CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION (SCIO)

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th Sept 2023
At 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Apologies- Simon Wright,Hollie Crowe, Adele Kerr, Josh Oldfield, Maureen Anderson.
Present – Sara Doggett (chair), Kevin Prior (treasurer), Linda Gray (secretary), Mark Kinghorn,Anne Robertson,Susan Swan, Sophie Hannant, David Wesley.
Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting circulated prior to the meeting. Were approved and accepted as correct.
Finance – Treasurers report was circulated prior to the meeting he mentioned the following £12.98 paid out for plants for the planters at crosshill. Due £40 for adverts in the village flyer Sara will follow this up. Trust Housing would like. To advertise in the next issue, they will pay £50 for the space.
General Funds £5799.11 in bank £34.71 in cash.
History Group £788.54. Tennis court fund £1422.31 Jubilee Fund £165.91.
Accounts approved and accepted as correct.
Matters arising
Border Greenway – the public consultation on the greenway route was started. The route will use existing old railway lines cycleways etc. SBC to give priority to the Duns to Reston section. The main concern at the moment was the maintenance of the current D Hume walk which is the main part of the Chirnside to Reston section.
Village Enhancement –
Tennis court -weedkilling and line painting done. Wildflowers growing well in the space between the tennis court and the allotments. Court being well used both for tennis and net ball. Fruit tree to be planted along with bug houses and a bench. Still to get the community storage shed which is also to go on the site.
CGA Park – trees are growing well Brownies Oak also growing. Biodiversity area need looking at this area is cut once a year by SBC and the grass lifted could do with some wildflower seed in it to enhance the area. Possible pump track could go there also. Need to access funding for this project also a subgroup needs to be formed to run this project. David will take it forward to the CC.
The play equipment in this area is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.
Planters – all planter and looking ok.
Quarry – the issue of the hole is not resolved Scottish Water dealt with the hole in the road but not the park under the pavement or in the park. Not sure how to move this on. Sara will take this up.

East end – discussed the large stone beds they need to be totally cleared out and replanted would be quite a costly project.
Parking- serious issues developing during school drop off and pick up times with the parking at the Kirkgate area, also problems on the A6105 due to poor parking practices. Pass to CC.
Civic week – civic week will start on Sunday 26th May 2024 they have asked if the CGA would to tea and coffee stall again they would also like to borrow our trestle tables. Will have a crowning again and a slightly different format to previous years.
Vandalism – concerns about the increase in vandalism in the village again the bench at the quarry has been graffitied and the one at crosshill broken, Sara has been in touch with the Justice Dept at Galashiels they will paint and repair benches for £48. Agreed to do this.
Litter pick – the next village litter pick is scheduled for Saturday 16th Sept meeting at 10.00 in Windram Park.
Floral gateway – presentation night is Tuesday 26th Sept at 6.00pm in Galashiels Linda and Sara attending for the CGA.
Next meeting – Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.