

Coxhoe



Community Partnership

Working to make Coxhoe a better place

**Coxhoe Community Partnership
Coxhoe Village Hall
Wednesday 29th October 2014: 7.00pm
Minutes**

Present:

Ian Forster (Chair), Margaret Forster, Barbara Hepplewhite, John Hepplewhite, Ron Mayo, Wendy Lavelle, Eric Pratt.

1 Apologies for absence

Stuart Dunne, Christine Rowe

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

- Accepted as true record

Governance

3 Chairman and Treasurers Reports

- Constitutional matters – Chair had no issues to report
- Monthly Treasurers report was provided and accepted
- It was agreed to close the Tracker account and deposit balance in the current account in preparation for Village Hall grant provision
- It was agreed to formally ask the Parish council whether the Partnership could operate under their insurance and ask whether it would cover all reasonable liabilities
- Partnership Quarterly Report September 2014 – The Chair reported that the summer Quarterly report had been well accepted by the Parish Council at its meeting at the beginning of October.

4 Parish Plan

- Formal review of progress – meeting had taken place on 9th September where progress had been revised. John raised concerns that we were not making progress available to the public and that a visual chart should be available at the Parish Council meeting. The chair advised that the updated progress table which Margaret pointed out was traffic lighted and would be available on the

website. The Chair agreed to raise with the Parish Clerk and would look himself to do something more graphic.

- Untidy Land and Buildings (Coxhoe Action Plan C59). – No further progress on the Old School House. It was agreed that the Chair would raise again with DCC

Priority 1: Working to implement current projects

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

- Meeting scheduled for 12th November. John and Barbara are unable to attend.

6 Village Signage (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)

- The Chair reported the Position Statement (circulated with agenda)
- After consideration of all representations received it was agreed to proceed with the scheme
- It was agreed to formally request the Parish to submit the highways application and take on responsibility for the signage when implemented
- It was agreed to inform the school about the Partnership views about the detail on the signage and the Partnership felt timing not distances ought to be included. It was also agreed that any highway signage directing parents to the school should Consforth Lane be closed up lay out with the current project.

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

- The initial funding bid has been rejected but a further bid has been encouraged. Wendy is working on it and feels it is a better application as a result.

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

8 How we can take Coxhoe Park forward

- Cllr Maria Plews was not available for the meeting and was unable to provide feedback results of DCC cabinet meeting

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

- Letter of support for heating system had been prepared. Barbara asked for a letter to indicate that the Partnership was prepared to cover the 10% third party contribution and it was agreed to amend the prepared letter accordingly.
- The release of grant aid was debated in length, not in terms of the principle but the impact on the overall reserves of the partnership.
- It was agreed to look at seeking grant aid for the running of the Partnership should alternative insurance cover not be achieved.

Other Issues

- 10 FliC Update (Coxhoe Action Plan C1-C4)** – Wendy provided a full up date
- 11 Coxhoe Chronicle December Edition** – Articles are now being sought. The Chair would provide an article on the Community Calendar.
- 12 Development Proposals in and around Village (PP2 Housing Policies)**
- Station Road – No further news
 - Bogma Farm - No further news
 - Parkside - refused
 - The Limes - No further news
- 13 Any other business:**
- Concern was expressed about the chaos that had been caused by the resurfacing. The importance of the resurfacing and investment was fully supported. However the Chair felt that all the efforts the Parish and Partnership to communicate what is happening in Coxhoe was negated by poor communication from DCC and contractor working methods. Furthermore the use of the village green as a parking area was considered to be deplorable.
 - Coxhoe History group events had been distributed
 - Co-op support to community was discussed – groups should approach Chris Rowe
 - Christmas ‘meeting’ was agreed as the 9th December at the Clarence Villa
 - Eric expressed concern about the condition of the footpath along the A177
- 14 Date of next meeting**
- 27th November 2014

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