

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Apologies: Sally Leighton, Anne Robertson, Douglas Robertson, Martha Andrews, Mike Taylor.

Present: Kevin Prior (Chair), Simon Wright (Vice chair) Bill Dunn (treasurer) Linda Gray (Secretary) Susan Swan, Annette Scobie, Muriel & Mark Kinghorn, Sara Doggett, David Wesley.

Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting approved as correct and accepted by the committee.

History Booklet: Annette raised the question of awarding the history group a donation of £200 to help with the cost of printing the booklet on the history of Chirnside (the Chair of the History Group left the meeting) after discussion the committee approved the donation. It was noted that some members felt the request should have been made prior to the production of the booklet.

Matters arising from minutes –

- a) **Village Notice board** – still on going.
- b) **Village info board** – awaiting notification from SBC re a site meeting to discuss installation of the info board.
- c) **Finance** – Treasurer reported a balance of £10753 for Common Good use also £54 in the Pay pal account. Discussed the Sport Club account which has a balance of £10.43 and the possibility of closing the account. The Chair advised about the recycling scheme for inkjet cartridges where we can raise £1.00 per cartridge if recycled in the correct envelope, agreed to make the envelopes available at the newsagents and Co-op for village use.

4) Ongoing projects

a) **J C Plaque** – ready to start the consultation process re the site for the plaque. Q to be would you prefer the plaque to be placed on the clock or the community centre building. Time frame to start at the Coffee Morning on 6th April will run for three weeks to gain opinions with a final decision in May we **intend to ask J C Fans, Village residents and the Clark Family with emphasis on the families wishes. Annette will attend the Development Group AGM tomorrow night and will ask on our behalf if they would have any concerns should the Community Centre be the chosen option would also need to consult SBC as the owners of the building.**

b) **J C Film** – progressing.

The committee has been approached by the Jim Clark Memorabilia Fan Group who would like to run fortnightly tours to Chirnside during the Summer with members from all over the world they would like to see the panels in the C.C. also have access to the Church and intend to lunch at the Waterloo.

d) Civic week – received a copy of the minutes of their last meeting plans are progressing well for the gala week in May. Our Office Bearers have discussed questions raised about insurance liability for event during the week e.g. the fire work display and the various artists who are performing, they have provided satisfactory evidence that these items are covered. They will pay half of our public liability insurance as per other years.

5. Modernisation-

a) Equal Opportunities Policy – since we apply for funding from various bodies we are required to have a policy. We discussed the various element of the policy it was duly adopted by the committee and will be signed by the Chairman and Secretary in due course.

6. Sport Club / Tennis court – we have received a gap notice for the payment of water and sewage rate for the tennis court we are required to provide up to date information. The Information they held was out of date as the Sports Club ceased to operate on the 26th February 2019 their lease for the facility ran out in 2006. The CGA are the new occupiers of the facility. Question asked can we officially disband the sports club the committee agreed to do this. Also agreed to transfer the £10.43 to CGA funds.

SBC require further information re our localities bid for the tennis court. Mainly how we intend to run the tennis court following the refurbishment project. The CGA are responsible for the operational maintenance of the site SBC would not be willing to help with this. We agreed we need to ascertain the annual running cost for the tennis court and allocate monies for this purpose we would also need to fund raise.

7. Village Enhancement –

a) Spring Clean – the Chair has signed us up for the national spring clean campaign will propose some dates to do the litter pick.

b) East End – work completed by SBC awaiting the bill from Pearson's for cost to be split by CC and CGA. The Enhancement Group intent to sow wild flower seed in this area. Some members of the community at the East End are unhappy about SBC grass cutting programme and have been cutting the grass themselves which is causing conflict. We will draw this to the CC attention.

c) Community Garden – no further progress now. The Enhancement Group have been looking into planters for outside the businesses and in discussion with the businesses most are happy to have one and willing to give a donation and help with watering etc. The Planters will cost £10.00 each.

d) Quarry enhancement – no further action planned for the moment.

Any other business

Heathgrange Residents Assoc – have asked if they could join the Common Good. They deal with all aspects of the Green Spaces/Communal Areas at Heathgrange. They also endeavour to help any residents with issues regarding the area. We felt the CC would be a better organisation to help with this. Members would be welcome to attend the meetings as individuals as all our meetings are open to the community. The Chair will contact their Secretary along those lines.

Coffee Morning – we will hold our next coffee morning of Saturday 6th April in the Community Centre. With the usual raffle tombola and sales table. Sara and Simon will have publicity material re our aims and projects in the village. We will have the survey available re the J C Plaque.

Meeting closed at 8.45 next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April.