COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held in the Town Hall
Thursday 18TH MAY 2023

Iain Dickson (ID)
Carrie Bridge (CB)
Diana Findlay (DF)
Wendy Myers (WM)
Fiona Shepherd (FS)
Jannette Simm (JS)
Joy Thomson
Henry Wallis (HW)
SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (Cllr M)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllr J Greenwell, Cllrs M Rowley, Mary Hemingway, Colin McGregor, Guy Stephenson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The approval of minutes for 20thApril was proposed by Diana Findley and seconded by Joy Thomson There were no declarations of interest other than Cllr M re planning matters.

3. POLICE REPORT
PC Stuart Little attended and explained that his role as Community Police Officer will be changing from the 29th May when the role changes to CAT. As a result he explained that there are likely to be less Community Support Officers and although he would likely be based in nearby Duns, his area of responsibility will be extensive. He advised that there are likely to be less Police Officers to police events and that Coldstream might need to look to hiring stewards instead of relying on Police. FS confirmed that Presenting Coldstream had been advised that this year's police presence would be halved compared to last year.

Reports of crime in Coldstream and District remain relatively low, but the recent crime of the theft of fuel from the service station had drawn a blank as the perpetrator had been using false number plates

Parking on double yellow lines in Coldstream (particularly outside the Co-op) remains an issue however PC Little advised that the majority of motorists who'd been witnessed parking on the single yellow line stop for 4 minutes which does not warrant issuing of a ticket. It was noted that motorists continue to park on double yellow lines.

Cllr Moffat advised that he had attended a police briefing and understood that the plan will be for one member of Police staff per ward but that there would likely be a change in shift patterns.

4. MATTERS ARISING

STONEMASON – No progress with original stonemason (WM). Simon Node not available (HW)
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE - Martin Brims confirmed that he is prepared to leave the Resilience Equipment in situ at the Primary School Annexe

SPARE SEAT ON PATH TO HEALTH CENTRE – HW advised that this needs to be bolted down for safety purposes. Advised that an existing wooden bench in need of repair might suffice. (HW)
PLAY PARK – confirmation that there are now two bike racks in situ at the play park
CLLR G to speak to Neil Pringle about Wildflower Seeds

5. REPORTS FROM SBC AS APPROPRIATE

Land north of 47 Lennel Mount. It was confirmed that this item was listed for information purposes only. No action required

Colin Milne had kindly offered his services to advise on planning matters. Council expressed their gratitude. ID to accept offer on behalf of Council. (ID)

6. WEBSITE

WM agreed to lead the development of the new Community Council Website. WM to contact developer by way of introduction. (Done)

7. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr M advised that a letter would be coming out to Community Councils regarding a Pilot Scheme operating hand-held speed guns. It was suggested that an accompanying police officer should attend any speed checks in order to lend authority to the checks and to halt any speeding cars.

Cllr M advised that whilst on one hand Police shortages should be resolved as new recruits are being introduced, retirees mean that Police numbers are still short.

8 PLACE MAKING

An event had been held at the Community Centre on April 26th attended by children from Coldstream Primary School and a number of Coldstream residents.

The next Place Making event is scheduled for 29th June which allows sufficient time for an article by ID to be included in the next edition of Community News. (Done). Feedback suggested that some attendees thought this was a pop-in session so arrived midway through the meeting and it was therefore necessary to clarify the nature and timing of the meeting in any advert/promotional material.

9. SHORT UPDATE FROM OTHER GROUPS IN THE TOWN.

- COLDSTREAM BURNS CLUB – ID and JT attended Bridge Ceremony
- CORONATION WEEKEND – Weatherwise It had been a lovely day for the picnic which was well attended with particular success being the dressing up box for the children. ID put on record his thanks to JT for organising the event
- TIME CAPSULE – This will be incarcerated on 31st May and a subsequent Community News article will outline what has happened re burial and what will happen when opened in 2050
- COMMUNITY AWARDS – It was proposed that consideration should be given to two children's awards – Under 12s and 13-21 year olds.
- COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY LARDER – New premises at the Annexe attached to the Primary School are now officially confirmed and the Larder will move from its current position in June – exact date to be confirmed.

- COMMUNITY CENTRE – Held a very successful 'Afternoon Tea with Andante Choir' and looking to repeat this again later in the year. WM advised that the Centre has a number of events planned throughout the year including a wine tasting event, fashion show, beer festival etc.
- GATEWAY ASSOCIATION. AGM being held Wednesday 31st May but there is a need for new committee members and helpers for planting. The new planter at Toon Heid now in situ and we have already received one letter of thanks and praise.
- TWINNING – October arrival of French guests. Focusing on keeping event in town.
- COMMUNITY THEATRE – Plan to hold a concert before the end of the year

10 CORRESPONDENCE

GREENER GATEWAY AWARDS – Deadline 5th August. (Carry Forward)

HOUSING –Public meeting with representatives of Sincera was held on Monday 24th April in the Community Centre. JS voiced her concerns about the Developer's plans and in particular the configuration of accommodation being unsuitable for larger families or those with special needs children. Other concerns included failure of developer to supply slides promised after the public meeting and concerns about drainage issues.

It was confirmed that Eildon Housing's Housing Manager is Ali Wear. Concerns were voiced over who would be filling the available properties and that the Community Council and Townfolk should be able to stipulate how many people from Coldstream can be housed within the development perhaps by a local lettings initiative

It is understood that Sincera wish to return in July to further discuss their plans and it was agreed that this visit would be advertised to the Public who will be invited to attend Council meeting. It was agreed that a fixed time slot would be allocated for pubic questions before main Council business.

COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Letter received enquiring as to whether Council could propose public areas that are in need of maintenance by a Community Criminal Justice scheme. Henderson Park and Nun's Walk were proposed

11 TREASURER'S REPORT
As per AGM

12 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS
None to report

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
15TH JUNE 2023