

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION SCIO

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022

Apologies: Mark & Muriel Kinghorn, Anne Robertson, Kerry Collins, David Wesley

Present: Sara Doggett (chair), Simon Wright (vice chair), Kevin Prior (treasurer) Linda Gray (secretary), Josh Oldfield, Maureen Anderson, Susan Swan, Deborah & Ian Hales.

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

Finance: Treasurer advised he had started to process of transferring the assets from the RBS account to the Co-op account. The History group money is now under the SCIO both the amounts in the bank and the cash in hand. He asked that the committee approved the transfer of £10,000 to the Co-op account. The committee unanimously approved this move. He is changing the HMRC to the SCIO and getting this registered this is by hard copy only.

Our pay pal account has been closed. He asked if the committee agreed to reinstating online giving the most efficient way is a pay pal account.

The committee approve the opening of a pay pal account for the SCIO.

He reported we are short by £250 on the grant for the trees due to be planted in the common good park. £5000 - £6000 for the tennis court refencing and approximately £17,000 for the resurfacing of the tennis court. We currently have £2,800 available for unallocated activities at the moment.

We have had an offer of a donation towards the cost of the tree planting.

Winding up – Natasha at Hastings Legal has advised we require new plans for the CGA park, Quarry, Tennis Court, there are some boundary issues. There is an overlap at the tennis court. Hasting 's is investigating this further. The land used by the football club and the allotments still comes under Harelaw. Susan will check their land registry details. It might be the woodland strip at the side of the tennis court that is out. We will need to have this sorted by the 31st of March as this is the closing date for the organisation moving to the SCIO.

Matter arising –

Village enhancement:

Planters Deborah advised she has asked the sawmill if they would be willing to donate two planters for the village possible the size of the ones on the Persimmon's estate, they may even give four. Deborah and Ian will fill them and look after them as their donation to the village. Discussed were best to site

them. Deborah will mark possible site on a village plan and send round the group.

Tennis Court: Sara is waiting for another quote from John Richardson for the work. The one we received from K. Aitchison was a bit vague but has been detailed out £10,500 for the removal and erection of the new fence it would be down to ground level not on top of the wall as now. The Real Tennis Co Quoted £17,000 for the same work.

Quarry: Is discussion with the nursery about when best to plant the willow behind the bench in the Quarry some of the old fence has already been taken down to facilitate this work.

Bike repair station: Deborah has been in contact with James from the Community Grant Department at SBC who would be willing to instal the Bike Station at the Crosshill beside the bike stands the cost will be fully funded.

Cross Border Cycle route: Kevin circulated the report from the recent meeting on the proposed cycle route. A lot of favourable reaction for the communities along the route from Reston to Galashiels. The intention is to use parts of the old railway line. A feasibility study is to be carried out on the surface of the route. Committee approved that Kevin attended the next meeting on behalf of Chirnside

Queen's Jubilee: Sara has contacted all the various village groups re a meeting on the 16th of March to discuss what activities could be held over the weekend.

BAVS training courses: Kevin and Linda have signed up to the trustee course on the 5th of March via video link 10.30 – 12.00.

Any other business-

Litter Pick: agreed to an organised litter pick on Saturday 8th March 10.00 at the Crosshill if not able to take part that day volunteers can do a bit during the week but to let Kevin or Linda know where the litter picked to avoid duplication.

Orchard: some of the fruit trees were damaged during storm Arwen. Ian asked if we could replace them. Kevin advised this was SBC ground. agreed this would be taken up by the CC.

Bench: Ian needs some wood to repair a bench down the ford road Sara has some he can use. Also discussed the refurbishment of the Nurse Harvey memorial bench its needs a joiner to look at it.

Tree Planting: everything has arrived for the tree planting agreed the date of the 2nd of March to do the work with the help of the Borders Forestry Trust their education officer will attend. We will need some adults to help the school children. Also, to do the prep work for the planting.

Christmas lights: agreed they would continue to be stored at Harelaw.

Next meeting: will be held on the 9th of March 2022 via video link.