CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Video meeting held on
Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Sally Leighton
Annette Scobie
Susan Swan
Anne Robertson
Muriel Kinghorn
David Wesley
Jane Taylor
Mike Taylor

Attendees: Sara Doggett (Chair)
Simon Wright (Vice Chair)
Kevin Prior (Treasurer)
Linda Gray (Secretary)
Mark Kinghorn
Maureen Anderson
Deborah Hales

Minutes: Following a correction to the previous minute regarding the minimum of trustees for a quorum the minutes were approved as correct and accepted by the committee.

Finance: The treasurer had circulated the minutes prior to the meeting .The OSCR return is almost finalised and ready to be submitted this will be done next week. We have a balance of £6,898 for general use £43 in cash £1316 in the Resilience fund. We have paid £400 to the Panto Fund. The Civic week have sent a copy of their accounts to Sara. The Chair has made enquiries about alternative insurance for our public liability the best offer is from the Royal Sun Alliance of £488 this covers us for village activities and is recommended by BAVS the policy is more suitable to charities. The policy we have now does not cover our volunteers and gives a very basic cover at a cost of £352. After discussion, the Committee approved the change to the Royal Sun Alliance Policy. We have two domain names due for renewal “Chirnside online” and Chirnside info” have not used them for approx. 4 years Committee approved not renewing them. Also, the event listing software on the web page is due for renewal in June agreed to let it lapse and no to renew any items which need to be listed can be done manually.

CGA Modernisation: Kevin is working his way through the process he has set up the account for the new SCIO Organisation. AT the AGM in June, we will need to formally close the CGA and open the SCIO when this is completed will people to volunteer from the current members to be members of the new SCIO. Mike and Sally were not voted for but co-opted onto the committee we can have up to a maximum of 10 trustees. You will qualify if you have not been bankrupt and have no convictions against you. Kevin will set the process in motion after the AGM takes approximately 12 weeks for OSCA to process the changes we will then need to change the bank account details. As part of the process will be required to do Risk Assessment on the Common Good Park, Quarry, Cross Hill Car Park and Tennis Court will require to set up a simple booking system use for these areas if used for events by other groups in the village i.e., Civic Week, Southview etc.

Swap & Share: The shed/storage facility has been ordered discuss were best to site it near Southview due to arrive in June. Need to discuss how it will be managed and run.

Village enhancement: three Rowan Trees have been planted in the Quarry area. The bench seat in the Quarry has lost all it spars Sara will have it removed with a view to repairing it. Simon has 50 willow cutting growing on agreed to put them up by the Tennis Court Allotment area to allow them to grow till ready to plant out in the Quarry. Simon has also been in discussion with Neil Pringle about planting wildflowers at the East End, but we would need a rotavator. Sara advised SBC had one they would use for the purpose it had been the intention for SBC (prior to Covid) to plant wildflowers on the bank by the War Memorial also in the Quarry at the foot of the bank in front of Image Row.

Borders Forest Trust can provide trees for the area above James Black's property in the CGA Park.

Tennis Court – Simon met with building to discuss the repair to the wall prior to the boundary fencing being repaired. We need to get this moved on as the money need to be spent.

Village planters: need to be replanted there are 21 planters approximately will need to draw up a list of volunteers to help plant and maintain them afterwards. Maureen, Deborah Ian and possible Penny have volunteered so far.

Litter Pick : was very successful. Gave out all the pickers and hoops. Bench down the ford road need to be replaced as it is broken.

Youth facilities: discussed how we would engage the village young people to find out what they would like in the village. All avenues need to be explored could go through the Primary and High School also use the village newsletter

and Facebook and web pages. The Wheeler (Cycle group) are looking into the provision of a BMX track on this side of the Borders.
Any other business: The Community Council have held a meeting with SBC to discuss the proposed changes to the road carriage way near the Coop and old bank building to provide a footpath with the present layout its difficult for people using mobility scooters or pushchair to get along the street. CC have given out 17 letters explaining the proposals received 2 replies. They Asked if they could publicise on the CGA Facebook page and in the village newsletter permission given by the committee.
No further business meeting closed at 9.05.
Next meeting will be held via video link on Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm