CHIRNSIDE COMMON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of video meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Annette Scobie
Mark & Muriel Kinghorn
Mike Taylor
Anne Robertson.

Attendees: Sara Doggett (chair)
Simon Wright (vice Chair)
Kevin Prior (treasurer)
Linda Gray (secretary)
Susan Swan
Maureen Anderson
David Wesley
Jane Taylor
Sally Leighton

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and accepted Correct.

Finance: The Full financial report had been sent out prior to the meeting for the committee to look over. We have received the grant for £6,400 towards the cost of the work at the tennis court.£500 donation towards the cost of the new path plus gift aid of £100 less £7.00 pay pal fees. There are no charges on just donate money. The proposed cost of £7,150 for the tennis court does not include a new net. There is £400 in the resilience fund ring fenced for the Pantomime which is now scheduled for Easter. We had been asked to help with the costs of the village defibulator replacement parts Agreed to donate £40 from the Resilience fund the Community Council are giving the same amount. Still working through changing the bank accounts and getting the digital banking set up. Sports club a/c is closed. National Savings account is sorted.

HMRS is progressing need Simon and Sara to fill in forms and remove Annette and Bill as approved officers.

We need to review our insurance requirements in view of the new path the tennis court and Civic Week Activities.

Also for OSCR need to review the sub group activities and highlight any risks.

We need to keep an eye on project expenses. Agreed to a donation of £200 to Duns festive committee for the Christmas lights they gave us.

Financial report approved and accepted as correct.

Matters Arising:

New Path – Susan asked by SBC were not happy about a barrier at the East End of the new path they said there was not enough space for it to be 600mtrs from the carriageway. Simon will look into a solution. Need to level the exit from the field. We have received the funding amounting to £3,300 we have £800 to go towards the work which leaves a short fall of £400 or £500 for the second Phase of the path. Linda will see if SBC will be able to do sign posts for the path if it could be included in the core path network. We are also obliged to publicise the Founders of the path.

East End- all the fruit trees are there a lot have liken on them we will continue to monitor the health of the trees there.

School Path – very slippery with the leaves lying on it also it was not gritted on the recent frosty morning. Simon will report to Neil Pringle at SBC.

Northfield Banking – SBC have no bulbs so unable to provide any for this area will look again for a possible solution to this area hold over to February Meeting.

CGA Park – Simon has been in touch with NIki Borders Woodland Trust re tree packs which might be suitable for this area we will need to draw up a plan for the area being considered for planting. A site visit would be helpful to discuss further.

Tennis Court – Simon will contact the fencer now that we have the funding to do the work need to get the boundary wall repaired first. Need to find stone masons who could do the work's co-op fund also need to be mentioned re help with the project.

Quarry – Keith has the steps on his radar.

Community Garden – no progress.

Litter pick – went well 10 volunteers and 7 or 8 bags of litter. A problem with dog fouling again particularly on the School Path, Linda will contact SBC,

Christmas Lights – a good number of volunteers to put the lights up. The Virtual switch on worked well. We have received a large amount of light bulbs from Duns along with the lighting cables. Will as agreed send a donation. When the lights are taken down they will all we checked prior to next year and any repairs or change overs down. Need hooks on one building Linda will sort this out. Approved expenditure of £50 for proper cable joints and new Christmas Tree lights if needed for next year due to the winds at the Crosshill which batters the lights on the tree.

Any other business

BAVS – agreed to re-join.

Defibulator – Simon will find out what the annual running cost are for the machine.

Leaflets – Kevin has Cycling route and Chirnside and Paxton Walks book decided where to distribute them Paper Shop, Holiday Cottages, Community Centre,the Beacon and the School.
Vandalism and silliness – discussed vandalism at Millunium Wood, Church Yard Waterloo Van Centre and Persimmons Estate Linda will contact Community Police Officer.
No further business the meeting closed at 8.45 next meeting will be Wednesday 10th February 2021