CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minute of video meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2020
At 7.30pm

Apologies: Maureen Anderson,
Mike Taylor
Susan Swan
Anne Robertson.
Jane Taylor

Attendees: Sara Doggett (chair)
Simon Wright (vice chair)
Kevin Prior (treasurer)
Linda Gray (secretary)
Annette Scobie
Mark & Muriel Kinghorn
David Wesley
Sally Leighton

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and accepted as correct.

Finance: Treasurer gave a very comprehensive report we have £5,458.97 in the funds for our general use. Slow progress is being made with the changeover of signatures on the SBC and National saving accounts. There is £221 in the resilience fund, as additional £100 in the History Group due to sales of calendars, £73 received from the swap and share project we have received a £500 donation to Phase 2 of the new path.We have also sign up to the Co-op Community Fund monies from this will show next year.

CGA Modernisation: no further progress still need to look at how the School prizes and the Civic Week fit into our charitable aims we will need to arranged meeting with both. We do not have a representative from the Civic Week on the CGA Committee at the moment.

Resilience Group: still paused at moment but the network is in place for any other major community need i.e. a bad winter.Kevin and Iain and working on the account to show the payments from SBC and BAVS and detail how the monies were spent.There is presently £140 in the cash box which Steve holds on the groups behalf for future use.Committee approved this sum stays with the resilience group for the benefit of the community.

Village enhancement: no actions since last meeting Sara has removed some plants to overwinter indoors still to remove some Geraniums.

East End – it was reported that some of the fruit trees had been removed (2) because they had died off.It would have been helpful to have seen the trees and find out why they had died.Muriel will try to find out.
We are planning another Pruning exercise is December/January will need to get volunteers organised.
Common Good Park: the area has been mowed by SBC but they left the grass lying. A possible idea for this area would be to plant a small copse of trees. Simon has been in touch with Niki Hume for advice there are a number of sources of funding for community tree planting schemes.
Northfield Terrace bank: discussed the issues with this area i.e. grass cutting could we plant some bulbs to improve the look of the area Simon will look into obtaining some crocuses, daffodils and snowdrop bulbs.
New path: SBC won't permit us to erect a barrier at the road verge when you come out of the pathway. A number of people are using the path already some with buggies and motorised mobility vehicles. Path needs to be levelled at the top. Simon is working on an application for the remainder of the funding we have approx £1000 already toward the costs.
Tennis Court: Discussed the issues with the wall the new Owner of Locheill advised that the wall on his side was pretty sound problem on the tennis court side this will need to be repaired before the new boundary fencing can be put up.Simon will sign the grant acceptance form from SBC.Simon has been working on producing a direction sign to the tennis court. We will publish the new of the grant for a new mower and tennis court together once the acceptance letters are signed.
Quarry: Quote for the repairs to the steps came in at £500 + £106 vat the committee approved this expenditure. Simon will cut willow to make a windbreak behind the bench at the millennium capsule.
Community Garden: do we still intend to go ahead with one? We have a bench which was gifted to go in it could we do a small scale grow your own scheme? Or a sensory garden. Who will drive it? Sara reported phase 2 of the Allotment project will be starting soon. Ten more plots.
Would it be easier to use a small corner of the Common Good Park? Potato boxes could be sited between the trees for people to plant the area could be cut using the community mower.
Discuss the provision of a shed at the allotment area to store all the CGA equipment agreed to get prices for a tin shed.
Discussed access from the tennis court to the allotment area needs to be kept clear.

Playpark: still no date for the removal of the equipment at Lammerview Craig Blaikie is being supportive of our ideas for use of the area. BUT the big question if we do anything is who would be responsible for the site maintenance.
A O B: Linda advised the CGA had been gifted a frames photo of Jim Clark which the request it is put up in the Community Centre beside the information panels. Simon will do this.
Litter pick: agreed to do a Litter pick of the village on Saturday 21st November meeting at the Crosshill at 10.00am.
Chirstmas light: will be put up on Saturday 28th November. Linda has arranged for the extra eyelets to be put up on Inch Cottage before then.
Next meeting: will be held on 9th December via video link
Meeting closed at 8.45pm