CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION (SCIO)

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm in Community Centre

Apologies: Mark Kinghorn, Josh Oldfield, Margaret Law, Maureen Anderson.
Present: Sara Doggett (Chair). Kevin Prior (Treasurer), Linda Gray (Secretary), Susan Swan,Simon Wright, David Wesley, James Wesley, Adele Kerr, Sophie Hannant,
Minutes: Minutes which were circulated prior to the meeting were approved and accepted as correct.
Finance: Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Its time for the year end account (31st March) which are ready to go to the independent Auditors
We have spent more than our income for the year. We have a general fund balance of £5008.86.We again have charity tax relief on the tennis court.
Due to pay Eco Hosting £60 for the Web Site. Cost for use of zoom is now £120 for the year which we used to share with the Community Council they have decided to stop using zoom for meetings so will not be paying half the cost. After discussion we agreed to also stop using Zoom.
Committee approved the Accounts they will be sent to OSCR after being Audited.
Tennis court need to be lined and some maintenance carr out will possible cost £60 approved this expenditure.
Matters arising:
Fence at CGA Park – Members of the committee had a meeting with Mr. and Mrs Black where they admitted they had taken ground which was part of the CGA park land. They had taken legal advise and been told because they had maintained the land for over 20 years they had a right of use.
Following this meeting we sent them a letter confirming our legal position concerning the land and that we would take the matter further.
We have consulted our legal people who confirmed that under Scottish Law this was not the case and that the area needed to be either purchased from us or transferred over legally.
Treasurer has spoken to our insurance co in Edinburgh they confirm any legal claim would be covered.
We need to decide how long we give Mr &Mrs Black to reply to our letter. Before taking further action, this matter has been ongoing since 31st December 2023. Do we send a follow up letter? We agreed to wait until the end of the month if no reply by then will pass the matter on to our legal people.
All members of the committee present approved this action.
Memorial Bench – Still in discussion about the best place to site the bench.

Play equipment- the play equipment in the CGA park in great need of being replaced. Windram park will have new equipment installed first then we can look at what is require in the CGA Park. Thanks to Tyson for all his hard work on this issue.

Gala Day – Civic week have booked the Car park at Crosshill to start the parade there on the Gala Day. We are doing teas & Coffees at Windram Park We will need a tent, biscuit, urn from church.

Main Street – issues about access for wheelchair and push chair users on the North Side pavement near the Coop still rumbling on. James Anderson our Councillor is dealing with this.

Car Park – Bookings confirmed for the car park for the Jim Clark Trust on 28th April for the Ian Scott Watson memorial plaque unvailing also Jim Clark Rally on 25th May for the rally cars between stages.

Memorial Bench – received another request for a memorial bench to be placed in the village to Julie Hughes from her husband Brian. We agreed the area between the Manse and the Quarry boundary wall would be a good site would also replace a missing bench. Will send Brian the information about Solway Recycled Benches.

Volunteers – a request for volunteers to help plant hedging in the East End Orchard the work need to be completed in the next two weeks.

Next meeting – will be held on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.