

Carlops Community Council Minutes

Thursday 30th May 2024, 8pm

In Carlops Village Centre and by video link

Present

Committee Members: Jim Eccleston, Guy Walters, Colin Hall, Georgie Jones

In Attendance: None.

Community: Becky Gibby, Mhairi Nye, Anna Wolverton, Peter Raine.

Community (Zoom): None.

Apologies: Christina Geiger, James Spears, Kate Morss, Hannah Walters.

Matters arising from minutes of 28th March 2024 meeting

The CCC grant has been delivered to the CCC account.

Guy Walters did report disrepair of the east side of the bridge was reported to BEAR.

Becky Gibby reported that Friends Of The Pentlands (FOTP) have completed their works on the Patie's Hill Path.

Jim Eccleston reported that expenses of approximately £30 have not been paid to FOTP. Becky to provide email for Guy Walters.

Becky reported attending the first AGM of the Community Development Trust (CDT). Two motions. One, to extend the boundary to include Carlops. Second, to change the name from West Linton CDT to West Linton And Carlops CDT. There were 40 people at the AGM. Next step is a Place Plan which will guide the work of the WLCCDT. Topics include Public Transport, Youth Facilities, Future Housing, Allotments and Green Space, Green Energy, Local Business. Because the CDT can own things so, for example, should the Rutherford Park planning application fail, the CDT could step in.

Acceptance as a true record proposed Guy Walters, seconded Jim Eccleston.

Standing Items (misc)

Treasurer's Report: We had to pay £140 for insurance to SBC. We paid £400 for items for the CPR machine which included Adult pads, Child pads and Replacement Batteries. Balance is £109.75. Known liabilities are £30 nominal for Friends Of The Pentlands.

Becky Gibby pointed out that this is a significant expense for the CCC to support, even if it is only every 5 years.

Police Report: Nothing to report.

Roads: Nothing to report. A decision on the length. Community are reminded to use the Fix My Street app to report pot holes.

Planning: (see below)

Standing Items - Roads

Nothing to report

Standing Items - Planning

Rutherford.

Guy Walters advised that the developers have made written response to the questions raised by West Linton Community Council (WLCC) and Carlops Community Council (CCC). Guy read out the responses.

Guy Walters read out the draft joint response from WLCC and CCC to the developers. Guy Walters will circulate this material to the community via email.

Drummond Begg reported on his meeting with the developer.

Drummond Begg recommended that WLCC CCC work to sell the idea of pedestrian/cycling access between Rutherford Park and West Linton to the developer.

Drummond Begg pointed out that the developer has offered a Community Development Fund. This should be pursued.

Georgie Jones proposed that CCC gives a written update at the CCC AGM on Thursday 25th July 2024.

Standing Items – Correspondence

Colin Hall reported was one item of correspondence plus several items on Rutherford, to be discussed under planning.

Viv Thompson emailed to advise Houstons are happy to advertise events on their website for communities along the route. I've given them details of the music for Doddie event later this month in WL village Hall.

Guy Walters suggested a poster in the bus stop. Becky suggested getting a QR code for the Houston's web site to include in the poster.

Projects

Carlops Games: Jim Eccleston asked if there is interest to run the Carlops Games this year. A proposed date is Sunday 15th September. Jim Eccleston to

Planters: Update? James Spears? Did he talk to the gardening group about installing some Planters.

Footpath A702: Update? Any news from Becky Gibby on Friends Of The Pentlands (FOTP)

Memorial Well: Cost estimate now is £8k. Guy in discussions with Christina Geiger on scope of work. The crowdfunding is on hold pending. Guy plans to speak to BEAR about them funding the traffic management which is £1k per week.

Becky Gibby suggested that Friends of The Pentlands might be interested to help fund renovation of the Memorial Well.

Kittley Brig: Update? Did anyone inform Carlops Community of risks.

Buses: Drummond Begg asked that people should push the idea of taking the bus to Edinburgh to deal with the LEZ. Drummond Begg reported that in his experience the bus is punctual.

Anna Wolverton also commented that the buses are pleasant and reliable.

Drummond Begg reported that he, Viv, met with Houstons to ask them to consider additional services.

Environment: No report.

Generator: No report

West Linton and Carlops CDT: No update

AOB

None

Next meeting

Suggested date: Next meeting will be held in Carlops Village Centre on Thursday 25th July 2024 at 8pm.