

Coxhoe



Community Partnership

Working to make Coxhoe a better place

**Coxhoe Community Partnership
Coxhoe Village Hall
Wednesday 27th January 2016: 7.00pm
Minutes**

Present: Ian Forster (Chair), Barbara Hepplewhite, John Hepplewhite, Ron Mayo, Stuart Dunn, Wendy Lavelle, Maria Plews

- 1 Apologies for absence : Muriel Burton, Margaret Forster. Mac Williams**
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting on 25th November (circulated with agenda) accepted as true record**

Governance

- 3 Chairman and Treasurers Reports**
 - Constitutional matters – Still no new members coming forward, need for another article in next Chronicle
 - Ian presented the treasurers financial report which had been circulated before the meeting. No issues were raised and the report was agreed.
 - No Insurance issues raised
 - Future Grant aid to sustain Partnership – no issues currently.
- 4 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan**
 - Stuart gave an update on progress on Neighbourhood Plan.
 - Last two meetings had not been well attended
 - It is proposed to undertake a neighbourhood plan community engagement event possibly 9th April and the Parish Council needed assistance. There was another open meeting planned on 24th February to discuss
 - There was a lengthy discussion on publicity for the event and it was agreed that there needed to be a chronicle supplement and lots of posters nearer the day
 - Stuart indicated that Sedgefield had been very helpful
 - An approach had been received from Cassop with a view to doing a joint Plan. There was a general discussion around the pros and cons and there were arguments for and against.

- Stuart indicated that it was intended to undertake the Parish Plan exercise in tandem
- The Community Partnerships commitment to the work was agreed

Priority 1: Working to implement current projects to completion

- 5 **Village Green Heritage and Learning Project Working Group (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C58)**
- Still awaiting results of resubmission
 - No further progress possible at this time
- 6 **Village Signage (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)**
- Grant application had been submitted with a decision expected in March April
- 7 **Coxhoe Park (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)**
- Maria indicated that the Park was safe. It was agreed that this item could be removed from future agendas but may be an issue in the Neighbourhood or Parish Plan

Priority 2: To continue to develop and implement a Children and Young Persons Strategy through partnership working

(PP2 Policy 5, Coxhoe Action Plan C5/C6/C23-25)

- 8 **Youth Partnership Strategy Progress**
- Stuart and Wendy provided an update on progress
 - Unfortunately DCC were having to remove their commitment of youth workers to Coxhoe in view of a further need for £130million in cuts
 - The Parish Council were looking to replace the service and were actively engaging in responding

Priority 3: To contribute to, progress and implement a Village Atlas through partnership working (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C58)

- 9 **Village Atlas Progress**
- First attempt had been unsuccessful due to lack of funding. Groundwork had been encouraged to resubmit which has been done.
 - Still awaiting results of resubmission
 - No further progress possible at this time

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

- 10 **Village Hall Update and Partnership matters**

- Manager Claire Anderson now in post
- Improvements made to website
- Masses of work going in to keeping the Hall going
- Plans prepared for further improvements including a lift
- Open day being planned for Easter

Other Issues

11 FliC Update (Coxhoe Action Plan C1-C4)

- Difficult decisions are having to be made to ensure the ALC is sustainable

12 Coxhoe Chronicle March Edition

- Invitations for contributions to be sent out shortly

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

- Parkhill – Permission granted
- Station Road – Approved
- Bogma Farm – Approved
- The Limes – Approved
- The Pottery – Approved
- Old School House – Approved

14 Any other business:

- No issues raised

15 Date of next meeting

- 30th March 2016

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