

Coxhoe



Community Partnership

Working to make Coxhoe a better place

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Coxhoe Village Hall

Wednesday 25th February 2015: 7.00pm

Minutes

Present: Ian Forster (Chair), Grace Crawford (Working Group), John Hepplewhite, Stuart Dunn, Ron Mayo, Eric Pratt, Barbara Hepplewhite, Muriel Burton and Wendy Lavelle.

The Coxhoe Village Green Heritage and Learning Project Working Group was held prior to the Partnership meeting.

- Ian introduced the background to the consultation during December and January
- Grace provided a report on the survey monkey survey, unfortunately only 7 people had responded but the results showed that people used the site and mostly welcomed more improvements.
- There were some useful suggestions made by respondents as well as other ideas at the meeting such as the village atlas and Coxhoe Hall Medieval Village GeoFizz.
- It was noted that Grace, Stuart and Geoff had met before Christmas and as a result Geoff had submitted some form of submission to Heritage Lottery Trust and this had been knocked back because it did not have sufficient heritage and learning content.
- There were concerns whether this could be clawed back.
- There was a significant amount of discussion about next steps.
- It was agreed that Ian would look to produce some form of visual focus document for Working Group input and Grace would pursue her leads on potential funding for the Village Atlas work.
- Grace agreed to send Ian an electronic version of the costings schedule.

1 Apologies

- Apologies received from Margaret Forster and Geoff Price (Working Group)

2 Minutes of previous meeting (circulated with agenda) accuracy and matters arising

- Minutes were accepted as a true record and will be placed on website

Governance

3 Chairman and Treasurers Reports

- Constitutional matters – None to report
- Monthly Treasurers report was presented at meeting and agreed
- Quarterly Report had been presented to last Parish Council and was well received
- Future Grant aid to sustain Partnership was discussed. Ian will approach County Members and John and Barbara will approach Jackie Graham at forthcoming County Durham Foundation meeting

4 Parish Plan

- Ian had prepared a progress presentation as an insert for the Chronicle and had consulted Stuart. Ian indicated that he did not know if the correct inclusions had been made for Quarrington Hill. It was agreed that Stuart would request Geoff to circulate the draft to all Members for consideration at the March meeting
- Untidy Land and Buildings (Coxhoe Action Plan C59) – Ian had contacted the County after the meeting and Partnership members reported that cartilage improvements had been made. Ian agreed to have a look at the site with a view to thanking DCC officers.
- Muriel will consider whether to take on a project to help Geoff develop the Register required by C59.
- The Spring Clean was raised at the meeting (as part of Working Group) and discussed. Partnership members agreed that they would be prepared to participate in a Coxhoe event as part of the Spring Clean and under the Keep Coxhoe Clean Campaign subject to support from Coxhoe Parish Council and a positive response from Coxhoe Scouts.

Priority 1: Working to implement current projects

5 Village Green Heritage and Learning Project Working Group (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C58)

- Dealt with in earlier Working Group Meeting

6 Village Signage (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)

- Stuart will consult the Headmaster

Priority 2: Working with the Youth Room to improve youth engagement (PP2 Policy 5, Coxhoe Action Plan C5/C6/C23-25)

7 Youth Partnership Agreement

- A meeting had been held prior to the Partnership meeting and positive progress is being made.
- Details will appear in the March Chronicle and Ian will develop web publicity.

- Young People will be involved in recruitment process through developing needs etc.

Priority 3: Working in Partnership to improve Coxhoe Park (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C63)

8 How we can take Coxhoe Park forward

- No progress as yet

Priority 4: Working with the Village Hall to secure a sustainable future PP2 Policy 4, Coxhoe Action Plan C9-11)

9 Village Hall Update and Partnership matters

- Barbara provided a generally positive update with over £13,000 so far spent on refurbishment and new hall curtains due to be installed.
- New blinds have been installed throughout
- Computer access about to go live
- No news yet on heating grant bid
- Grant bid made for part time manager for one year.
- The Partnership applauded achievements

Other Issues

10 FliC Update (Coxhoe Action Plan C1-C4)

- Great start to the new year with 105 new members
- Centre has achieved three year break even plan
- Badmington England grants to be sought
- A range of new bookings
- Staffing needs to review as a member of staff is to leave
- Issues with heating system are being assessed
- Big issue of 2 vacant Directors posts, recruitment drive in Chronicle, Ian agreed to support through community website

11 Coxhoe Chronicle March Edition

- ALC adding final touches and nearly ready to print

12 Development Proposals in and around Village (PP2 Housing Policies)

- Parkhill – refused but appeal loddged
- Station Road – decision awaited
- Bogma Farm – decision awaited
- The Limes – withdrawn but revised plans imminent with consultation exercise on 5th March , Barbara asked if the Parish Could display plans of village boundary so people could understand that the site lies outside
- The Pottery - approved

13 Any other business:

- Barbara raised issue of noticeboards and it was agreed that this be discussed at a future meeting
- Ron raised concern about land near Targa Centre and broken fencing, Ian would raise with Maria.

14 Date of next meeting

- 25th March 2015

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