

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at the Community Centre.

Apologies: Susan Swan, Douglas Robertson, Kinghorn, Sally Leighton.

Present: Kevin Prior (Chair), Simon Wright (vice chair) Bill Dunn (treasurer) Linda Gray (Secretary), Annette Scobie, Anne Robertson, Sara Doggett, David Wesley, Muriel Kinghorn, Mike Taylor.

Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were approved as correct.

Matters arising from minutes:

3a) Village notice board refurbishment work still ongoing as time permits.

3b) Village Information Board repaired board is in Annette's shed we need to contact SBC Roads Department to arrange a site meeting to get the correct position for the board.

4. Finance: The Treasurer reported a balance of £12,227. £300 of this is allocated for the Community Choices Fund. The Common Good has £10,950 for general use. The treasurer pointed out we have not received any invoices for the hire of the Community Centre, he would chase them up.

Ongoing Projects:

5a) Jim Clark Plaque the secretary read out a letter from members of the community who had concerns about the 50th Anniversary Plaque being attached to the Memorial Clock. They would prefer it on another site namely the community centre. They also wish to know how we intended to consult the community about the positioning of the plaque.

The secretary will reply to the effect that the committee intends to consult the community via an online survey, the village newsletter. Facebook and at our coffee morning on the 6th April 2019. We hope to have a final resolution by the end of May the intention is to have the plaque in situ for the reopening of the Jim Clark Room in July. The committee agreed we have the final say on the site We will also consider the wishes of the Clark Family members.

We agreed to defer the decision on the small replica plaques until further notice. (We have a quote but need to look at viability of this)

5b) Jim Clark Panels: the second set are on Loan to the Jim Clark Trust and going around various points in Europe at Motor Sport Events.

5c) Jim Clark Film: still ongoing.

6. Common Good Modernisation:

Now at a stage when we need to finalise the assets management plan for the Quarry, Common Good Park, Tennis Court and Crosshill Car Park, to enable us to have a discussion with our insurers regarding adequate insurance provision.

It was noted, and the committee agreed that third parties wishing to use these areas would need to advise us and agree to adhere to the relevant health and safety provision and have the correct level of public liability insurance cover. Will investigate the provision of a necessary compliance form.

7. Village Enhancement:

7a) East End – progressing slowing SBC have contracted Pearson's of Duns to do the work for the base of the picnic tables. Any shortfall on the cost will be paid jointly by the Common Good and the Community Council.

Q. in principle does the CGA wish to provide planters for outside the businesses in the village we would plant and maintain them, but the businesses would need to agree to undertake the watering. Committee agreed it was a good idea to brighten up the village. Village Enhancement group members will speak to the business owner to gauge their interest and support for the project.

7b) Litter Picks- agreed we need to carry out regular litter picks in the village it was mentioned that an extra litter bin was needed down the crofts path matter referred to the Community Council Members at the meeting.

7c) Community Garden – are we still committed to proceeding with the community garden committee agreed that we were this would be another item to publicize at our coffee morning in April.

7d) Quarry enhancement – deferred as a future project.

7e) Tennis Court – following receipt of the deeds Simon, Kevin and Sara checked out the exact boundary of the site and confirmed the wooded area at the side is part of our property. We need to carry out some maintenance work and look at better egress to the tennis court. We need to establish ownership of the storage containers that are on the site with a view of having them moved.

The committee agreed that Simon should proceed with an application to the SBC localities fund. Bids are due to be lodged by the 28th February, if successful this would enable us to carry out the required work.

7f) Community Woodland this area is owned by Harelaw Farm the farmer is having the area tidied up. He will then have discussions with the school and the PC about how the school will be able to use the area.

7g) Web site – CGA will be carrying out an upgrade of the site over the weekend this will improve site use. Kevin (CGA) Mike (Parish Church) Mark (CGA) John (Southview) David (CC) will meet to discuss how the site can be used as a joint site the committee approved discussion going forward.

8 Civic Week – the chair reported on their most recent minutes, which confirmed arrangements are progressing well with civic week activities. The opening day is Sunday 26th May with the Crowning of the Gala Queen.

9) History panels – text for the proposed panels are at the printers propose to produce three panels on the history of the village to be hung in the Centre. They will cost £200 plus vat (£264) and are to be hung in the downstairs hall. The committee agreed the expenditure of £200 plus vat £264 for frames for them making a total of £528.

Any other business –

Coffee Morning – has been moved to the 6th April to avoid a clash with another village group. Simon & Sara will produce the publicity material for our proposed activities for use on the day. Linda will do the posters.

Trestle table – we have a request to borrow our wooden trestle table (8 six feet tables) for a charity event in July committee agreed to let them at a cost of £50.00.

Parish Church – committee agreed the Parish Church could have the use of the Quarry and Crosshill under the agreed conditions.

Co-option – The committee unanimously agreed to co-op Mike Taylor onto the Group.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm the next meeting is Wednesday 13th March 2019