

## 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 13th April 2016 at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	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 Mr C Wyper Mrs J Maitland	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mr S Gillespie Ms D Craig Ms E Allan Ms C Kenny	Galloway News Secretary Youth Representative Youth Representative
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mrs P Gilroy Mrs M Maxwell PC Brown	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Police Scotland

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 9 March 2016** **Action**  
These were approved, proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mr Johnson.
2. **Business arising**
  - a. **KBT signs** –Mr Collins reported that templates for a number of designs options were presented at a Deacon’s Court and the signs were going to be made in due course.
  - b. **Common Good Fund** – Mr Forbes reported that, following the bequest left to the CGF from Mary Mitchell, the sum of £12,500 (in the form of income from the bequest) had been paid into the CGF. Mr Forbes wished to thank Mr Wyper for all his hard work regarding this and also thanked Mr Douglas Swan.
  - c. **Fly tipping** – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a letter from DGHP in response to the report at last month’s meeting about fly tipping. The letter stated that DGHP try to ascertain who the items belong and if possible charge them for the cost of uplifting the items. It was also reported that the items had since been removed.
  - d. **Football Pitches** – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a letter from Mr Seton regarding the Solway/Gartshore pitches. The letter stated that funding would be required to realign the pitches and the aim would be to raise finances through the Capital Programme for financial year 2016/2017.

- e. **Tolbooth** – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a reply regarding the leak in the Tolbooth building. Apparently the source of the leak cannot be found but the matter is being monitored.
- f. **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:** Mr Wyper reported that the following several phone calls with the solicitors for the Mitchell estate, the matter should be settled by the end of April.  
Mr Wyper also reported that talks were being held to discuss Silvercraigs Caravan Park becoming part of a Community Takeover.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** There was no meeting for March.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that Visit Kirkcudbright 2016 brochure had been printed and distributed and looked very good. He also reported that some advertisers were still to pay which he was going to chase up.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Trades were looking forward to a trip to York and also that new uniforms had been ordered. He also said that plans for all the Summer Festivities were well underway.
- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the KDT had been awarded funding of £80,000 as part of a Climate Challenge project and adverts for two project workers had already been placed in The Galloway News. He also said that while the plans were to house the project and its bikes in ‘portacabins’ on the site of the Johnston School, it was hoped that the council might let the project have access inside the school instead.  
He also reported that a business plan for the school was in the process of completion. Mr McHale then reported that himself and Mr Johnson had met with Police Scotland and had received a very encouraging response regarding them taking a unit within then school.  
Mr Wyper then said that he thought the move of the Library to the school should be looked at again.  
Mrs Garbutt declared an interest at this point and said that, if it helped with matters regarding the Library, she would step down as Chair of the Community Council. No one thought that this was necessary and everyone thanked Mrs Garbutt for her consideration.  
Mr Collins then suggested that the Community Council hold a meeting with Councillor Tom McAughtrie regarding the Library’s move to Daar Road to make the strength of feeling known. It seemed, he continued, as if democracy had gone out the window. Mr McHale thought that if the bike project was granted access to the school then this might help the cause of the library.  
Mrs Garbutt then suggested that perhaps there should be a public meeting, if an appropriate venue could be found, to let the strength of public meeting be known. Everyone agreed with this suggestion and it was also agreed that Mr Thomson would

chair the meeting. It was agreed that Mrs Garbutt look into finding a venue and date for the meeting.

Mr Johnson then finished by saying he had a meeting with John Enos regarding getting Common Good Funding for the KDT. He also said the questionnaire regarding the school would be distributed 25<sup>th</sup> April and asked for volunteers to help with this. Mr Collins, Mr Smith and Mr Forbes all volunteered to help.

Mr Thomson then reported that he had 10 new memberships for the KDT.

- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Ms Kenny reported that there would be a Charity Race Evening sometime in June and hoped everyone would attend.
- h. **Community Centre:** No one present.
- 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)** Nothing to report. Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May.
6. **Planning**
- a. **General –**
- CLUDEN-BRIGHOUSE GAS PIPELINE, CROSSING A762 ROAD, SOUTH OF CHAPEL FARM, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: FORMATION OF 2 ACCESSES FROM A762 PUBLIC ROAD FOR PIPELINE ROUTE FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF 2 YEARS
- BRAEFOOT, BORGUE, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLINGHOUSE/TEA ROOM/POST OFFICE TO DWELLINGHOUSE
- DAAR ROAD OFFICES, HIGH STREET, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 3 LITTLE SYPLAND COTTAGES, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO SOUTH EAST ELEVATION OF DWELLINGHOUSE
- CHEESE LOFT, KIRKEOCH, BORGUE, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: INSTALLATION OF A GROUND MOUNTED AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP TO WEST ELEVATION OF DWELLINGHOUSE
- TONGLAND POWER STATION, TONGLAND, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: INSTALLATION OF 7 REPLACEMENT/NEW CCTV CAMERAS
- PARK OF TONGLAND, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: ERECTION OF CATTLE SHED WITH UNDERGROUND SLURRY TANK
- DOONWOOD COTTAGE, BORGUE, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO DWELLINGHOUSE AND INSTALLATION OF 16 RETROSPECTIVE GROUND MOUNTED PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS
- SHERIFF COURT HOUSE, HIGH STREET, KIRKCUDBRIGHT  
Proposal: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS, INSTALLATION OF LIFT AND

- b. **Wind Turbines** – Mrs Garbutt 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**  
Mrs Garbutt reported that there had been a posting on Facebook regarding dangerous conditions just past the old wreck at The Dhoon beach. She asked that everyone be made aware of the situation. **DC**  
Email regarding grass cutting in open cemeteries - which DC forwarded 14<sup>th</sup> March.  
Email regarding bus services - which DC forwarded 17<sup>th</sup> March.  
Email regarding closure of Bourtree Avenue, Kirkcudbright - which DC forwarded 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
Email containing SCVS newsletter - which DC forwarded 23<sup>rd</sup> March.  
Email regarding closure of roads for KBT Half Marathon, Kirkcudbright - which DC forwarded 29<sup>th</sup> March.
8. **Any other competent business**
- Transfer of accounts** – Mr Forbes asked for the authority for transfer the Cemetery Appeal account to a Bank of Scotland account. Everyone agreed.
- Gaelic project** – Mr Forbes raised the issue of the plans for public documents, roads signs etc. to have a Gaelic version. He expressed his concern that in such times of austerity, money was being wasted on non-essential matters. Many agreed that it did seem a waste of time and money at this juncture in time when services were being cut. **DC**
- Summer seats** – Mr Collins reported that seats at Greyfriars Church and Burnside Loaning were falling into disrepair and asked if something could be done about this. Mr Wyper reported that he had previously asked Dumfries Prison to get involved in a repair scheme. Everyone thought this a good idea and Mr Wyper agreed to contact the Prison again about it.
- Viking Hoard** – Mrs Maitland asked that the Community Council write to all candidates asking for their support for the Viking Hoard to be house in to Kirkcudbright. Mrs Maitland also suggested the CC write to David Lockwood, Chief Executive offering its support. **DC**
- Ladies toilets** – Mrs Lowe reported that the Ladies Toilets at the Harbour often were closed at night. It was agreed that Ms Craig write on behalf of the CC about this. **DC**
- Victoria Place** – Mrs Lowe reported that the new lighting was ineffective. It was agreed that Ms Craig write on behalf of the CC about this. **DC**
- Tongland Road** – Mr Johnson reported that he had received a number of complaints from a cycling club about the poor state of the main road into Kirkcudbright. It was agreed that Ms Craig write on behalf of the CC about this. **DC**
- Skate Park** – Mr Wyper reported that the Skate Park group had now become a registered charity.

**Queen's 90th birthday coin** – Following some enquiries, Mrs Garbutt reported that there were a total of 410 children in school in Kirkcudbright. It was agreed that a CGF application be made to fund buying a commemorative coin for each of the children.

**School numbers** – Mrs Garbutt asked if the school roll had been capped.

Mrs Maitland reported there were new guidelines in place which allowed more pupils in a school. She thought this was not good for the town schools or the village schools and it was the thin edge of the wedge that could lead the closure of more village schools.

Mrs Garbutt then asked if the Kirkcudbright school was to be inspected along the lines of the schools in Edinburgh, given that it was built around the same time as those currently being inspected in the capital.

Mrs Maitland replied that she had made enquiries regarding this and it appeared that the school did not have the same issues as the ones in Edinburgh.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt took the opportunity to wish the School Representatives the best of luck in their forthcoming exams.

The meeting then closed at 8.30pm.