

**Coxhoe**



**Community Partnership**

Working to make Coxhoe a better place

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**Coxhoe Village Hall**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014: 7.00pm**

# **Minutes**

### **Present:**

Ian Forster (Chair), Cllr. Jan Blakey, Cllr Maria Plews, Margaret Forster, Wendy Lavelle. Barbara Hepplewhite, John Hepplewhite, Ron Mayo, Eric Pratt.

### **1 Apologies for absence**

- Stuart Dunn.

### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

- It was noted that Wendy Lavelle was present at the previous meeting and should have been added to those present.
- The Chair advised that a copy of objection to the Co-ops signage in terms of the loss of a tree had been circulated. Works had been implemented but no feedback had been received as to any decision. Concern was expressed about the scale of landscaping and impact on health and safety of people using the footpaths and highways. Members commented favourably on the improvements to the Co-op. It was queried that the matter could be raised as part of discussions on the car park merger but it was agreed that the Co-op manager and new community liaison rep could be invited to Partnership meetings. It was agreed that the Chair would approach them accordingly.
- The Chair advised that a copy of the response received from the AAP regarding the Youth Forum. It was agreed that the Partnership were re-assured as a result of the response. It was noted by John that the Youth Forum only covered part of the age range of Community Partnership concern.

## **Governance**

### **3 Chairman and Treasurers Reports**

#### **Constitutional matters**

- The Chair pointed out that minutes were now available on the community website once agreed.

- It was also noted that a copy of the Constitution and audited accounts had been circulated to all members after the meeting.
- It was agreed that Ian Forster, Margaret Forster, John Hepplewhite, Barbara Hepplewhite, Ron Mayo, Wendy Lavelle and Eric Pratt are established as Management Committee Members.

#### **Monthly Treasures Report**

- The Monthly Treasures report was presented to the meeting. It was noted that all adverts had now been paid for. The monthly statement was accepted without issue.
- One advert will appear in the September edition of the Chronicle

#### **4 Parish Plan**

- It was noted that due to the cancellation of the August Parish Council Meeting no date had yet been set for the Annual Review of PP2 progress. The matter was in hand.
- The Chair advised of the lack of a Register of Untidy land and buildings required by PP2. It was agreed that the Partnership should lobby for this as it would show what action is being taken on individual areas of concern.
- The Chair had had feedback from DCC enforcement team about progress on The Old School building specifically. Concern was expressed from members of the partnership that this had been ongoing for years without improvement. It was agreed that the Chair would express concerns to the enforcement team, press them to take immediate action and recommend refurbishment rather than demolition due to the heritage contribution of this 1871 building to the village.

### **Priority 1: Working to implement current projects**

#### **5 Village Green Improvement Project (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C58)**

- It was agreed that the next meeting of the Village Green Improvement Project Working Group would take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014. This will be advertised on the website, facebook and in the Coxhoe Chronicle.

#### **6 Village Directional Signage (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)**

- A copy of the Project Plan Progress report had been circulated
- The Chair reported that since the approval of the consultation document at the last meeting the Parish Council, County Councillors and DCC highways officers had been consulted and views were awaited
- A small exhibition will take place before the Partnership meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September and will remain in place for a month. This was to be publicised on the website, facebook and Coxhoe Chronicle.

## **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**

- It was noted that had been a crucial partnership meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July and positive progress is being made on a grant application to be submitted by the Parish Council on an engagement project for 13-19 years olds.

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

### **8 How we can take Coxhoe Park forward**

- This item has been put on hold awaiting completion of the County Council Play Review. Maria expected a report at October Cabinet.

## **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 full report on progress.
- An issue had been raised about a blood donor session possibility at the Village Hall. Barbara suggested that the Chair raised the matter with the VHA secretary and this was agreed.

## **Other Issues**

### **10 FliC Update**

- Wendy provided a report on progress. The new pitches were due to completed at the end of the week. Apparently there has been a fantastic demand for bookings.
- A christmas party night aimed at local businesses is being arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **11 Coxhoe Chronicle**

- September Issue being printed now
- On website already

### **12 Development Proposals in Coxhoe**

- It was noted by Eric that anew application at Bogma Hall Farm had been submitted
- This was news to the Partnership but the Parish Clerk had been on leave. Eric to agreed to provide reference to Ian so he could publicise it on website and facebook.

- The Chair advised that the Partnership had made representation on the Station Road application which was yet to be decided. He asked the Partnership how it wished to respond to the other applications, if at all.
- It was agreed that a response ought to be made in respect of all three remaining application largely on PP2 and Durham County Plan grounds.
- It was agreed to support the representations already made and formally object to the Parkhill development as the proposals have not been allocated for housing, would be an unacceptable extension into open countryside and would not provide for infrastructure requirements for the village.
- It was agreed to support the representations already made and object to The Limes extension as this is not allocated for housing would encroach into open countryside, would adversely affect a wildlife site which has been invested in through grant aid and would not provide for infrastructure requirements of the Village.
- It was agreed to object to support the representations already made in respect of the overall site and to the Bogma Hall Farm application as it does not comply with DCP policy as it fails to achieve a comprehensive development, is not appropriately accessed and would not provide for infrastructure requirements of the Village.
- Finally it was agreed that the Chair be authorised to prepare the representations in a manner which addressed the Partnerships overall concerns.

**13 Any other business:**

- It was reported that the County Council no longer intended to pursue the Kelloe site but still had to resolve underlying issues.
- Barbara advised in detail the problems in trying to get financial aid for History Group WW1 events. Stuart Dunn taking issue up with PC. Events will happen as in Chronicle.
- John asked whether the Parish Council could display progress on PP2. Margaret suggested a traffic light system. Ian indicated that the Action Plans were set up for this reason and indeed were advertised as such on the website. It was agreed that the matter be raised with the Parish Council and put on display in the Village Hall.

**14 Date of next meeting**

- 24th September 2014

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