COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)Thursday 21st July 2022 held in Town Hall.

Carrie Bridge (CB)
Alison Campbell (AC))
Colin McGregor (CM)
Wendy Myers (WM)
Jannette Sim
Guy Stephenson (GS)
Joy Thomson (JT)
Fiona Shepherd
Henry Wallis (HW)
SBC Councillor Donald Moffat (Cllr M) – part of meeting

Visitors:-
David Berry
James Purves SBC Community Engagement Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Iain Dickson (ID), John Greenwell (Cllr G), Diana Findlay (DF) and Mary Hemingway (MH)

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for 16th June were proposed for approval by Joy Thomson and seconded by Carrie Bridge. There were no declarations of interest.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Tiling – Carrie had spoken to local artist who felt this was not an appropriate job for them. No other quotes had been obtained despite requests being made. It was suggested that D Shepherd be approached to make a quote on whether an appropriate alternative to the tiles could be made to replace the damaged crest. **FS agreed to ask D Shepherd to quote to repair/replace the tile crest in the Market Square.**

Tweed Green walkabout had happened. Some members were unhappy with the quality of the work. **ALL were encouraged to take photographs where they felt the Grounds Maintenance was not as agreed and send them to AC with dates and details of locations to allow her to tackle any issues with SBC.**

Noticeboards After some discussion it was agreed that **CB would ask the Men's Shed to repair the noticeboards outside the Premier Shop to make them safe and useable. If this can be managed within £100 then CDCC will fund (i.e. no grant application)** The noticeboards should then be recognised as available for CDCC notices where appropriate. We would consider whether a second key could be cut that would allow CDCC to also post notices if Howden's were closed.

C/F Cllr G to find out why the Council pay excessive rates on Cooks van hire

Community Garden. In the absence of MH, AC read out her update. Michael Dunglass has raised the potential community garden land with the family and will keep us posted on the identified space.

Housing Carolyn Veitch from Berwickshire Housing Association will attend September's meeting.

Chamber of Commerce **CB offered to help AC to collate the details of all businesses in the town.** The potential value of linking up local businesses was also discussed. Business Gateway is a free resource open to all businesses but often advice from someone locally that you trust can be much more useful and accessible.

Parking and speed signs etc The traffic calming measures agreed with SBC have been put in place where possible except for the repair of the flashing speed sign near the Health Centre which is now to be replaced. The yellow lines are now in place and there are reports that someone has already been fined. **C/F -DM to ensure police are monitoring compliance and fining where appropriate.**

JT and AC to write an article for Community News about the trial period and how people should give feedback on any issues, checking with SBC before publication.

Lennel Brae access An article is being prepared for Community News. **JT to ensure article on Lennel Brae it is cleared through the SBC Access officer Keith Robson who is dealing with the matter for SBC**

4 COMMUNITY GARDEN AND TREES – David Berry

Some initial ideas were outlined of where Mr Berry felt trees and fruit bushes might be planted for the good of the Community. Some planting on the river bank might help reduce soil erosion. AC shared some information that been forwarded to her by Mr Knight about new grant funding – Branching Out Community Fund. It was agreed that if acceptable to Mr Knight AC would share his details and the details of the grant with Mr Berry (DONE). Mr Berry agreed to work up some proposals to be considered again at a later date. SBC has a new Green Space Officer, Amy Alcorn who might also prove a useful resource, along with Abundant Borders.

5 PLANNING

AC to send emails to SBC confirming that we are supportive of both the plans for additional works at Eccles Substation and for the solar PV panels on a property in the High Street. (DONE)

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

All three Bank Accounts are now fully functional and Bank of Scotland have given us £150 by way of compensation for poor service in resolving the issues so slowly. WM can now send off grant application for this year.

7 PLACE MAKING

A briefing paper had been circulated before the meeting and all given the opportunity to complete the place standard tool online to get a better idea of the tool we shall be using to prepare our Place Plans. We are very privileged to be allowed to be one of the first to do Place Planning in the region and it is vitally important that we take full advantage of this tool which can be used online but also in face to face sessions with harder to reach groups to make sure that we capture the views of as many residents as possible. We are keen to get this right first time. It was agreed that this was a big job and that volunteers were needed to help AC deliver some of the sessions and plan the approach. **CB,FS and WM with AC agreed to form a Place Planning subgroup who will report back to the Committee on progress**. There was some general discussion about carparking and it is clear that if we are to deliver what the town needs we need to be clear that we give everyone in it an opportunity to express their views and we need to demonstrate that we have heard their answers and done our research.
AC to forward details of the training to be provided by BAVS on 25th August to the subgroup (DONE)
AC to organise first meeting of subgroup after Coldstream Civic Week.(DONE)

CM shared with AC some information about a piece of land near Douglas Court that is coming up for sale. **AC to contact the seller for details.(DONE)**

8 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Sewage Leak There is leakage at Leet Point from a sewage pipe. This has previously been reported to SEPA by GS**. AC to report on behalf of Community Council (DONE)**

Celebration of 100 years of British Legion in Bennecourt 17/9/22**.** Bennecourt's mayor is organising a celebration and DM and a representative from both the British Legion and the Community Council will be invited to attend. **AC to confirm whether ID is available for the celebrations in France (DONE)**

Community Newsletter
AC to write articles on Community Larder and Place Planning and clear through the committee for 12/8 deadline.(DONE)

Next Meeting is 15th September at 7pm

The meeting closed at 21:16.