

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm
via video link.

Apologies: Annette Scobie, Susan Swan, Maureen Anderson, Josh Oldfield, Kerry Collins, Sara Doggett, Deborah Hales.

Present: Simon Wright (vice chair). Kevin Prior (Treasurer), Linda Gray (secretary) Mark and Muriel Kinghorn, David Wesley.

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

Finance: At present we have £6,300 in the general fund for use of CGA. The National Saving Account has been closed and monies transferred into the RBS Account. We have applied for a Coop Bank account for the CGA SCIO due to a backlog this will take 4 to 5 weeks to set up. Treasurer also completed I D Verifications While on the telephone to the Coop Bank. We will do the asset transfers once the new bank account is finalised. Discussed the new liability insurance cover for public, trustees and employers to cover volunteers liability which will cost £750. We agreed to take up this policy all members present gave the Treasurer permission to proceed with this when applicable. We need a two-thirds majority at a quorate meeting to continue with the winding up process of the Old Common Good Organisation the six members at this meeting plus two e-votes approved. This is to be confirmed at the next meeting so we can proceed with the winding up.

Once all the above steps are completed the Treasurer and Secretary will see the Lawyer about the land transfers.

Treasurer reported he had paid the invoice for the printing of the History group calendars of £154.80. At the first meeting for the season membership and donations received amounted to £155.00 still to be paid into the bank account.

Village Enhancement: We had been involved with BAVS in their Place Plans Action plan to improve village life and amenities their bid for funding was unsuccessful.

The Scottish Borders Council have also set up a place plan through the Area Committee their document is complicated and unreadable they are

concentrating at the moment on the larger settlements like Eyemouth we would be a long way down the list.

Main question is does the Common Good wish to be involved in doing our own Community Action Plan or do we prefer to support the BAVS one and be involved with that. We would need a fair amount of support from them.

Members present agreed to support the BAVS initiative.

Borders Green Route: there are proposals to use the old railway line from Reston to Tweedbank to make a greenway cycle route.

Q. Do we support this idea.

Q. What could we do in our area to help.

We already develop and improve paths in our area to make them usable for all abilities we agreed to continue to do this with the assistance of the Community Council who maintain the rights of ways.

We agreed this cycle route would be a great addition to the area.

Bike repair stand: Discussed to possible provision of a bike repair stand in the village. A stand with a pump and tools would cost £2,000 a pump stand only would cost £750. After discussion agreed in principle to the provision of a pump stand at the Crosshill beside the bike stands. Deborah has been looking into funding options for this await her input at the next meeting before making a final decision.

Quarry: Simon will see about getting the willow planted behind the bench will speak to the Headmistress at the school to see if the children could help. He will also speak to Ian Hales. He will also chase up the contractor re the replacement steps in the quarry.

New Path: we have received the funding to resurface the new path will arrange for it to be completed asap.

Tennis Court: Still awaiting reply about extra funding for the repairs to this area.

Common Good Park: need more discussion on the type of tree that would be suitable to plant in this area.

Youth facilities: David is making enquiries re funding to provide a pump track and a small skate ramp for the young people.

Christmas lights: Secretary will speak to Sara about this

Any Other business:

Litter pick agreed to organise a litter pick on the 6th November meeting at 10.00 at the Crosshill will put in the next village newsletter.

CC Report: arrangements made to cut the hedge down the Crofts also one on main street at Violet Bank.

Still trying to get funding for a new mower.

Main street improvements still being looked at.

New paths at east end and dropped kerbs to be done by SBC

Next meeting will be Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm via video link.