CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2026**
**At 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

**Apologies:**
Linda Gray (Secretary)
Mark Kinghorn
Geoff Lomax
Mark Turner (treasurer)

**Present:**
Sara Doggett (Chair)
Sophie Hannant
Robert Leetham
Kevin Prior
Anne Robertson
Susan Swan
David Wesley

**Minutes:**
Minutes of the Business Meeting Wednesday 11th June 2026 which were previously circulated were **approved** and **accepted** as correct.

**Finance:**
The treasurer reported the following **income:**

- £20 from Just Giving
- £799 from Roy Garden's funeral collection.

**Expenditure:**

- £50 for the Independent Examination of the Accounts,
- £100 for printing the latest newsletter
- £72 for room bookings.

The accounts have been signed off as a true record. The OSCR return and on-line submission will be completed by Mark with support from Kevin shortly.

We still need to identify and acquire some software to submit our tax return. All suggestions welcome.

**Matters Arising:**

**David Hume Memorial**
The meeting **noted** that:
The written assurances requested by CCGA officers from Thinking without Borders concerning funding, maintenance and liability insurance have been received.
Additionally, a copy of the letter from Cllr James Anderson to Carol Jefferson-Davies on behalf of Thinking without Borders has been received which confirms Planning Permission is not required.

**Boundary Dispute**
The meeting **noted** that:
The formal agreement had been received from the other party's solicitor from our solicitors (Jackson Boyd). The chairperson was **authorised** to sign the agreement on behalf of CCGA. This was duly signed and witnessed in the meeting.

The signed agreement will be returned to Jackson Boyd, who will prepare a letter to go along with it as we still need the £5,000 to be paid before anything else proceeds.

**Path at War Memorial**
The meeting **noted** that:
A meeting had been held with SBC Justice Services who agreed they could undertake this project. They proposed a "type 1" path along the side of the wall as an appropriate solution. This was subsequentially agreed by the Kirk Session. Justice Services have acknowledged this project needs completing before the beginning of November

The anticipated cost is approx. £250 plus waste disposal (estimates still to be received). There is no charge for Justice Services labour.
The meeting **agreed** to continue with this project with the associated costs.

**Quarry (wildflowers).**
The meeting discussed the result of this season's planting and the need to continue reseeding the areas. Residents' reaction and feedback was also considered. This highlighted the need for active management of the brambles on the banking under Image Row. Volunteers are sought to assist in strimming the brambles back during the autumn/winter.

The conclusion was to continue reseeding using the locally sourced seed used this year. Ideally this should be done before the cold weather arrived.

Area 1 (under Image Row) to be reseeded but not turned over to allow other species to flourish rather than be overwhelmed by the poppies.
Area 2 (below Area1) SBC to be asked to turn that over and CCGA volunteers to reseed at an appropriate time.
Area 3 (under the trees) grass to be cut and lifted, no seeding at this time.

**Hedging Plants,**
The meeting **noted** that:
CCGA still has approx. 50 mixed hedging plants available. Following a discussion about suitable locations it was **agreed** that Sophie would inquire if the Primary School could utilise some in their outdoor learning area in Millenium Wood.

**A.O.B.**

Linda has cleaned the David Hume Information panel at the start of the Ninewells Path. This identified the need for some remedial work including a new frame and reprinting the graphic. (The original printer still has copies of the artwork).

The meeting **agreed** to invest in the refurbishment and asked that estimates be obtained.

**Date of Next Meeting**.
The meeting **noted** that:
The scheduled date of the next meeting (14th October) fell within School Half Term and several members would not be able to attend. It was therefore **agreed** to move the meeting to 7th October.