

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Tongland Golf Centre on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 7.00pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)
Mr L Forbes (Treasurer)
Mr J Johnson
Mr D McHale
Mr D Collins
Mr B Thomson

In attendance:

Mr S Gillespie
Ms D Craig

Galloway News
Secretary

Apologies:

Mrs P Gilroy
Mrs J Maitland
Mr C Wyper
Mrs M Maxwell
Mr P Smith
Mrs K Lowe

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1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 11 May 2016** **Action**
These were approved, proposed by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mr McHale.
2. **Business arising**
 - a. **Summer seats** –Mr Collins reported that the summer seats had been repaired by DG First.
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there had been report of vehicle damage and a spate of garden shed break-ins. He also said that the Summer drink driving campaign was underway and numbers for convictions were gradually dropping. He also reported that the weapons amnesty was going well.
Mrs Garbutt said that there was a Stewartry Safety Forum if anyone was concerned about the security of their house etc and it was certainly worthwhile contacting them to do a ‘security audit’ of your house.
 - b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** No one present
 - c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Plans for the street party on 11th June were well underway.
 - d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that there were still some advertisers to going to chase up for the Visit Kirkcudbright 2016 brochure.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that plans had been made for a fundraising evening for the Trades and the Community Council in the form of a pub quiz evening at The Masonic Arms on 8th July at 7pm. Mr Thomson said that raffles prizes were still needed for the event and also sponsorship was needed.
Mrs Garbutt said that Stewartry Tree Services would sponsor the event, which Mr Thomson thanked her for.
It was agreed that Mr Collins would ask Ian McIntyre and Kim Lowe about designing and printing posters for the event.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the project workers for the bike project had been appointed. He also reported that the clematis around the door to the school had been pruned in order to gain access.
Mr Thomson asked what state the school was in considering the length of time it had lain empty.
Mrs Garbutt said that it was in remarkably good order considering the way it had been left. She also said that the business plan for the school was almost finished.

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

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

- i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported that there were two presentations to the congregation and that he was disappointed at the general negativity surrounding the plans. Mrs Garbutt also said that the Development Trust was being blamed for much of the issues surrounding the proposed changes and this was not the case.

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

- 5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** Nothing to report.

- 6. **Planning**
 - a. **General – Daar Road offices, Main Street, Kirkcudbright**
Change of use of part of ground floor office building to form public library.
 - b. **Wind Turbines – None**

Mr McHale also reported that a new report for Knockendurrick report had an extension to the end of June.

- 7. **Correspondence**
Ms Craig reported that she had received an email regarding the Winifred Kennedy Trust which she had forwarded on 8th June.

- 8. **Any other competent business**

Meeting with Derek Crichton, Colin Holmes and David Coulter – Mr Johnson reported that himself, Mr Forbes and Mrs Garbutt had all attended a meeting in Castle Douglas regarding the dis-establishment of Community Councils. Mr Johnson said that

he thought that basically there had not been enough scrutiny surrounding the whole matter and the only notable apology was from Councillor Wyper. Mr Forbes agreed and said there seemed little in the way of apologies and when he asked if there had been any other routes explored rather than dissolve the councils, the answer was a resounding no. Mr Forbes also said that considering the Government had recently extended the deadline for voting on the membership of the EU, it seemed absurd that Dumfries and Galloway could not have avoided the whole debacle.

Mr Johnson agreed and said that it left community council members with a complete lack of trust in the Council.

Mrs Garbutt asked for it to be included in the Minutes that when the community councils were re-established, that the matter still be pursued. Everyone agreed.

Mr Collins asked that if those attending had found the meeting worthwhile.

There was a general consensus that nothing had really been achieved and there was not enough scrutiny regarding this matter, and as a result the ramifications of this were huge.

Mrs Garbutt agreed and said that it was good to be seen to be there, but it was also important that once re-established the community councils keep asking the questions.

CG Fund application – Mr Forbes and Mrs Garbutt agreed to have the application ready for the date of the re-establishment of the community council.

Pedestrian Crossing – Ms Craig reported that Mrs Lowe had emailed to say that she had signed a petition to install a pedestrian crossing.

Re-establishment of Community Councils – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received confirmation that Kirkcudbright Community Council had received enough nominations to reform without having an election. With the first formal meeting being on 13th July, it was agreed that an EGM be held on 14th September to sign and adopt the Constitution.

Mrs Garbutt also asked that everyone read the Scottish Government Model Scheme for future reference.

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

Archives – Mrs Garbutt asked for help on going through archive files as these were due to be moved into Daar Road where there would not be as much room for files. It was also suggested that once the files had been sorted, a system of digitising them be agreed.

Town Hall – Mr Johnson asked if there any more developments regarding the Town hall. Mrs Garbutt reported that it was a question of waiting to hear about the remaining funding.

The meeting then closed at 8.45pm.

