St Abbs |Community Council Meeting Wednesday 6th march 2013

Attended; A Collin, M Wilson, B Davis, Jim S, L Brady, H Crowe

J & J Kearsley, L Crowe, W Isherwood, C Hamilton Welsh, R Brandt, B & I Neil, V Crowe, H Hardwick, G Connoly, L Cole, Alan, A Crowe, J Brady

Apologies ; Michael Cook, Paul & Lyne Warner, Aileen Anderson.

Minutes of last meeting held 3/10/2012 approved and signed off

**Elections;**

Following on from the 2012 elections new Committee elected;

Anne Collin Chair

Margaret Wilson Treasurer

Helen Crowe Secretary

Councillors;

Lynda Brady

Barbara Davis

Jim Struthers

Alistair Crowe

Our CC was established and here to ascertain & express the views of the community to the local authority SBC, including any issues, which depend to a large extent on what is important to our community. Also to oversee small projects funded through SBC, grass cutting, paths etc, & to be representatives for the community with other bodies ie NTS (national Trust for Scotland), VMR (Voluntary Marine Reserve), SCCN (Scottish Community Council Network), BAVS (Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Services) amongst many others. We will continue to meet monthly at 6pm.

Anne would like if possible to step down as Chair so this would enable her to concentrate more on the Community Trust any nominees of the elected members willing to take on this role ??? no takers for moment so Ann will continue to chair both.

PATHWAY;

Final plans ready and agreed on principle by SBC Planning department for the new pathway within the walls of the centre, hopefully work to take place as soon as permission granted, with SBC contributing £5,000.

GRASS CUTTING

Awaiting contractors response as the CC can raise £1,000 per year( from small grant, 100 club & HT) & agree to this amount being budgeted for grass cutting, especially embankments, public areas, then hopefully we would like to gather a few more willing volunteers to help with clearing of Church Path & any other small areas needing attention this year. Also thoughts on either repairing of flower barrels or replacement with stone.

OIL CLUB

High amount of interest in pursuing this but we really do need individual/s to come forward and help organise this for the community. Please get in touch ASAP

RECYCLING BANK

Provided with help from SBC ready for first uplift with all proceeds raised returning to the CC which will help towards cost of our annual skips.

WISH LIST

Thanks to all replies Lynda to collate this and arrange a drop in session for the community to go through the list and put an action plan in place. Notes will be put through every door confirming day & time.

NTS;

Have been busy over the winter months, repairs carried out on 1km of paths, car park resurfaced, additional parking bays, all with the added bonus of a grant from Scottish National Heritage. Monitoring the recent landslip at Starney, will keep us updated with progress regarding this. Seat to be replaced shortly.

VMR;

Georgia announced her resignation from VMR with her leaving 26th March, a new Ranger Laura Smith has been successful in securing this post and we look forward to continue with the working relationship that Georgia has built up between the community & VMR over the last 3 years. We wish her well for her future. (next VMR meet 26th March 6pm)

HARBOUR TRUST;

Alistair reported that they are trying to secure grant funding for further development of the slipway.

Accounts will be ready for AGM in May/June

Next meeting 3rd April 6pm