



COLDINGHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - Approved

19th May 2026, 7pm Coldingham Village Hall

1: Present/Apologies

Coldingham Community Council:

Krishna Ramcharran (KR)	Leah Stewart (LS)	Karen Thomson (KT)
Jack Eeley (JE)	Carol Hallows (CH)	Neil Renilson (NR)
Philippa Allen (PA)		

Members of the Coldingham Community: 3

Apologies for absence

Christopher Anderson (CA)

Councillors: Cllr James Anderson (Cllr.JA); Cllr Carol Hamilton (Cllr.CH)

2: Agree Agenda and Items for AOCB

The agenda was confirmed as issued.

3: Previous Minutes – Corrections/Approval

The previous minutes had been circulated in advance. One correction was identified the reference to Carol Cook should read Jenny Rudkin. Subject to the amendment, the minutes were proposed and approved (CH, LS).

4: Matters arising from previous minutes

Bus shelter and seating areas painting and repair: KT informed the meeting that SBC had begun work on the bus shelters in preparation for repainting and repairs. SBC reported that the PVC panels in three of the shelters needed replacing and had provided a quote of £270 to carry out the work.

PA read aloud a note from CA seeking clarification on the ownership of the bus shelters. He raised a concern that if the bus shelters were owned by SBC they should be maintaining them at their expense not that of CCC. If SBC disagrees then a clear statement of ownership is required. In addition, if ownership rested with CCC then SBC should be asked to return the modern glass shelter previously removed from the entrance to Lawfield when the shelter at the New Inn was moved there as a replacement.

It was noted that in the past the painting of the shelters had been undertaken by volunteers and/or the CC and no clear documentary evidence of ownership was produced at the meeting. The consensus was proceed with current the repairs to avoid further delays and in parallel engage with SBC to seek clarification on the points raised by CA.

The CCC voted 7-0 to accept the quote for the supply and fitting of new PVC panels.

Traffic Management Meeting: KR informed the meeting that the Road and Traffic meeting had taken place on 28 April 2026. Alison Granger and Suzanne Jacobs from Police Scotland, Carol Hamilton from SBC, CA and KT were in attendance. Only six members of the community were in attendance which KR said was disappointing given the number of times members of the community and raised concerns on road and traffic issues. However, the discussion and contribution from those present was good with a number suggestions proposed. The next step is to set up a meeting with SBC, BEAR Scotland and Police Scotland to move issues forward and find practical resolutions. One or two members of the community representatives will be invited to attend.

Pencil bollards The conversation then moved to SBC's proposed traffic-calming and road-safety measures, specifically the pencil bollards, black bollards near the War Memorial, the drop kerb near the bus stop by the New Inn, and the blue crossing mats/elephants.

LS explained CA had previously asked about the legality of the pencil bollards and whether they were a recognised traffic-calming solution. SBC had replied by providing a link to the manufacturer's website. It was agreed that the response did not address whether the bollards were intended to indicate a safe crossing point for children, whether they were intended to alert drivers that children may be crossing, and whether they were statutorily recognised road furniture or road signs in the Highway Code. It was noted that SBC had already installed similar bollards in Eyemouth, which suggested they were comfortable with the concept.

Action: LS to ask the question again of SBC using the exact wording for CA's note

The meeting then considered the individual proposals one by one.

- i. The pencil bollards on School Road / Priors Walk. It was noted that no substantive objections had been raised by the community.

The CCC vote 7-0 in favour subject to the hedge and fence being cut back as agreed by the property owners involved.

- ii. The black bollards near the War Memorial

It was concluded that the bollards themselves were acceptable and that any parking related concerns for that area should be dealt with separately. The CCC assumed that by proposing the bollards SBC would have ensured that their installation would not interfere with the traffic flow particularly of farm vehicles and HGVs. If the bollards were knocked down by wide vehicles or other traffic the CC assumed that it would be SBCs they will be SBC's responsibility to replace them.

The CCC vote 7-0 in favour of the black bollards being installed by the War Memorial

- iii. The drop kerb by the bus stop

It was noted that this was needed to improve access for prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

The CCC vote 7-0 in favour to proceed with the drop kerb.

- iv. The blue crossing mats, including the elephant designs

It was agreed that these should all be refreshed, and that the request should be bundled in with the wider package of road-marking and pavement/traffic-calming works so that SBC can consider the full set together.

- v. Pencil bollards on Westloch Road approach to Coldingham Primary

SBC would only support the location if the bins were relocated or another suitable arrangement identified. The bin company indicated it would move the bin if requested, but the school did not want it moved.

With no clear way forward the CC agreed to put this decision on hold.

The CC discussed accessibility/safety issues with Servitude Road and a wall near Nun's Walk. It was noted that SBC had already placed cones and fencing in the area, which indicated that they were aware of the problem, but the precise ownership and responsibility remained unclear.

Actions:

- PA to take photos of both areas and send on to KR
- KR to contact Cllr.CH on both issues

5: SBC Councillors Report

No Councillor report was presented due to the absence of both Cllr.CH and Cllr. JA. It was noted that this was the third month there had been no representation at the meeting.

6: Police Report

KR summarised the key points from the April 2026 report – See Appendix B.

7: Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented. It was noted that the figures were largely unchanged and that there had been very little movement overall. CH confirmed that the Cross legal fees remained ring-fenced and a technical issue with the budget line on Google Sheets was identified causing the budget figure to disappear from the spreadsheet. It appeared that the formula or spreadsheet structure was not working properly.

