

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Kirkcudbright Primary School on Wednesday 12th October 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 M Maxwell
Mrs P Gilroy Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

In attendance: Ms D Craig Secretary

Apologies: Mrs J Maitland Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
Mrs P Gilroy Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
PC Brown Police Scotland
Mr D Collins
Mr B Thomson

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 14 September 2016**

These were approved, proposed by Mr Forbes and seconded by Mr Smith.

2. **Business arising**

Mrs Garbutt reported that she had attended a Network of Community Councils meeting and there was general concern over the issue of police station closures. Former policeman Mr Ian Howie gave a talk regarding the closures and encourage people to voice their concerns. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

3. **Reports**

- a. **Police:** Ms Craig received an email with the following report from the police;
10 recorded crimes since last meeting, comprising 3 domestic related Breach of the Peace, 3 potential domestic related vandalisms, 2 assaults, 1 theft and another vandalism. Recent telephone scams where substantial amounts of money have been removed from personal bank accounts after bank details have been given out over the telephone. Never give out such details over the phone. Masonic hall, Castle Douglas subject to a number of vandalisms – man being reported with regards same.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Gilroy reported that she had attended a SPEN seminar and had a copy of a map of the boundaries that had been changed. She also said that on 2nd November between 2pm and 8pm in the Parish Church Hall, there would be an exhibition of the planned proposals for anyone to see.

Mrs Garbutt then asked why there had only been notification of the budget consultation on a Wednesday when the consultation had already taken place on the Monday. Mrs Gilroy agreed to put in a complaint regarding the matter.

Mr Forbes then asked Mrs Gilroy if she could find out why the Community Council had still not received its administrative grant, which she agreed to chase up.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** It was reported that there was to be a meeting regarding the late night shopping events and the turning on of the Christmas lights.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that he was busy with the accounts in order to comply with OSCR status.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Smith reported that the Kirkin of the Deacon Convenor of the Incorporated Trades of Irvine was a very successful day and asked if people could attend the Kirking of the Deacon which was to be held on Sunday.
- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported the business plan for the Johnston School and the project itself was looking very positive and viable. He also reported that membership was now standing at over 300, but more members were need. Mr Johnson reported that he was going to contact Mr MacLaine to try and encourage those that use the Youth Drop-In Centre to join.
Mr McHale then reported that the Bike Project was doing well, and was very active in the community.
Mr Johnson agreed and hoped that safe cycle routes would developed throughout the town.
Mrs Gilroy then mentioned a possible cycle route along the Dee. Everyone thought this was a great idea and Mrs Garbutt asked that those developing the route could work in conjunction with the Bike Project.
Mrs Garbutt then reported that she had just signed the stage 1 application process for Silvercraigs Caravan Park. It was agreed that Mr Forbes draft a letter for Ms Craig to send requesting the accounts of the caravan park. Mrs Garbutt also said that, following a complain from the CC regarding the poor state of facilities, there had been an effort to clean the facilities mentioned.
- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Ms Craig to contact the school again 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)** Meeting next week.
- 5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** None
- 6 **Planning**
 - a) **General:** None
 - b) **Turbines:** None
- 7. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig reported that she had received an email from Trevor Procter regarding Mochrum Wind Farm. It was agreed that Kirkcudbright Community Council write objecting to the disregard for local opinion.

Ms Craig also reported that she had received an email from William Jackson regarding Silvercraigs Caravan Park.

Ms Craig also received an email from Mr P Duncan regarding the rowdy behaviour of youths at High Park. It was agreed that Ms Craig forward his email to the local police as well as writing to the headteacher of the Academy asking him to raise this matter with pupils.

Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a letter regarding the Cafe Academy which was to be held on Friday 2nd December in the Cochran Hall, from 10am-2pm.

Any other competent business

SCVS – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had she had received a training request form from SCVS at the Community Council Network meeting which she handed out and asked to be filled in and handed back to SCVS.

Pastoral Duties – Mrs Lowe reported that in the absence of a resident minister, the pastoral duties are being covered by Reverend Marion Dixon two days per week. Reverend Ott from Gatehouse is seeing through the process of getting a new minister.

Galloway Glens Project – Mrs Gilroy reported that she was on the board for the Galloway Glens project and would ensure that the Stewartry would get fair representation.

LED lights – Mrs Gilroy reported that nearly all the street lights in the Stewartry had no been converted to LED with maintenance being greatly reduced and cutting costs of almost a third.

Remembrance Sunday – Mrs Garbutt reported that the service was to be held on 13th November this year and asked that as many as possible could attend.

Citizen of the Year– Mr Smith reported that the ballot boxes would be going into local business shortly and asked that everyone vote.

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.