

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held by video link on

Wednesday 10th November 2021

At 7.30pm.

Apologies: Josh Oldfield, Susan Swan, Anne Robertson, Annette Scobie, Maureen Anderson.

Present: Sara Doggett (chair), Simon Wright (vice Chair) Kevin Prior (treasurer) Linda Gray (secretary), Mark & Muriel Kinghorn, David Wesley, Deborah & Ian Hales, Kerry Collins.

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

Finance: Treasurer's report had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. We now have a coop bank account which will be live in a few days. Have still not received the money from the Fallago Rigg Grant. Have received over £2,486 from the Co-op Community fund. Cash flow is limited at the moment due to outgoing exceeding incomings as a result we cannot start any new projects at the moment. We have £2401.11 in general funds for our use. Sara indicated she would need £100 towards Christmas lights brackets. History Group raised £97 last month they now have £998.30. The new insurance policy will cost £750 the old one is valid until April 2022.

Winding up: We are now in the position to be able to wind up Chirnside Common Good Association Charity no SCO11711 and transfer its assets, liabilities, and relevant activities to Chirnside Common Good Association (SCIO), a charity registered in Scotland Number SC051238.

The executive Committee Members were duly given seven-day notice via email To consider this item at the meeting on Wednesday 10th November 2021.

We now resolve to

Wind up the charity and cease all activity by 31st March 2022 of the CGA

Take the necessary steps to transfer to SC051238 CCGA(SCIO) in accordance with all the relevant regulations and legislation its –

Lands known as

- 1.
2. The Quarry/Field of Hope
3. Chirnside Common Good Park
4. Crosshill Car Park
5. Chirnside Tennis Court
6. Cash and other movable assets as described in the asset register
7. All ongoing activities

A vote was taken by the trustees present at the meeting and was unanimously passed by 10 members to proceed with the windup and transfer.

Following the above resolution, the Treasurer and Secretary will arrange a meeting with the CGA Lawyer to commence the land transfer, once this is completed, we will change over the insurance cover.

We now have HMRC Recognition for the CGA SCIO.

Village enhancement:

Tennis Court – where are we at with the tennis court upgrade? Have we received any new quotes, when does the grant we received need to be spent? The committee agreed unanimously to use the co-op money to purchase a new net and basketball hoop ready for the spring. Simon will check if there is a cut off date for spending the grant money.

Quarry- new steps in place and paid for. The willow is ready to plant behind the bench (the old fence needs to be removed first) We agreed to involve the nursery school children in the willow planting Sara will liaise with Cassie.

CGA Park- Simon sent round a draft press release to advise the community re the tree planting in the park Kerry said the school would like to be involved in the project but they would need a weeks' notice of the proposed date.

Tree types suggested were Rowan, cherry, all low growing trees.

East End Orchard- trees have been pruned. Fed and greased. They will be sprayed next years. Ian mentioned that the area at the school with the trees needed to be cut and the trees pruned etc. Kerry indicated any work could be carried out when the pupils were in class but not at breaktimes. Sara advised that due to the lay of the land you could not get a mower onto the site and that it was a big area to trim.

Benches – Ian mentioned that two benches on the loaning were overgrown and in need of new slats and asked where he could get wood to do the repairs. Sara advised she may have some suitable wood and asked he let her know what he would need. Treasurer advised that the CGA had a very basic insurance policy which did not cover use of chain saws etc.

Long Hill Path – resurfacing has been done entrance from the school path has also been improved.

Bike repair stand- Deborah has been investigating funding for this as yet without success. The cheapest stand would be £650 which is basic the next up would be £1200 she will keep looking> Question asked if it would be cheaper to get an engineering work to fabricate one. We agreed we could not proceed with this project without first getting funding.

Borders Green Route- Kevin and Simon attended a meeting with Duns and Reston re the use of the old railway line for a cycle or walking route from Reston to Duns the D Hume walk is suitable for walking BUT NOT for cycling

The main challenge is maintenance of the walkway. Kevin will attend the next meeting to discuss the Chirnside bridge to Duns part of the section. To open a Cycle/pedestrian route from Reston to Tweedbank will cost millions.

Youth facilities – Sara had a look at the Kelso pump track a fantastic area on a much larger scale than we can ever hope to do. We will need to look at the area where we intend to plant the trees in the CGA Park and see what can be worked out on a smaller scale.

Youth Borders had contacted Kevin SBC are part funding youth project at the moment they contacted us because a young person in the village as part of a project mentioned there were no facilities in the village for them i.e., youth club type thing.

Christmas lights – light will be put up on the 27th of November with the switch on on the 4th of December at 6.15 Bethany Rutherford the Gala Queen will do the switch on Secretary will say a few words. Beacon will provide mince pies we will provide soup. Southview will help with the carol singing the nursery will produce a poster.

Any other business-

Sustainability – Chirnside School has been selected as one of the 10 schools in the borders to be part of the project.

Melrose Literary Festival has asked Chirnside Common Good to be part of their Green Beacons project.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 8th December via video link no meeting in January then 9th February 2022