CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of video meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Sally Leighton
Anne Robertson
Mike Taylor
Attendees: Sara Doggett (chair)
Simon Wright (vice Chair)
Kevin Prior (treasurer)
Linda Gray (secretary)
Jenny Haynes (BAVS)
Annette Scobie,
Susan Swan
Mark & Muriel Kinghorn
David Wesley
Maureen Anderson
Jane Taylor

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Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved as correct

Finance: A full financial report was circulated to members prior to the meeting The current balance is £20,145.84 there is £346 in PayPal a/c National Saving £977 £150 received from the History Group.There is £6,235 in the general funds for our use. The RBS account changeover is now completed the treasurer has submitted the Gift Aid claim this will be either £600 or £700.

CGA Modernisation: Prior to our meeting the chair held a meeting with the Office Bearers from Civic Week following discussion of the requirement from OSCAR when the CGA changes to a SCIO they decided to set up on their own they already have a constitution and a bank account.Jenny from BAVS will assist them with the change. The treasurer when through the comprehensive presentation of the CGA Modernisation requirements .

New Name – will be Chirnside Common Good Association (SCIO) –
Approved by the committee.

Purposes – the advancement of the Arts,Heritage,Culture or Science
The provision of recreation facilities or the organisation of Recreation activities. – Approved by the committee.

General Structure – The members The Board Charity Trustees to cover the Chirnside Community Council Boundary area.
Approved by the committee.

Meetings - The Committee approved the structure and time frame for the Member, board and AGM's agreed to lower the number of trustees. To 10 or 12 from the 15 originally proposed a quorum was Proposed at 5.

Sub committees- Any sub committee must include at least one of the charity. Trustees in their group who will be expected to attend the CGA

CGA meetings. – Approved by the committee.
Signatures- 2 out of 3 named signees to sign cheques etc. one of two must be. A trustee – Approved by the committee.

All the above motions approved and accepted by the meeting.

Swap and share – it has come to our notice that there is still a demand in the village for the swap and share of books etc. We are unable to use the Community Centre due to Covid Health and Safety concerns.Jenny (BAVS) is willing to speak to Caroline to see if there is a possible site in the centre we could use. The original set up grant came via BAVS. We decided to look at alternatives like the Sentry box at the Volunteer Hall in Duns which they use for their swap and share scheme. Jenny w see if there is any funding available from BAVS to set up an alternative site. One of the issues is storage of the books.

New path – completed apart from the information sign at each end of the path a great asset to the village. We will need to monitor the condition of the surface of the path (Mark advised a walker had slipped on it), it may need a little work the access at the East End requires to be smoothed out. Also still to put a barrier in place.

Village enhancement – not a lot happening at the moment the bulb in the planters should be making an appearance soon.
Simon met with Niki from the Borders Forest Trust re the provision of trees for the Common Good Park still need to work on a planting plan and carry out consultation with the nearby residents to the park. Could possibly use school children to help with the planting.
Tennis Court Simon has been in touch with Michael Blakie re the building work required to the wall at the tennis court prior to the fencing being repaired.

Green & Melrose off Road cycling project – do we wish to be involved in the project for a cycle route from Reston to Tweedbank. Jenny felt it would be a good project due to the Station at Reston being reopened. Kevin will talk to Border Buses re their bike friendly buses.

Defibrillator – no requirement at the moment for the CGA to take on the maintenance cost of this.

AOB we have two new members joining us next month the secretary has their contact details.

Village newsletter had not as yet been delivered to Erskine Road Sara will make enquiries with the volunteer concerned.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th March via video link