

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Video Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021

Apologies; Anne Robertson, Susan Swan, Annette Scobie, David Wesley, Jane Taylor

Attendees; Sara Doggett(chair), Simon Wright(vice chair), Kevin Prior (Treasurer), Linda Gray(secretary), Maureen Anderson, Kerry Collins, Josh, Deboral & Ian Hales, Mark & Muriel Kinghorn.

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

Finance: Treasurer reported we have £5501 for general use. History group has £900, Tennis court £7,000 for repairs, Shap & share £51.00 since we took the donation tin away we have lost money due to this. £2,000 allocated for legal fees for the modernisation process. New footpath work completed. Have received £600 from the co-op fund.

Agreed to drop the Community Garden project for our list of activities.

Been awarded a grant for the tree planting in the CGA Park.

Agreed to get the Quarry steps done Simon will contact the contractor to get the work started.

Modernisation; we were approved as a SCIO on the 7th September we are now required to wind up the old Common Good this will be done at a meeting so it can be officially minuted and recorded. The step from the ongoing process are 1. Set up a new bank account. 2. Give notice of winding up. 3. See our Solicitor re the land ownership Linda and Kevin will do this. 4. when we receive consent from OSCR to wind up the CGA we can proceed with the land transfer.

Shap & Share: still going well still receiving several donations not all book received are suitable. Maureen and Kevin are looking after the book shed.

Village Enhancement: Planters are still looking good and being maintained. We have received a grant for the trees of £750 the trees will need to be planted in the next few weeks. Will need a site meeting in the CGA Park to decide on the placing of the trees also need to meet with SBC re the grass cutting and the biodiverse areas of the park.

Pruning Workshop: Ian Hales has offered to prune the trees in the East End orchard we will arrange a pruning workshop for the trees at the school.

Youth Consultation: had a very productive meeting with some of the village youngsters regarding their wishes consensus was for a Pump Track in the CGA park and a small skate ramp in Windram Park they would also like some form of youth club. Two of the youngsters are willing to advise on what a pump

track should include, they have been invited to use the Kelso one. Youth Borders are willing to help facilitate these projects.

Bus Shelter: Chirnside Development Group and looking into buying the Bus Shelter from SBC and refurbishing it. We agreed to postpone any plans to have the Mural cleaned and restored until we have further information from the Chirnside Development Group.

Community Garage; asked by BAVS if we would like to have a community garage in Chirnside with an electric car charging point. Also supply volunteers to help with the Berwickshire Wheels project. After looking into this further agree the cost of £50,000 for the electric supply was out with our means other Higher priority projects in the village that need to be investigated. We agree the Berwickshire Wheels is a good project they already have volunteers from the village who help and villagers use the service.

Any other business: Place plans we joined BAVS to apply for funding under the Place Plans scheme to get professional help to look and project and get thing done. We have ideas but no the capacity to do them all sadly we did not get through with the application.

Bike repair station: request for a bike repair station in the village discussed site options and agreed would be best at the Crosshill Car Park area would cost £40 for a simple one and £200 with the more expensive site with tools. We agreed to investigate it further.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm via video link