

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the EGM of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Kirkcudbright Primary School on Wednesday 14th September 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 Mrs C Wyper Mrs M Maxwell	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
In attendance:	Mr S Gillespie Ms D Craig	Galloway News Secretary
Apologies:	Mrs J Maitland Mrs P Gilroy PC Brown Mr D Collins	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Police Scotland

Kirkcudbright in Bloom

Mrs Garbutt began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Kirkcudbright in Bloom Awards. She thanked everyone for attending and for their efforts in keeping the town looking as lovely as it does. She then handed the floor over to David McHale to present the prizes.

The prizes were as follows:

Kirkcudbright in Bloom

Prize Winners 2016

Gardens 1st Ingrid Davies The Stables
Gardens 2nd Allan Milligan 11 Mount Pleasant Road
Gardens 2nd William and Maureen McHenry 4 Victoria Park
Small gardens 1st Mr and Mrs Gault 22 Hornel Road
Small gardens 2nd Thomas and Grace Thomson 17 Merse Strand
Small gardens 2nd Hilda and Andrew Callander 1 Princess Street
Commercial 1st Sharon and Neil Rice Kirkcudbright Bay Hotel
Commercial 2nd Chris Walker and Douglas McDavid Selkirk Arms Hotel
Commercial 2nd Pat and John Blaikie Blaven
Containers 1st Elizabeth Caig 10 Cannee Chase
Containers 2nd Valerie Baker and Graham Wood 12 Cannee Chase
Containers 3rd Mary and Graham Mann 4 Dunbar Avenue
Best shop display Beyond the Line

Overall Shield (street) Cannee Chase
Rose Bowl (overall) Alec and Doreen Blackadder Glenlivet, Tongland Road
Shearer Trophy Alan and Sibylla Kinnear 12 Bourtree Crescent

* The Shearer trophy is presented for something special and differs from year to year.

Adoption of the formal constitution

There were no objections and the constitution was adopted and signed. It was noted however, that this constitution was adopted because there was no alternative and the Community Council wait to see amendments to the scheme of establishment.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 July 2016

These were approved, proposed by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mrs Lowe.

2. Business arising

There was none

3. Reports

- a. **Police:** PC Brown had sent his apologies as he is on secondment to Newton Stewart for the next few weeks. It was reported however that Kirkcudbright Police Station has been earmarked for closure. Everyone agreed that this was disappointing, although it is hoped that Police Scotland will take a room in the Johnston School. The Community Council hoped that a police presence would still be visible within the town.

Mr Thomson the gave details of an online petition to reinstate the 9 forces throughout Scotland, rather than having one centralised force.

Mrs Garbutt agreed that the Council would monitor the situation.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mr Wyper reported that there was a council meeting the following week and he had not been able to access the papers regarding that meeting.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** The September meeting had been cancelled.

- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that summer had been a great success and asked that letters be sent to the Arts and Crafts Trail and the Festivities thanking them for their efforts.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Smith reported that the AGN was due to be held at the end of the month and the 'Big Pie' was to be held in October in Ayrshire.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that there had been a very successful and encouraging meeting with the Lottery fund. He also reported that the Bike project was doing well, but thought that safe cycle routes would benefit the town and project. Mrs Garbutt agreed and thought that those employed as part of the project should be pursuing a cycle route. He ended by encouraging those present to help try and raise membership numbers. Mr Wyper then added that plans for Silvercraigs Caravan Park to be taken over by the KBT DT

were still underway.

Mrs Garbutt and those present thought this was encouraging news, as there had been many complaints from seasonal residents about the state of disrepair that the site was falling into. It was agreed that Ms Craig and Mr Forbes write a letter requesting a copy of the accounts for the site as well as contacting environmental health about the poor state of the site.

Kirkcudbright Academy: Ms Craig to contact the school asking for new student representatives.

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

i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale said there was nothing to report

4. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** Mr Wyper reported that the link for the papers wasn't working. Mrs garbutt asked Mr Wyper to make sure that the KBT DT Business Plan was on the agenda..

5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** An application from Kirkcudbright Skatepark for the sum of £10,000 had been received. It was agreed unanimously that this should be approved. Mrs garbutt wanted it noted that the skatepark should not block the view of the swimming pool, which everyone agreed with.

6 **Planning**

a) **General:** Cannee No. 22 building of a house
Cannee Farm erection of egg production unit

b) **Turbines:** None

7. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig reported that she had received a letter from Mr Finlay Carson introducing himself as the new Member of Scottish Parliament for Galloway and West Dumfries. Ms Craig had replied and thanked Mr Carson for his letter and informed him of the dates of the Community Council meetings.

All other email correspondence had been forwarded to council members.

Any other competent business

Kirkcudbright Road – Mr Thomson asked that the CC write and complain about the state of the weeds as you enter the town. It was agreed that Ms Craig write a letter.

Douglas Irving – Mrs Lowe informed the council that Mr Irving's last service was 25th September, 10am. It was agreed that Ms Craig write a letter to Douglas and Hilary thanking them for everything they have done for the town.

12th Installation of Lord Lietenant Army Cadet – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had attended the event.

CGFund application on behalf of CC– Mr Forbes reported that he had not heard anything regarding this and would follow up the matter.

Remembrance Sunday – It was agreed that Ms Craig and Mrs Garbutt start to contact the various groups involved.

Citizen of the Year– Mr Smith agreed to begin this.

Car parking on High Street It was agreed that Ms Craig contact the police about the increasing number of cars parked along the High Street at the end of the school day.

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

The meeting then closed at 8.30pm.