

Coxhoe



Community Partnership

Working to make Coxhoe a better place

**Coxhoe Community Partnership
Coxhoe Village Hall
Wednesday 30th March 2016: 7.00pm
Minutes**

Present: Ian Forster (Chair), Margaret Forster, Barbara Hepplewhite, John Hepplewhite, Ron Mayo, Muriel Burton, Linda Prescott

Ian welcomed Linda Prescott and advised of the general nature of the Partnership and itsd activities

- 1 Apologies for absence : Wendy Lavelle, Stuart Dunn**
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting on 27th January 2016 (circulated with agenda) accepted as true record**

Governance

3 Chairman and Treasurers Reports

- Constitutional matters – Ian advised that no constitutional issues had arose that warranted any changes to the constitution and if no members had issues the matter would not need considering at the AGM.
- The treasurer was advised that there was no financial report as there had been no transactions since the last report. In advised that there had been only a few transactions in the whole of the year. It was queried whether an independent audit was necessary. It was agreed that the Chair and Treasurer would sit down with all interested members to self scrutinise the accounts.
- It was agreed to submit a formal request for grant aid to cover insurance expenses to Coxhoe Parish Council while considering other sources.

4 Neighbourhood and Parish Plan

- Ian gave an update on progress on Neighbourhood Plan.
- Ian had all the exhibition material ready to assemble on boards and had produced sign in sheets and facilitators notes
- Confirmation of facilitators was awaited. Ian agreed to raise the issue of final day arrangements and facilitators briefing with Stuart on his return

- John raised the issue of joining forces with other parishes. It was generally agreed that while there were pluses and minuses the view of the Partnership was do carry on at our own speed and direction for the time being
- The previous days litter pick was discussed in detail and it was noted that 35 bags of waste were collected. It was agreed that Ian would produce a learning report to provide to interested parties including raising issues of carrying and picking up of waste and control over cigarette butts outside the Club and betting shop
- The next litter pick is to be at Parsons Walk and it was agree to request Durham County Council to undertake dog dirt removal the day of the event to allow the event to proceed. Muriel asked whether it would be possible for her to do a leaflet drop to advise residents to secure some improvement and seek volunteers. This was agreed as a good idea and it was suggested that the flyer include the Keep Coxhoe Clean Campaign drive.
- Ian advised that Parsons walk continues to be a significant problem and it was agreed that Ian contacy County Councillors to see if this stretch could be targeted with cameras as well as DCC councillors and officials participating in the next litter pick.
- It was also agreed that Ian make an approach to the Parish Council to fund the villages own volunteer equipment with the Keep Coxhoe Clean Campaign logo on.

Priority 1: Working to implement current projects to completion

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

- Ian advised that the Village Atlas bid had been unsuccessful
- The reasons why were discussed in detail
- Barbara considered that it might be possible to make a separate bid elsewhere through the Parish Council
- Ian raised the previous quotations from Niall Hammond
- No further progress possible at this time

6 Village Signage (PP2 Coxhoe Action Plan C57)

- Ian advised that unfortunately the grant application for the village signage had also been unsuccessful
- It might be possible to seek grant aid from the County Durham Foundation and it was agreed to ask Wendy to consider an approach

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)

7 Youth Partnership Strategy Progress

- Stuart and Wendy were not available to provide an update on progress
- Barbara advised that 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)

8 Village Atlas Progress

- See item 5 above

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 including the successful Easter Fair
- Barbara provided an update on the proposal to extend and fund further improvements
- Ian asked if Barbara could advise him of the funding so far to populate the appropriate the appropriate page on the website

Other Issues

10 FliC Update (Coxhoe Action Plan C1-C4)

- No update was possible

11 Coxhoe Chronicle March Edition

- Feedback was received regarding the last edition and the fact that people were raising concerns that the Chronicle was less valuable with QH stories overriding more people stories for Coxhoe. It was agreed that this issue be raised with the Parish Council and they be advised that part of Featherstone received two editions of the Chronicle.

12 Any other business:

- Ian advised that the Parish Council had agreed to fund the SLA with DCC and Ian had been authorised to lead the move to the new content management system
- John thanked Ian for his work on the community website and the village hall website

13 Date of next meeting

- 27th April 2016 (Annual General Meeting)

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