

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Tongland Golf Centre on Wednesday 11th May 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
Mr D Collins

In attendance: Mr S Gillespie Galloway News
Ms D Craig Secretary

Apologies: Mrs P Gilroy Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs J Maitland Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mr C Wyper Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs M Maxwell
PC Brown Police Scotland

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 April 2016** **Action**
These were approved, proposed by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mr Forbes.
2. **Business arising**
 - a. **KBT signs** –Mr Collins reported that there were in fact three signs that needed to be repaired, not two as originally thought. The third one would also be attended to.
 - b. **Ladies Toilets – Harbour Square** – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a letter stating that the toilets were, in fact, in good working order and there were 24 hour facilities for both ladies and gents out with the opening hours.
 - c. **Missing kerb U325** – Ms Craig reported that she had received a letter from DG First Roads Service saying that the missing kerb would be replaced. Ms Lowe reported that the work had already been started.
 - d. **A711 Road** – Ms Craig reported that she had received a letter from DG First saying there were plans for major works, but that patching works were planned for this financial year.
 - e. **Pavements – Dee Walk** – Mrs Lowe was pleased to report that repair work to the kerb had already begun.

3. **Reports**

a. **Police:** No one present

b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** No one present

c. **Chamber of Commerce:** There were plans to hold a street party on 11th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and also to purchase a commemorative medal for each schoolchild in Kirkcudbright.

d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that the Visit Kirkcudbright 2016 brochure had been well received and there some advertisers were still to pay which he was going to chase up.

e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Trades had a very successful trip to York with the Provost for the installation of the Master of Cordwainers. He said that he had received very good feedback and was looking forward to reciprocate the hospitality shown to them. He also reported that Aberdeen and Dundee Incorporated Trades had been invited to Kirkcudbright. He wished to thank the Provost for attending. He also asked that the Community Council write to the York contingent on behalf of the Provost thanking them for the weekend and agreed to give Ms Craig the contact details. Mr Johnson then asked if the Provost was able to receive funding for the trips and if not, then measure should be taken to ensure that funds were available. Mrs Garbutt said that the weekend costs in the region of £250, which not everyone might be able to afford, and it was about increasing the reputation of Kirkcudbright. Mr Johnson agreed and wished to thank the Incorporated Trades and the Provost for all that they do. Mr McHale then offered to open the Limes for the next visit from the York contingent of Incorporated Trades.

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f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mrs Garbutt reported that the questionnaire for the Johnston school had been delivered and the response rate to date, had been around 30 per cent.

Ms Craig agreed to deliver some around Dundrennan.

Mr McHale also reported that interview for projects workers for the bike project had been held and two successful applicants were in the process of being appointed. He also reported that the Council had agreed for the project to be housed within the Johnston School, albeit with caveats, but they were all manageable.

g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** No one present.

h. **Community Centre:** No one present.

i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported that there was to be a presentation to the Board. Ms Lowe the reported that Mr Andy Campbell had taken over the remaining work on the Church after the original contractors had gone into administration.

4. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** No one present

5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** Nothing to report. Next meeting 18th May.

6. **Planning**

a. **General – None**

b. **Wind Turbines – LOCH HILL, ST JOHN'S TOWN OF DALRY**

Proposal:

ERECTION OF 8 WIND TURBINES (MAX HEIGHT 126.5M TO BLADE TIP), 1 PERMANENT ANEMOMETER MAST(MAX HEIGHT 80M), 2 TEMPORARY ANEMOMETER MASTS (MAX HEIGHT 80M), ERECTION OF CONTROL BUILDING AND SUBSTATION, FORMATION OF NEW ACCESS, HARDSTANDING, TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND AND BORROW PIT AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Mrs Garbutt also reported that a new report for Knockendurrick was expected by the end of May and it was a situation that should be monitored.

7. **Correspondence**

Ms Craig reported that she had received an email from Ian McIntyre asking the Community Council acknowledge the achievement of St Cuthbert's winning the South of Scotland League for the first time in 22 years. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic achievement and that Ms Craig should write a letter congratulating them.

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Ms Craig received an email from Mr Wyper which had been forwarded by Lynda Donaldson asking that Kirkcudbright consider adopting a Beat the Street type initiative. It was agreed that Ms Craig do some research regarding this and report back for the next meeting.

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8. **Any other competent business**

Transfer of accounts – Mr Forbes handed out accounts for the CC and suggested that a CGF fund application be submitted to have more funding as there was not enough currently. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and it was agreed that an application be submitted for the July meeting.

Funds – Mr Collins reported that it seemed that Incorporated Trades and the Community Council could do with joint fundraising events. He suggested that perhaps quiz nights to start with and then, if successful, a cheese and wine evening. Everyone thought this was a good idea and Mrs Garbutt and Mr Forbes offered to meet with members of the Incorporated Trades to discuss the idea.

Ms Lowe offered to print posters for any events.

Summer seats – Mr Collins reported he would contact Mr Wyper to see if anything more had been done about this.

Rabbits – Mr Collins reported that the area from Boreland to Burnside Loaning had

become over run with rabbits and while acknowledging that this was a problem, he also said that there was nothing that the council could do.

KBT in Bloom – Mr McHale agreed to supply the categories for the next CC meeting, although he has stepped down from his position.

Flowerbeds – Harbour Square – Mrs Garbutt reported that she was due to have a meeting with Mr Nick Jackson regarding the flowerbeds at harbour Square. Everyone agreed that these beds should be done to the highest standard possible, especially with the arrival of the Kelpies.

Canee – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received more complaints from residents regarding the state of the building site on Canee. It would seem that building waste from other projects was being dumped there. It was agreed that Ms Craig contact SEPA and the Council regarding this.

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Gordon House Hotel – It was agreed that Ms Craig write to Kirkcudbright Fire Station congratulating them for their sterling efforts in containing the recent fire at the Gordon House Hotel.

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KBT International Festival – Mrs Garbutt reported that there had been a recent meeting with Ian Barr regarding the KBT International Festival. She would continue to attend any meetings to monitor funding applications and to ensure that if the festival was to go ahead then it would be a legacy for Kirkcudbright.

Correspondence – Ms Craig asked if everyone agreed that correspondence could be done in email form where appropriate to save costs. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting then closed at 9pm.