynes of Boness) and it appears they would have to specially manufacture a bollard due to the low wall height. As our blacksmith can carry this out, I propose to keep the works in house. The bollard designs will be passed on to the SBC blacksmith this week

There was a discussion about the need for additional full sized bollards on the pavement but it was agreed that this should be considered again once the other measures had been put in place.

Currently there are single yellow lines (9am -6pm) opposite the memorial which are being flouted but the Committee agreed that **SBC be asked to use an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to upgrade the single yellow to double yellow in the area marked red below with loading restrictions.** This will stop blue badge holders and everyone else from legally stopping in these areas.

It was also agreed that **Cllr M will ask at his monthly meetings with the police that, when this TRO is in place, the police be active in the town enforcing this and other parking restrictions.** Other options such as traffic lights or raising the kerb were considered but discounted.

<u>Speed warnings</u>

It was agreed that **SBC would provide 20mph repeater signage at the turnoff for Lennel Rd and some flashing warning sign be provided near Charlie's Monument when it changes to twenty as you come in across the Tweed bridge.**

The SID (flashing warning sign) would need to be 100m within the 20mph or further east in the 30mph limit. 100m within the 20mph limit would put the sign at the police station, directly opposite properties. Within the 30mph there is substantial tree cover. I appreciate this is an area of concern for the CC, but unfortunately a suitable location is not available.

It was also agreed that SBC would fix the flashing speed warning signs at the Health Centre as they are not working at present.

The fault has been passed on to our street lighting team to investigate as soon as they have someone available

It is not feasible to have flashing lights too near to residential areas as they can be annoying to householders.
Rumble strips are noisy and Textureflex (special road coating) is expensive to put down and maintain but **20 roundels (large painted 20 signs on the road surface) will be considered by SBC where appropriate**. This had previously not been done as the decision to move to 20 mph only became a permanent decision at Council today and the removal of roundels can be expensive and messy.
Most complaints about speeding are from Duns Road to the school.
Positioning of the speed limits can and will be revisited as development of housing or businesses requires it.

Nursery Lane
There has been reports of speeding and the markings, to discourage cars from driving over the parts of the road where no pavements are available, have eroded in places. Some houses open onto the road and there was some reporting of boy racers using the circuit as a racing track. The last speed survey happened in Feb 2018 when average speeds of 18.8 were recorded. This survey could be redone if required and residents advise where best to take measurements.
SBC agreed to renew the markings in Nursery Lane as required.
Details provided to SBC after the meeting

It was proposed that **SBC consider whether Nursery Lane could be marked as Access Only** and it was agreed this **Cllr M should raise this with the Police to see if this is considered by them to be an appropriate solution**.

Leet St/Duke St
Proposals to make this one way had been problematic and it was not felt would necessarily provide any additional parking. The requirements for the fire engine to have easy access was also a key consideration. Surveys had been undertaken with mixed results.
It was agreed that for now the enforcement of parking that was going to be requested from the Police by Cllr M should be monitored to see if that eased the situation.

Cycle Repair Station
This is progressing with the utilities at the proposed site being checked. It was agreed that a black station be requested.
Public utility drawings have been received and there are no issues with siting the cycle repair station to the rear of the bus shelter within the car park. I've added this onto our list of stations to be ordered.

Parking
It was agreed that no other viable place had been identified to provide additional parking in Coldstream except the old playpark area in Home Park. Brian Young confirmed that whilst his department could help with drawings etc the first major step is obtaining planning approval. We would need to demonstrate that it would be supported in the town and no other options were considered viable. Cllr M and Cllr G sit on the Committee of the Common Good Fund which owns the land so that element at least should be straightforward.

AC to obtain from SBC some guidance on how to obtain planning approval

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for 18th November 2021 were proposed for approval by FS and seconded by JT.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Still awaiting additional sign for the playpark.
- HW will come to 27th January session now set up to look at biodiversity and grounds maintenance at Tweed Green. Meeting point Henderson Park at 2pm. Cllr G said that this was date of Council meeting but he would try to attend. AC asked **anyone who is not able to attend to forward any points to her to be raised on the day**
- ID had spoken to M Brims about the Community Facebook page. Martin agreed in principle that joint working made sense but asked that **ID talk to P Johnson to confirm**.

5 UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS

- Cllr M confirmed he had asked the police to check out the playpark in the evenings whenever possible.
- Cllr G informed the Committee that the proposed questions in the Wellbeing Survey requested by the Scottish Government to be sent to children in S4 and above had caused consternation amongst parents and were currently being reviewed by the Education Department.
- Cllr G encouraged someone committee members to attend the Area Partnership meeting online on 27th January at 5pm as two lots of £40k grant monies are being allocated that we might want to consider accessing if we can.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Community Engagement officer
Advised that the issue of lack of WIFI at Town Hall was being checked and that monies are available for IT etc if grant applications are made.

Police Report
The Police report for the region had been received although the position seems to have worsened compared to last year, possibly impacted by Covid.

Floral Gateway & Wildflowers
Letter received had also been sent to Gateway Association. **JT agreed to deal with it and bring back to CDCC any issues that required our discussion**

Year of Stories
The Community Trust had forwarded an offer of an artist, writer and storyteller making Coldstream the final destination for its Story Waggon in Autumn 2022. **AC to forward details to JT (DONE)**

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

£495 pro rata grant has been awarded by SBC and the £896.64 balance with associated paperwork of the £1,000 Covid grant, made to Presenting Coldstream whilst the CDCC was in abeyance, has been paid across by Presenting Coldstream.

WM will pay the £50 outstanding to the Gateway Assoc when the bank account is fully set up.

9 PLANNING

CM reported that a planning officer had made comment that certain building alterations benefitted from on street parking and that this was not helpful commentary when there are parking pressures in the town. It was noted that the CDCC comments re parking at this site would also be presented to those making the planning decision in advance of that decision.

10 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund

Applications start soon in 2022 **JT agreed to speak to G Thompson and Gateway and any other organisations in the town and see if some proposals can be brought forward**. Joint working would both be sensible and improve the likelihood of a successful grant application. Perhaps school children could help with planting wildflowers in the town e.g. in Henderson Park or work on the sensory garden.

Feedback from South of Scotland Enterprise Tour 8th Dec

It had been an interesting session. SOSE were available to help plan and also have access to some funding. They recognised public infrastructure and in particular public transport and housing as being the big issues for the South of Scotland.

Dog Fouling

It was agreed **AC would contact Rose Hogg of SBC and arrange a dog session in March or April which could be advertised in the next CCN**

Resilience

It was agreed that we accept Martin Brims offer of continuing to coordinate the resilience response for now and revisit in the spring.

Next meeting

20th January 2022 – One agenda item meeting – Action Planning with attendance from Community Trust member(s)

AC to send out details of the existing Action Plan to all committee members and Susan Burnett and Martin Brims who will also be in attendance

Meeting closed 9:02 pm