

## ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the First Meeting of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Kirkcudbright Primary School on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)  
Mr L Forbes (Treasurer)  
Mr P Smith  
Mr J Johnson  
Mrs K Lowe  
Mr D McHale  
Mr D Collins  
Mrs P Gilroy  
Mrs M Maxwell

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

**Apologies:** Mrs J Maitland Dumfries & Galloway Councillor  
Mr C Wyper Dumfries & Galloway Councillor  
PC Brown Police Scotland  
Mr B Thomson

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 11 June 2016** **Action**  
These were approved, proposed by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr Johnson.
2. **Business arising**
  - a. **Street Party** – Mrs Garbutt reported that the street party had been very well attended.
  - b. **Fundraising evening** – Mrs Garbutt also reported there had also been a fundraising evening for Incorporated Trades and the Community Council. She was pleased to report that £150 had been raised for the CC. She also noted that Mr Thomson had asked for a letter of thanks to be sent out to those who had sponsored the fundraising evening.
  - c. **KBT DT** – Mrs Garbutt reported that the Johnston School was now unavailable for the Cycle Project and the Trust had taken the decision to move the project into the Kirkland shop.
3. **Reports**
  - a. **Police:** No one present
  - b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Gilroy reported that she was due to have a meeting with Colin Saul and the D&G architectural team to ensure that all the work was finished at the harbour so that the Kelpies could be put in place.
  - c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Mrs Garbutt reported that there was to be a meeting with a lighting designer on 28<sup>th</sup> September which would hopefully result in some new lighting

for the town. While it was much appreciated all the work the Chamber does for the town with its festive lighting, Mrs Garbutt believed that if there could be a legacy from the International Festival, it should be new lighting.

- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that the Visit Kirkcudbright 2016 brochure had been well received and a couple of advertisers were still to pay and the accounts for the Forum would be in two different forms as non-incorporated and incorporated to comply with OSCR.
  - e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Trades were busy as usual and looking forward to the riding of the Marches. There was also a contingent from York planning a visit to the town.
  - f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the business plan for the school was almost complete and would be made available to anyone who wanted a copy. He also said that the DT was asking for letters of support for the plans for the school. It was agreed that the CC would write a letter of support (with Mr Thomson signing it) and it was suggested that Incorporated Trades and Harbour Cottage gallery do the same. He believed that Mr Ward had come up with great ideas for the school, especially the Dark Skies Project, and thought it could be a huge attraction for the town. DC
  - g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** No one present.
  - h. **Community Centre:** No one present.
  - i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported that there had been a meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Scotland and various members of the congregation at Lockerbie and things seemed to be going in the right direction.
4. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** No meeting until September.
5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** Mrs Garbutt reported that, as everyone was aware, the Town hall did not get additional funding. Discussion between the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Council had taken place and HLF were still keen on the project, but wanted the Council to help with the shortfall. It was inevitable therefore, she continued, that with the Council being asked to come up with a new funding plan, an application would be made to the CGF. Everything needs to be in place by early September and therefore if there was to be an application to the CGF, the CC would need to be consulted first.
- Mr Johnson asked how much the application would be for. Mrs Garbutt said that she did not know the exact amount but it would be sizeable. She also said that those who had tendered had agreed to extend the tenders to cover the time restraints.
- Mrs Maxwell said that she thought it was a great project and it would be a shame to let all the hard work go to waste. Mrs Garbutt agreed and said the danger was that the project would fail and the town would be left with a derelict building.
- Mr Collins agreed and said it would a catastrophe if the project was to fail at this point in time. The only question he had was why the job was allowed to begin without all the funding being in place. Mrs Garbutt agreed but said as matters could not be reversed the main thing to focus on was getting the project finished as it had been 16 years of hard work for many in the town.
- Mr McHale, Mr Forbes and Mrs Lowe all voice their support for the project but said they would like to see figures.
- Mr Johnson agreed and said he would like to see a little more support from the Council

in the way of the Johnston School. He also said the benefits not just for Kirkcudbright but for the entire region were immense.

Mrs Garbutt ended by saying she had asked for the CGFund application to be seen as soon possible and that an emergency meeting of the Council would be called to discuss the application.

6. **Planning**

- a) **General:** Canees 15,16 &25 – the erection of 3 dwelling houses (amended types to that previously approved)
- b) **Turbines:** None to report, though Mr McHale reported that Knockendurrick had been postponed again until the end of the year.

7. **Correspondence - none**

**Any other competent business**

**Gordon House Hotel** – Mr Collins reported that he had been asked by Mr Bruce McKenzie if there was anything the Community Council could do to help speed up the clearing up of the GHH after the recent fire. He reported that the building has been left in the state it was left after the fire and it seems no further work is being done. It was agreed that Patsy Gilroy would contact Environmental Health to see if anything could be done. **PG**

**KBT In Bloom** – Mr McHale asked if everyone could start looking at garden for the KBT in Bloom Awards. It was agreed that Ms Craig would forward the details to everyone. **DC**

**The Dhoon** – Mrs Maxwell reported that there had been a number of ‘boy racers’ at the Dhoon recently, tearing up the grass with their cars. It was agreed that Ms Craig email PC Brown with her concerns.. **DC**

**CGFund application on behalf of CC**– Mr Forbes asked permission, if everyone agreed, to apply for funds from the CGFund for a one-off payment for Community Council as funds were running very low. Everyone agreed and a figure of £5000 was decided on.

**Harbour Square hook up points** – Mr Forbes asked if anything could be done to remove the old hook-up points at the square as some of them were leaking water. Mrs Gilroy suggested that Mr Forbes contact the Harbour Master.

**Radio 4 Listening Project**– Mrs Garbutt reported that she had been contacted by Radio 4 regarding the temporary siting of a caravan/recording booth on 24<sup>th</sup> July to record the programme for Radio 4. Mrs Garbutt asked that everyone go along as it was a very worthwhile project and programme.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for attending and for their continued support and forbearance and agreed that the next meeting will be an EGM on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

The meeting then closed at 8pm.

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