

## Minutes of Carlops Community Council

Thursday 4th August 2022, 8.00pm

In Carlops Village Centre and by video link

### Present:

Committee Members: Marty Lee (Chair), Hannah Walters (Secretary), Jim Eccleston

Community: Anna Woolverton, Patsy and Murray Campbell, Jean Hunter, Mairi Nye, Mary Clare Mcmillan, Peter Raine

**In attendance:** Drummond Begg (Councillor)

**Apologies:** Guy Walters (Treasurer), Kate Morss, Martin Fisher

### Matter arising from meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022:

Matters arising covered in Standing Items (Projects)

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| <p><b>Standing Items:</b></p> <p><b>Secretary's report:</b><br/>Emails received regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and Social Care community feedback (Eventbrite, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept)</li><li>• Scribefest – Wellbeing and communities (9 Sept)</li><li>• Placemaking (W. Linton) 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.</li><li>• A702 road closure planned at Braidwood, 7.30pm – 6.30am, 29<sup>th</sup> August for 3 nights TBC</li><li>• Community Paths Maintenance grant – applications in by 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. £450 available.</li></ul> <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b><br/>No Change: opening balance remains at £557.02 – this is purely CCC funds as the Covid fund is now spent.<br/>Application will now be made to SBC for the annual grant (£540)</p> <p><b>Police Report:</b><br/>We have a new Community Sergeant, Corinne Bird.<br/>Nothing to report specific to Carlops. Theft of 20 bags cement and a driver caught with no licence or insurance in West Linton.</p> | <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> |
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| <p><b>Roads:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ML will chase the FOI request with Philippa Gilhooly, it was noted that we have the original Traffic Scotland data and that from the pre-20mph survey for comparison.</li> <li>• Frustration that the signs do not show high speeds was universal – signs default to ‘Slow Down’ at 27mph, this was considered ridiculous as it doesn’t alert the worst offenders to their speed.</li> <li>• The importance of keeping up pressure through email was repeated, request for PG’s email to be minuted was made - <a href="mailto:PGilhooly@scotborders.gov.uk">PGilhooly@scotborders.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• DB suggested that letters/emails should state WHY Carlops has a particular need to retain the 20 limit – how the winding shape of the village and position of crossing points make the entire length hazardous.</li> <li>• MCM suggested purchasing a ‘cardboard constable’ and offered to take this forward – DB noted that it had been effective in W Linton and suggested contacting Corinne Bird.</li> </ul> | <p>ML</p> <p>All</p> <p>MCM</p>         |
| <p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>No planning applications have been notified.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Well: ML noted that CCC is able to look after well, but not able to take ownership, MN queried whether the CVC SCIO could take it on and so apply for grants. HW still to ask Jason Hubert what the arrangement for the post box field is.</li> <li>• Rock Field: Gravel has been ordered, GW to circulate request for help with laying.</li> <li>• Little Sparta concessionary entry: HW to check with Laura Robertson whether we need to formalise concessionary entry</li> <li>• Phone box: HW to order paint and parts and circulate request for work party when we have necessary materials</li> </ul>   | <p>HW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>HW</p> <p>HW</p> |
| <p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scroggy Brae (Rogers Rigg – Newhall) footpath. Ongoing - Scroggy Brae is the only way into Newhall and to link to the Core Path. GW to contact Erica Niven regarding status of Core path if bridge collapses (already condemned by her dept at SBC). ML will speak to JN about stabilising path at Rogers Rigg with Hardcore.</li> <li>• First Aid/Defibrillator training – Chris Forster has offered</li> </ul>  | <p>ML/<br/>GW</p>                       |

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| <p>to hold several smaller sessions. MCM will liaise with CF re: existing training materials and HW establish his availability and circulate dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCM advised that a fungi foray is to be held the w/e of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September - £40pp</li> <li>• Mill Lane mirror – query raised again as to whether this could be replaced as it is no longer very effective.</li> </ul> <p><b>Councillor’s Report:</b><br/>DB informed that all 3 Councillors were working together, meeting regularly and would be taking turns to attend CC meetings. Current items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buses: DB urged all to use bus when possible and noted that passenger data collected over the next few months would be critical to decisions over the service – specific attention being paid to post-pandemic changes in use.</li> <li>• Sustainable West Linton and District is holding seed collecting events for children and encouraging all to collect tree seeds – anyone interested should contact Drummond. <a href="mailto:Drummond.Begg@scotborders.gov.uk">Drummond.Begg@scotborders.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• Slipperfield Quarry application has been rejected.</li> </ul> | <p>HW/<br/>MCM</p> |
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**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 8pm, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

*Meetings will be held in Carlops Village Centre and via Zoom – link on Carlops.net*

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