CH also explained that she was working with Foundation Scotland to provide the necessary information they required on what had been spent by CCC.

Action: JE to look at budget line error in the Google Sheets spreadsheet.

8: Microgrants

LS confirmed no microgrant applications had been received.

The group considered how best to promote the grant opportunities. Suggestions included using social media more actively, with regular reminders; running an event or producing a short promotional video to show, through real examples, what grants can fund and how local groups have already benefited. No one step forward to progress the ideas.

Clarification was sought on the micro grant funding limits. LS confirmed that the CC microgrant limit was up to £1,500. Grants above £1,000 would be funded via the Penmanshiel Fund LS also confirmed that individuals and groups are now treated the same in terms of the level of funding they could apply for.

It was confirmed that the next round of Foundation Scotland funding applications for grants up to £10,000 was open. The application deadline was 28 June 2026.

Action: Re-promote the microgrants scheme and the Drone Hill/NNG funding opportunities.

11: Wishlist

Playpark Update

JE confirmed that he and NR had met with Kevin Hodges (KOMPAN Contract Manager), Jenny Rudkin and Marta Lindner from SBC to discuss the layout and schedule. It was agreed that the proposed 52-metre arrangement was too long. Emergency vehicle access, particularly for Ambulance and Fire Engines required a minimum gap of five to six metres between the storage container and the nearest obstruction. This requirement was non-negotiable. KH had confirmed that the layout could be adjusted.

The revised layout will retain the same equipment overall, but with a slightly altered arrangement. A raised grass mound will be moved, acting as a natural barrier, and the climbing net will shift position. The changes should not affect the football pitch or overall play value. JE confirmed that the revised plans would be circulated once received.

As discussed at previous meetings, the installation of the playpark needed to be finished by the middle of July 2026 or started after 1 August 2026, to accommodate the Coldingham Gala. Due to the timing of procurement and build lead-in starting in July was unrealistic. The preferred start date was now the second week of August 2026. This avoided disruption during the school holidays, which SBC did not want, and meant the existing playpark could remain in use during the entire school holidays.

The contractor confirmed that the process for removing the existing equipment would involve cutting the metalwork off at ground level and the concrete removed with machinery. This approach could present complications for anyone wanting to take the kit in meeting equipment standards as well as the practical difficulties of coordinating removal and reuse. The CC agreed to remove and dispose of the old equipment as per the KOMPAN quote.

12: Initiatives

Community Bus Survey: An update on the bus survey item would be reported at the next meeting.

Village Hall Retrofit: CH and Julie McMillan (JM) had met with relevant parties to explore funding and technical options. It was confirmed that Village Hall committee would need to apply for the funding itself due to its charitable status. JM was now liaising with Morag to obtain permission to use the Village Halls charitable status to progress conversations with the technical advisor.

13: Correspondence

No separate correspondence was handled during the meeting.

14: AOCB

N/A

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Tue 16/06/2026, 7pm in Hall.

Meeting closed.

Appendix A – Treasures Report

Appendix B – Scottish Borders Area Command – April 2026 Summary

Community Update

PC Jacobs activities include:

- Conducting foot patrols in Eyemouth and speed checks in Chirnside, Foulden and Eyemouth
- Assisting PC MacLead following intelligence that a small number of fires had been set around Duns. Four youths identified and reported to the relevant agencies.

Protecting Vulnerable People

- Involved in 160 mental health related calls, 14 missing person enquiries, 106 domestic related incidents.
- East Berwickshire – 12 mental health calls and 3 missing person enquiry.

Reducing Violence and Antisocial Behaviour

- *Assaults* – 0 incidents in Coldingham, 1 incident in Ayton, 1 incident in Allanton
- *Anti Social Behaviour* – 0 incidents in Coldingham. 2 incidents in Eyemouth, 1 incident in Upper Monynut, 1 incident in Grantshouse, 1 incident in Chirnside.
- *Vandalism/Vehicle Damage* – 0 incidents in Coldingham, 4 incidents in Eyemouth involving vandalism to parked cars, damage to property and shoplifting.

Reducing Acquisitive Crime

- Theft – 1 incident in Coldingham – theft of items from an Airbnb and guest refusing to return them. 4 Incidents in Eyemouth – 2 incidents of shoplifting, 1 incident involving vehicle damage, 1 incident involving theft of oil from tank within garden of property. 1 incident in Abby St Bathans.

Improving Road Safety

- 0 incidents in Coldingham. 2 incidents in Eyemouth – 1 for driving with no MoT and 1 for speeding. 1 incident in Burnmouth.

Series and Organised Crime Enforcement

- 5 Drug & General Evidence Warrants executed in Galashiels, Peebles and Hawick. Proactive vehicles stops led to quantities of Class A, B & C drugs being recovered as well as proceeds of crime.
- 1 male reported for proceeds of crime seizure
- 1 male reported for supply of class B drugs with quantity of cash also seized
- 1 male found to be in UK illegally. Arrested for supply of Class A drugs following vehicle stop and search in Galashiels
- Enquiries being conducted into stolen vehicles from Berwickshire area – currently believed to be linked

Campaigns – Scams re. event tickets and travel deals. Follow [#TakeFive](#) top tips to avoid ticket fraud.