

Hutton Community Fellowship  
Boreland Village Hall 2pm.  
16.02.2020

1. Present: Chris Miles. Liza Pern. Neil Parker. Sophie Dupre.
2. Apologies. J.Dupre. J Galt. T Parker.
3. Notes on meeting of 17.11.2019:

The committee discussed the consequences of the transition from their administration of the Minsca fund to the management of a potential £30,000. pa.

4. Matters Arising:

The invitation from the Curling Club was responded to with several Hutton residents enjoying the taster session.

HCF emails are being received by all new committee members.

LP has collected photos to update the HCF website.

5. Treasurers Report:

Treasurers Report for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 as at 16/02/20 was tabled.

School outings have been funded. Funding for hand dryers for the Hall toilets has been agreed but there is no information on who is to fit them and also is the cost of fitting the dryers additional to already agreed funding. **Action CM the check**

Community Defibrillator: Some parishes in Eskdale have been funding defibrillators and are now looking to install them in more robust housing with an extra cost. This approach is being rolled out to North Milk. In Boreland the final location of a defibrillator is yet to be finalised. Hutton Village Hall Committee has agreed in principle that a defibrillator could be mounted on the wall of the Hall but do not want the responsibility of managing it. Chariots said they would consider it. The deal being proposed is that the machines are owned by the installer but they have to be checked, it is thought weekly, by someone local. HFC committee members could do this in rotation. It was agreed funds should be set aside for this project and include maintenance costs.

It was agreed that the community strimmer could be used by Ewan Carmichael whenever he needs it in keeping the Bothy tidy. It is understood he currently uses his own equipment which is in need of replacement.

The idea of installing a larger play area near the hall coming from a young member of the community has been circulated. While no specific proposal or costs have been made it is understood that the kind of installation put in at Johnstonebridge is in mind. The committee felt that for this kind of cost they needed more demonstration of support from potential users as well as consideration of potential location and maintenance costs.

The subject of Community Walks has come up regularly. The DECBG has sent out a community questionnaire and when that has been returned and collated the interest in and support for, community walks will be able to be assessed. The first stage would be to undertake a feasibility study. Various ideas for walks already mentioned

in the community consultation work include the Black Esk Reservoir, with a picnic area and space for recreational activities and nature reserve. The possibility exists for an agreement at the Black Esk with Forest and Land Scotland for a Community Woodland Initiative. The Community Consultation will be out in late February 2020 and must go on the HCF website and on Facebook.

CM noted that he had received the paperwork from the Council for this year's annual Minsca application. The deadline to submit this is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need to think what we want to submit and meet again before the deadline.

#### 6. Discussion points

Ewe Hill 16 process. There have been 18 applications to the wider fund and a meeting is scheduled for March.

Crossdykes (Muirhall Energy): Building has started and completion is expected by June or July. DECBG are looking into Community Ownership of part of the Cross Dykes wind farm on behalf of the surrounding communities using funds received from CARES via Local Energy Scotland. DECBG has appointed consultants and they will deal with Muirhall by the end of March. If this went forward SCIO committee members could serve as directors of an appropriate legal entity looking after the community's interest. This is still not certain to be taken forward (the communities will review progress and whether the project offers beneficial returns) and post consultation, a way forward will become clearer.

Little Hartfell: The benefitting communities have decided that they will receive all of the community benefit funds on offer divided between them and that there will not be a strategic pot of money.

#### 7. Next Meeting: Boreland Village Hall: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 2pm.