

Compton Dando Community Association

Minutes of meeting held by Zoom at 7.30 pm on 28 April 2021

1. **Attendees:** Sarah Wilson (Chair), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Harriette Dotridge, Chris Dibble, Alison ter Haar, Clive Howarth, Lorna Howarth, Mo Collings, Matt Jones
2. **Apologies for absence:** Alice Prescott, Steve Rendell, John Dotridge, Hannah Maggs
3. **Minutes of January meeting:** Subject to two changes: i) change Hannah to Harriette in item 6 and ii) add Stanbury after Liz in the table cloths line, the minutes were accepted
4. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere:**
 - i. **CDCA incorporation** being carried forward. **Action:** Sarah
 - ii. **Adding climate change to the constitution** to be carried out at the time of the AGM in October
 - iii. **Youth member:** no feedback had been received on the newsletter at all, including the request for offers and suggestions. **Action:** Matt and Mo have offered to sound out village teenagers as to what they would like from the CDCA, and how they would like to bring their views to the CDCA.
 - iv. While on the topic of CDCA contributions around the younger generation, it was noted that there's been a number of new youngsters in the village (via newcomers or by birth) since the youth group was put on hold, and that if the parents wish to restart youth group activities, there are funds and assets still in place for them to access.
5. **Finance**
 - i. Hannah sent her apologies that she could not attend due to overlap with another meeting, but sent a report which is appended at the end of the minutes.
 - ii. Barend reported that the S137 grant application from the CDCA for funds for a bug hotel (£122) and for a bench along the Chew (£240), and from ZCC for a thermal imaging camera had been received, but were not due to be debated until the Parish Council (CDPC) June meeting.
The total value of the three applications comes to more than £1000, and CDPC has only £1000 budgeted for S137 grants, so there will be some cutting back to be anticipated. The process is that the money for the projects needs to be spent by the applicants, and CDPC will reimburse the sum up to the value of any grant eventually allocated.
 - iii. **Action:** Barend to send a request to the committee to get authorization to spend the monies as the CDCA projects require, with the reasonable expectation that at least most of the sums will be reimbursed eventually by CDPC.
 - iv. Alison anticipates that the bug hotel will be an August project to involve local kids during the summer holiday
 - v. Alison reported that she had been working with the Chair and the Treasurer to get the HSBC 'Safeguarding' approvals in place (to avoid the CDCA bank account being closed), and documentation allowing telephone banking. The change of signatories paperwork had been received a year ago, but the bank had not done anything with it other than file it away. The local HSBC manager has been as helpful as he could be, but head office still making a meal of things. The telephone banking forms will still to be done again since HSBC have mislaid them. CDCA has received £250 as a compensatory payment.
 - vi. Alison has completed the collection of 2020 face shot photos from villagers willing to offer them. She has a quote of £205 (+VAT) to get these printed and mounted in a 100x75mm frame. **Action:** Request to be sent out to the committee to authorize this payment.
6. **Post-lockdown activities**
 - i. **Coffee mornings:** to start again as soon as we are allowed. Alison offered to coordinate the first one on a Wednesday in the second part of May (after the next stage of the 'roadmap' is released), to be on the green. The aim is to have the June one inside on the first Saturday after indoor events are allowed again. Alison and Alice will coordinate dates for following months.
 - ii. **Churchyard Working Party.** Steve Rendell had written in to suggest 15th or 22nd May. The latter date was selected since it was after the next date of more relaxed lockdown conditions. **Action:** Barend to let Steve know.
 - iii. **Fete.** Decided it was too short notice to organize for this year, and circumstances still too uncertain.

- iv. **Cricket Club 'Fallon day'.** Currently penciled in for 19 June. **Action:** Lorna agreed to approach the cricket club to see if they would be happy to expand this into a 'village day'.
- v. **Compton Flowers Open Garden.** The Chair offered to repeat the occasion she'd hosted last September, and the suggestion was welcomed. Date to be advised.
- vi. **Village Walk.** Clive offered to coordinate one. Date to be advised.
- vii. **Village Quiz.** With all else being equal, this will be put on in November by Alice and Alison. The date to be advised once the dates of the Home Bath Rugby matches have been announced. (**Action:** Mo to let Alison know)
- viii. **Craft Day.** Harriette indicated her wish to organize one as soon as reasonably feasible.

7. Public Rights of Way (PROW)

The path through bluebell wood is being queried through CDPC. The routings from the top of the current bluebell wood authorized PROW across the next field towards Woppard is being queried. Barend and Alison agreed to follow up. It was noted that any paths that have been walked for more than 20 years, and that have not been designated at Permissive Paths by the landowners, can have a public application to have the paths turned into official PROWs provided that written evidence is produced to that effect. However, there is only a short window left to do that before changes in the rules/law come into effect.

8. Zero Carbon Compton (ZCC)

- i. Matt and Clive reported that thanks to the support from CDCA and CDPC, ZCC had successfully worked with BWCE to obtain a grant of £60,000 to pay for a professional consultancy to establish the viability and feasibility of building solar farms in the area.
- ii. Matt pointed out that grants were available from B&NES to make homes more energy efficient, for householders with annual income under £30,000, and the homes that are rated D to G for energy efficiency. The properties needed to be privately owned, or owned by private landlords. September deadline.
- iii. It was noted that the Curo properties were in need for improved energy efficiency, but were not eligible for the B&NES grant.

9. AOB. Mo let the meeting know that the Church bells needed £7000 of work done on them. There are grants available to meet some of the cost, but the village will need to help fund the repairs.

10. Dates of next meetings. Wednesday 9 June and 8 September. AGM on 13 October.

Treasurer's report:

Financial Status

Since the last financial update, in 2020, there have been few debits and credits to the CDCA account. Therefore, the present financial position of the CDCA continues to look fairly positive, despite Covid-19 and the resultant lack of activities taking place. The insurance was paid at the end of last year, insuring us for any of the regular events we might be able to run, at a cost of £290 up until late November. For the CDCA this was the only major financial outlay since the last meeting.

Funds for the ZCC continue to be held within the CDCA bank account and also the Firework fund.

At present there is around £2,200 of CDCA's funds in the CDCA account.

Signatories

Thank you very much to Alison for all of her hard work and determination, sorting out the signatories on the bank account. This had never been actioned appropriately and, as a result, the business review I was trying to complete kept coming back. We now have the correct signatories in place as well as a goodwill gesture of 250 paid into the CDCA bank account. The business review has also been completed and means we are able to keep our bank account.

Grant applications

Thank you to Barend for submitting two applications on behalf of the CDCA to the Parish Council. Unfortunately these applications will not now be discussed until the June meeting. However, we are hopeful that the PC will be able to donate towards the new bench and also the bug hotel. Information regarding the finances of the CDCA have been submitted to the Clerk, PC Chair and Vice Chair.

Hannah Maggs, Treasurer