



COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Coldstream & District Community Council held on Thursday, 21st October 2021, in the Old Marriage Room, High Street, Coldstream.

Present:

Alison Campbell (AC)
Iain Dickson (ID)
Diana Findlay (DF)
Colin Milne (CM)
Colin McGregor (C McG)
Wendy Myers (WM)
Fiona Shepherd (FS)
Jannette Sim (JS)
Henry Wallis (HW)

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Colin McGregor agreed to abide by the Community Councillors' Code of Conduct

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

SBC Councillor John Greenwell (Cllr G), SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (Cllr M), SBC Councillor Mark Rowley (Cllr R), Joy Thomson (JT) & Jeannette Milne (JM).

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for 16th September 2021 were proposed for approval by Fiona Shepherd and seconded by Diana Findlay.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- **No cycling and no dogs sign at playpark will be chased (HW)**
- SBC clear that the Marriage Room is free and an appropriate venue for Community Council meetings. No other appropriate free venues available so will continue to meet here. **Accepted**
- Scottish Water portal identified for reporting problems with waste water etc.
<https://swcustomerportal.microsoftcrmpostals.com/ReportAProblem/>

Details to be put on Community Centre noticeboard along with copies of the approved minutes (AC)

Details of how to report a water problem to be provided in Coldstream Community News (JT)

- 4 new email addresses have been created for contacting the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and for General Enquiries.

chairman.coldstreamcc@gmail.com

treasurer.coldstreamcc@gmail.com

secretary.coldstreamcc@gmail.com

help.coldstreamcc@gmail.com

AC has contacted SBC to arrange for access to update the CDCC website on the SBC site with contact details. Login clearance awaited.

- **AC to email Kerry Hague about potential help with social media.**

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Insurance

Following a request from SBC a return for the year to 31/3/21 has been completed based on prior year return adjusted to reflect that no camping took place on Tweed Green during Summer 2021.

Flag Protocol

Progress has been very slow but a meeting is being arranged for week commencing 1/11 with officers to move towards an agreed document. Some questions are with David Shepherd for clarification. It was agreed that AC would attend the virtual meeting alone or with David and update the next meeting with progress. Once tweaked the report will come back to Community Council for agreement and sign off by the Chairman.

Copies of draft protocol to be forwarded to FS, CM and HW by AC.

Resident's letter re garden waste being dumped in the Tweed from Nun's Walk

An anonymous letter had been received from a Coldstream resident who had seen garden rubbish being dumped and had themselves phoned SEPA.

AC was provided with SEPA contact details by C McG to ask whether SEPA wish to take action or are willing to prepare a draft letter which could be given to all properties backing on to Nuns Walk

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The 19/20 Accounts have been prepared and audited which should allow us to get our annual grant. WM is sending the finalised documents off to SBC. Changing bank signatories is proving difficult and cheques require two signatories. Martin Brims has agreed that in the short term if any payments need to be made so long as approval for such payments is appropriately minuted by the Council as approved.

Balances at end of 19/20 Year End

£1587.81 Common Good

£1567.85 General Bank Account

£784.73 Pensioners Party Account

There has been minimal changes to these balances so far in 20/21.

The Committee wanted to thank the previous Treasurer, Janice Gillie, and the auditor, John Elliott, for their help.

Presenting Coldstream is holding circa £700 on behalf of CDCC £700 for Covid related expenditure.

ID to speak to Martin to see if there are any conditions attached to this Covid grant that would affect how it can be spent.

7 REPORTS FROM SBC AS APPROPRIATE

Planning

A planning application had been forwarded re derelict toilets to become two holiday lets. Comments need to be returned to SBC by 17/11.

AC to forward planning email to all committee members.

It was agreed that Colin Milne would review future planning applications on our behalf for discussion at committee as relevant NOTED

Police

No report from the police had been received.

AC to ask John Greenwell for an update on how the Committee obtains a report from the Police.

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Roads and Pavements

Home Terrace been patched but the repair has not been satisfactory and the road is still in poor repair. This has been reported

AC to ask SBC for the schedule of planned road and pavements works for our district

Caravan Park

Chris Gregg would be happy to brief the committee if we wanted. AC has contact details.

Speed limits and heavy vehicles

There have been some near misses with pedestrians and motorists are not always observing speed limits. Some discussion was had about possible solutions (change speed limits, flashing lights displaying speeds, police enforcement etc)

Could we take measures to reduce heavy vehicle traffic? C McG suggested that when the dualling of the A1 eventually happens then a lot of heavy traffic will naturally move across to the A1.

Parking and Toilets

The 2018 Action Plan has Parking & Toilets as priorities and the arrival of the new caravan park will only make this more urgent. There is potential to increase parking in the town but we need the help of SBC officers to help us plan how we make this happen. Market Square and the newly cleared area where the old playpark was in Home Park along with better use of the Court House parking next to the Castle pub have already been identified as potential solutions to at least some of the parking issues. There would be a need to consider drainage, fencing and the toilet block. A one-way system might be considered in Leet St/Duke Street.

AC to ask SBC if they have a large scaled map of the town centre that might help us plan parking possibilities and details of any ringfenced planning monies available to facilitate this.

Cemetery

There have been some strong complaints to the registrar about the lack of cemetery plots available for use.

AC to strongly request a written report from SBC on progress on the cemetery or that an officer be requested to attend the next meeting to provide an update and answer questions as there has been a distinct lack of progress and communication to date on this project

Updating the Action Plan

ID to plan a future meeting (with representation from the Community Trust) dedicated solely to discussing, agreeing and starting to implement the Action Plan previously prepared with the Community Trust and third party facilitators.

C McG agreed to try and locate his copy of the 2018 Action Plan for circulation to the committee.

Pensioners Xmas party & Open day/ Local Organisation Get Together

It was felt inappropriate to hold these events this year with the current Covid situation. It was suggested instead that an Open Day for all the local Organisations be organised next year to encourage these organisations to work together and that there should be some planned events for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 that might include an element of the celebration specifically for the pensioners of the town.

JT to explain these proposals in her article for CCN

Noticeboards

The Committee felt there was a strong argument for having one central notice board and ensuring it was up to date and correct. Currently Howdens have the key for the main noticeboard and it was agreed to leave this with Howdens for now.

Town Diary

It was agreed that it would be more appropriate to use the town diary to record more than just coffee mornings. Coffee morning bookings should be limited to ensure that the income is spread fairly across all organisations.

JT to put in CCN article that organisations are encouraged to log all events in the town diary

Biodiversity

Tweed Green/Leet has been designated as a biodiversity site but the treatment of the site with weedkiller etc suggests that this designation is not being universally applied. Can the money previously spent on Henderson Park not be allocated to maintain this area with access to the river bank etc?

AC to request a Tweed Green/Leet update from Cllr G

Remembrance Sunday

ID to represent CDCC and lay a wreath on 14th Nov

Next meeting

18th November 2021. Apologies received from Fiona.

Meeting closed 20:50pm