

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in the Kirkcudbright Primary School, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr B Thomson
Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)
Mr L Forbes (Treasurer)
Mr P Smith
Mr J Johnson
Mrs K Lowe
Mr D McHale

In attendance: Mr S Gillespie Galloway News
Ms D Craig Secretary
PC J Brown Police Scotland

Apologies: Ms E Allan Youth Representative
Ms C Kenny Youth Representative
Mr C Wyper Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs P Gilroy Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs J Maitland Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs M Maxwell
Mr D Collins

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 10 February 2016** **Action**
These were approved, proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mr Forbes.
2. **Business arising**
 - a. **KBT signs** – following correspondence from Mr Collins, it was reported that templates for a number of designs options were being prepared which will be presented at a Deacon’s Court to decide the favoured option.
 - b. **Burns Supper** – Mrs Garbutt reported that the recent Incorporated Trades Burns Supper was a great success.
 - c. **Common Good Fund** – Mr Forbes reported that, following the bequest left to the CGF from Mary Mitchell, he had made inquiries as to why the bequest process had taken so long. As a result of his inquiries, he said the CGF was to benefit to the sum of approximately £200,000. Mr Forbes also reported that the sum of £12,500 was due now as from the ‘income’ of the bequest. Mrs Garbutt thanked Mr Forbes for all his hard work regarding the matter as well as Mr Wyper, who had also helped.
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there had been reports of vandalism in Dovecroft, anti-social behaviour at High Park which meant there were more patrols in that area. He also reported that a 12 year-old-boy had been charged with shining a laser pen at cars. He also

said that a 14, 15 and 16 year old had been charged with vandalism at Park House. Mr Mc Hale then said that the windows were in the process of being boarded up, which may help deter any further vandalism. Mrs Garbutt thanked PC Brown and he left the meeting.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** None present.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Meeting to be held 14th March.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that Visit Kirkcudbright 2016 had been sent to him for proofreading and looked great. Ms Craig also reported that the launch of the brochure was to be held on 23rd March.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Following an email from Mr Collins, it was reported that the Trades had created a Facebook page and twitter account and it had already had 1669 hits, an increase of 58% on the previous month, while 2534 people engaged with the Trades on the posts, an increase of 1039%. The breakdown of figures is: - UK 1900; Australia 21; Canada 16; US 12; Bermuda 6; NZ 6; Ireland 6 and Spain 6. He said that it was worth bearing in mind that a lot of the hits surround recent events such as the Burns Supper. There have also been hits from France, Sweden, Netherlands, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Bahrain and Hong Kong to name a few. The page has been translated into Polish, French, Dutch, Russian, Swedish, Arabic, and German. Mr Collins also wanted to raise the matter of a shooting trophy called the MacMynn Rosebowl presented to the Trades by the late Dr MacMynn quite a number of years ago. It was last competed for in 1997 and won by the late Willie Ross. Since then it seems to have disappeared. Any help in finding it would be much appreciated. Mr Thomson also asked if anyone could help finding the Taylor's Minute Book, which had been taken from the Museum and seems to have disappeared.
- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mr Johnson reported that the questionnaire regarding the Johnston School would be hand delivered to every household in Kirkcudbright on 25th April, with collections beginning on 2nd May. He also asked that membership of the Trust be considered. There was going to be a meeting of the communications sub- committee. There was also to be an EGM of the Communities Trust so that everything could be transferred to the DT. Mrs Garbutt then said that with regard to the consultation on the Johnston School, it was vital that the people of Kirkcudbright take part in the questionnaire as evidence of the desire for development of the school was needed. She also asked if Mr Gillespie could include a piece in the Galloway News. Mr Johnson then asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to distribute and collect the questionnaire then they should contact the DT.
- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** there was no one present.

- h. **Community Centre:** Ms Craig had corresponded with Susan Caulfield regarding someone attending the Community Council meetings.
 - i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported that there were still ongoing discussions regarding the building.
4. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)**
Nothing to report for Kirkcudbright.
5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)**
Galloway Children's Festival: Everyone agreed that while the Festival was a great even, it was felt that it needed to try and fund-raise a bit more. It was agreed that the amount of £750 be awarded.
Mr Forbes then suggested that an application be made to the CGF for funding for the Community Council for Kirkcudbright in Bloom. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and Mrs Garbutt and Mr Forbes agreed to do an application.
Mr McHale also offered to have another open garden event in summer to raise funds.
6. **Planning**
- a. **General** – The Ingle, St Mary's Street – alterations and change of use of beauty and fitness studio to cookery school with tearoom and takeaway.
38 St Cuthbert Street - alterations including replacement of Lancaster slates with Burlington best slates and raising and replacement of dormer window roof.
St Mary's Park, Castledykes Road – Siting of steel container with access step, landing and formation of pathway to provide WC facilities for a temporary period of 5 years.
The Old Lifeboat House – Erection of extension to SW Elevation of dwellinghouse.
11 Boreland Road – Erection of sunroom extension on side elevation of dwellinghouse.
 - b. **Wind Turbines** – None to report.
7. **Correspondence**
Correspondence regarding campaign to upgrade the A75 - which DC forwarded 22nd February. It was agreed to support the campaign. **DC**
Email regarding Funfair in Harbour Square.
Email from Alan Jones thanking Kirkcudbright Community Council for its support in the DUMGAL against Pylons campaign.
Email regarding Community Resilience Meeting Guardian Project - which DC forwarded 23rd February.
Email regarding Community and Renewable Energy Conference - which DC forwarded 1st March.
Mrs Garbutt then read some correspondence she had received regarding the Royal Hotel which said that the condition of the property was not sufficiently poor at this juncture, though advice had been given to the owner regarding the upkeep of the building.
Pavements on St Cuthbert Street –Mr Jackson had been in touch with Mrs Garbutt regarding the pavements and said that they were on his 'to-do' list.
Cannee – Ms Craig had not received a reply to her email regarding this, but Mrs Garbutt said that the owner of the building plots was going to be contacted.
Stranraer to Carlisle bus route – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had a reply regarding this

and it had been a commercial issue and decision to cancel the route.

8. **Any other competent business**

Queen's 90th Birthday Coin – Ms Craig also passed round a letter and commemorative coin she had received regarding the Queen's 90th Birthday. It was suggested that perhaps the Community Council could purchase coins for the primary school children of Kirkcudbright. Mrs Garbutt agreed to look into this and it was agreed that a decision would need to be made at the next meeting. **DC**

Dee Walk – Mrs Lowe reported that there was some loose paving stones on Dee Walk, which she had reported twice, but had still not been attended to. It was agreed that Ms Craig contact Roads Department regarding this. **DC**

Fly tipping – Mrs Lowe reported that a number of white goods had been dumped near the RNLI station. It was agreed that Ms Craig contact the Council regarding this. **DC**

Football grounds – Mr Smith asked if the Community Council could contact Sport and Leisure and request that the two football pitches be turned back into one large pitch and one smaller pitch, as the current layout rendered them unplayable. It was agreed that Ms Craig contact Mr Lee Seeton regarding this. **DC**

Tolbooth – Mr Forbes asked if there had any development on finding the leaks in the Tolbooth building. Mrs Garbutt pointed out that, since the building belonged to the Common Good Fund, it should be dealt with as a matter of urgency. It was agreed that Ms Craig contact the Chairman of the CGF regarding this. **DC**

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 8.00 pm.