

**Carlops Community Council**  
Minutes of Carlops Community Council meeting  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 8.00pm  
By video link due to Covid-19 restrictions

**Present:**

Committee Members: Guy Walters (Treasurer), Hannah Walters (Secretary), Kate Morss

**In attendance:**

Peter Raine, Michael Jones Caroline Sanderson, James Spears, Monica Shaw  
Eric Small (Councillor), Drummond Begg (Council Candidate), Dominic Ashmole (Council Candidate)

**Apologies:**

Marty Lee, Jim Eccleston, Mary Clare McMillan, Mairi Nye, Anna Woolverton, Christina Gaiger

**Matter arising from meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022:**

Minutes of meeting were agreed.

<p><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Secretary's report:</b> Correspondence received: Correspondence regarding insurance renewal, SBC insurance (for CCC) has been completed a little more fully this year. In addition to the Church litter pick we have asked for Hogmanay and the Games and Sports to be covered and also noted that we will be holding a number of work parties to fix paths. This will mean that we need to risk assess and keep some level of documentation. Various emails received regarding community and community council consultations, circulated as appropriate. Other items under headings below.</li><li>• <b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Handover not yet complete, account understood to remain as at previous minutes: £1,243 (£723.38 plus £519.62 Covid fund)</li><li>• <b>Police Report:</b> Nothing directly concerning Carlops. Farm thefts, especially of quad bikes, continues to be a problem in the wider area.</li></ul>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>
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- **Roads:**  
GW read out CG's detailed response to Philippa Gilhooly. There has been no reply as yet. Ensuing discussion raised the following points:

Changing speed limit in the middle of the village sends a dangerous signal about appropriate speed at the south end and fails to acknowledge the dangers of hidden Carlophill farm road (and garages) exit and need for farm vehicles to turn.

What is the cost/benefit of changing back – has there been an analysis?

It will increase likelihood of/encourage overtaking – this could be countered with double white lines and/or visual 'calming' such as planters (not stone).

As many people as possible should write in with personal accounts/experiences, reinforcing the positive aspects of the current situation – eg, much safer/easier now turning into Kitleyknowe Rd.

A query was raised as to whether anyone from SBC had properly studied the road on foot, obscured sightlines caused by changes in topography are not apparent using maps or Google Earth.

A request was made for a Freedom of Information application regarding the speed survey that had been carried out by The Latch – for the raw data, not averages.

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- **Projects:**

1. Phone Box: We have the information to source replacement parts and acceptable paint colour. Now need suitable weather and a team of volunteers. The suggestion was raised that there should be a competition between four teams, one taking each side.

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GW

2. Footpaths: GW has agreement from Jean R-A that stone can be temporarily dumped at the end of the mill lane while a team spreads it along the path behind the beech hedge. Volunteers needed.

GW

No further progress on Rock Field path as yet.

3. Rock Field: A picnic bench has been donated, CCC still to order second bench.

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- **Planning:**

Harlawmuir: nothing further to report

Rutherford: nothing new to report

<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>Little Sparta: HW still to contact re: concessionary entry</p>	<p>HW</p>
<p>Car Park: Further discussion regarding the issue of access below rock for maintenance and to extract anyone injured remains. It was noted that historically permission had been sought and granted by SBC for fixing belaying points to climb the rock.</p>	<p>Info</p>
<p>Village Green benches – a query was raised as to whether SBC still store them over winter. There should be 2, one a memorial to Archie Lamont.</p>	

**Date and Time of Next Meeting: AGM:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 8pm  
**Carlops Village Hall – meeting room.**

*This meeting will also be held via Zoom – link on Carlops.net*

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