



COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Coldstream & District Community Council
(CDCC) Thursday 19th May 2022 held in Town Hall.

Alison Campbell (AC)
Iain Dickson (ID)
Diana Findlay (DF)
Mary Hemingway (MH)
Colin McGregor (CM)
Wendy Myers (WM)
Fiona Shepherd (FS)
Jannette Simm (JS)
SBC Councillor John Greenwell (Cllr G)
SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (Cllr M)

Visitors - Siobhan Petrie (Director, Borders Chambers of Commerce)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Henry Wallis & Joy Thomson. Christine Johnston & Keith Knight sent their apologies.

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for 16th May 2019 were proposed for approval by CM as the only council member who had attended them. They were confirmed by DM & JG as being accurate. There were no declarations of interest.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave his report as below:-

“Back in February 2021, I spoke to Councillor John Greenwell about how sad it was that Coldstream didn't have a Community Council, and that it had been in abeyance for 18 months. Reforming the C.C was then my priority and put the wheels in motion for this to happen.

A group of interested members was formed, and with approval from SBC held informal meetings throughout the summer, preparing for the first meeting. I was delighted to attend on Thursday 16th September 2021 the inaugural meeting of the reformed Coldstream and District Community Council. Eleven members were at the first meeting, where I was very proud to be elected as Chair, ably supported by Henry Wallis as Vice Chair, Alison Campbell as Secretary and Wendy Myers as

Treasurer-the committee of management.

I would like to minuted a big thank you to Bob Bomack, Gary Armstrong, Jenny and Colin Milne who were all enthusiastically involved from the onset in being part of reforming the C.C, but for various reasons had to stand down. With only 3 members having previous C.C experience, it has been a huge learning curve for us all, but we are moving in the right direction, there has been a lot of “catching up “needed, we are getting there. I personally think that as a C.C, we are building good working relations with SBC, working together with our 3 ward SBC Councillors- Congratulation’s to them for being re-elected, so hopefully we will have continuity in moving forward.

Since September last year, there has been a number of positive developments which has happened in Coldstream, maybe coincidental that things have been getting done, but we will take them on our watch. Like:

The opening of the new Caravan Park, the new cemetery – now finished, hopefully traffic calming measures to stop damage at the Community Centre, more speed traffic signage for the town, with more to come, re surveying the town to update the Community Action Plan, using various social media platforms to keep the town informed with local issues and Place Making involvement to name but a few.

We have invited SBC Departments heads for face to face and online meetings to try and get to the heart of working together to improve the town, addressed dog fouling and fly tipping issues, went out and spoke to the youth to get their thoughts, and involved organisations like the Tweed Foundation and the Borders Chamber of Commerce to get their input. So quite a lot for the first 9 months. But, we cannot rest on our laurels, so what is next? Well we are presently working with the Community Centre and our local Churches, to set up a needed “Food Larder” then starting to push Place making to enable the main priority of more parking in the town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the C.C members for all their hard work, dedication and commitment over the last 9 months. It was so encouraging to see new faces come forward. I genuinely believe we have a tremendous skillset, mix, experience and passion to move the C.C forward and deliver for the town. There are a lot of exciting new things coming up and I truly believe we will deliver. I look forward to working with you all in the coming year, Thank You”

4 TREASURER’S REPORT

All accounts have been certified by an independent examiner.

The General Fund at £2,896.49 was the only balance to have changed in year following receipt of grants and minimal expenditure. The Common Good fund and Pensioners’ Party Funds remain unchanged at £1,587.81 and £784.73.

We can now apply for this year’s grant.

5 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022-23

CM took the chair for the election of chairman.

FS nominated ID and WM seconded. ID was elected unopposed and retook the chair ID nominated HW as Vice chair, CM seconded and he was elected unopposed.

FS nominated WM as Secretary, DF seconded and she was elected unopposed.
CM nominated AC as Secretary, FS seconded and she was elected unopposed.

6 NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

The following nominations were received for the three vacancies:-

- Mary Hemingway – nominated ID, seconded AC
- Carrie Bridge – nominated JS, seconded FS
- Guy Stephenson – nominated ID, seconded WM

All were elected unopposed.

7 AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY CODE OF CONDUCT

All councillors in attendance agreed to abide by the SBC code of conduct for community councillors.

8 REMUNERATION

It was agreed that the secretary's remuneration should be paid as previously at £450 for 2022/23 and is not being claimed for 2021/22. The secretary reserved the right to donate all or part of this remuneration to an appropriate Community Council project.

9 PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

Changes were proposed to the constitution as follows:-

- References to appropriate director at SBC amended to reflect job title change
- Some minor changes as shown in the document to align with the SBC standard proforma
- Change of service for councillors from 5 to 3 years as previously agreed
- Changes to allow online and hybrid meetings
- Update on where notices are posted i.e. on CDCC notice board outside Community Centre and forward to SBC to be placed on their website
- Elapsed days allowed to arrange special meetings increased from 7 to 21 days
- All JT's drafting changes were incorporated.

These changes were agreed unanimously and the revised constitution was signed.

10 AGREEMENT OF EQUALITIES STATEMENT

All community councillors agreed the CDCC equalities statement which was then signed by the chair.

11 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no other competent business.

The meeting closed at 19:24.