



COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held in the Community Centre
Thursday 20th July 2023 19:00

CARRIE BRIDGE (CB)
IAIN DICKSON (ID)
DIANA FINDLEY (DF)
COLIN MCGREGOR (CM)
WENDY MYERS (WM)
JANETTE SIM (JS) (LEFT AT 20:48)
GUY STEPHENSON (GS)
JOY THOMSON (JT)
HENRY WALLIS (HW)
CLLR DONALD MOFFAT (DM)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Mary Hemingway, Cllr John Greenwell, Fiona Shepherd, Mark Rowley.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes for 15th June was proposed by DF and seconded by CB. There were no declarations of interest.

3. MATTERS ARISING

WEBSITE

WM had been in contact with Parish Online to discuss creation of website. Jenny Wilkinson had responded re use of scot.gov but this needs further investigation. WM very unhappy with website supplied and questioned whether the effort required to make it acceptable would be worth it. It was suggested that we should rely more on social media and possible collaboration with the Community Centre website.

(CB has emailed JW to get further info on domain names)

4. POLICE REPORT AND MATTERS

Stuart Little attended the meeting and advised Luke Francois is the other officer covering the Coldstream area.

Festival weeks are taking up a lot of the police in this area but by September normal duties should be resumed.

CAT team fully functional.

5. PLANNING

Hawthorns, no objections.

6. UPDATE FROM COUNCILLORS

Speedwatch trials to be started in Whitsome & Allanton, Stow and Galashiels.

The blocked path at Lennel Brae is being pursued by Scottish Borders Council's legal team.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Neil Pringle provided a quotation for lowering the crest in the square but at present we will not be proceeding with this.

CEMETERY

Letter received regarding the new cemetery and how unkempt it is.

HW advised the work was contracted out but now Scottish Borders Council has taken over the upkeep and grass cutting.

HW to request bin.

ECCLES SUBSTATION

DB attended meeting with Xenube. Nothing decided yet.

A lengthy discussion took place, but as it was pointed out, that the substation was not in our area, no further action at this point is needed. We have reached out to Eccles, Leitholm and Birgham CC, offering our support, but they intimated that this was not in Coldstream's remit.

8. DUNS ROAD DEVELOPMENT – SINCERA

A representative from Sincera was unfortunately, unable to attend.

He has agreed to attend the September meeting.

9. BHA

After a discussion regarding anti-social behaviour in the town it was decided to invite BHA to our next meeting. (CB)

10. TREASURER'S REPORT

No changes to balances.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Traffic slowing options were discussed opposite the Police Station, but concerns were raised regarding congestion and waiting vehicles on the bridge.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARDS

A vote was made, and the winners decided. Awards to be presented at the end of Civic Week.

ID to write article regarding Time Capsule for Community News.

Pennitents Walk paving slabs have not been repaired.

JT has submitted an application, for funding for the Twinning Association.

Meeting ended 21:14

Next meeting 21st September 2023 in The Eildon Centre