

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

2 **Minutes of the previous meeting on 9 November 2016**

These were approved, proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mr Johnson.

3 **Business arising**

Mrs Garbutt reported that she since the move of the library to Daar Road she had received good feedback. Mrs Garbutt also wished to thank the groundsman and team for all the help they gave in the move. Mrs Garbutt did raise the point that the new location was not adequately signposted and the path along the entrance to the library was very dark. Mrs Gilroy agreed to look into the matter of lighting and also the possibility of opening the main doors for the library as well as the side door.

4 **Reports**

- a. **Police:** PC Johnson reported that there had been 11 crimes (4 detected, 6 ongoing and 1 undetected). There had been a recent break in to a portacabin on the grounds of St Cuthbert's football grounds as well as domestic incidents and vandalism. Mr Forbes then asked if vandalism to the noticeboard outside the Harbour Cottage gallery had been reported and asked if where the nearest CCTV was to the Gallery. Mr Wyper said that the swimming pool used CCTV that were discreet and might comply with building regulations since it was within the conservation area. It was also suggested that cameras could be fitted to the

Harbour Master's Office though it was debatable as to whether they would cover the required area. PC Johnson thanked Mr Forbes for the information and said that Simon Kennedy would be the best person to talk to regarding this. Mrs Garbutt agreed to give Mr Forbes his details. PC Johnson also reported that the Drink Drive campaign was well underway and more than 500 had been breathalysed so far resulting in 6 positive tests. PC Johnson also reported that there were a number of internet/phishing scams doing the rounds as well as rogue traders going under the guise of Marshall Driveways. There had also been an arrest in connection with the quad bike stolen from Dalbeattie. He asked everyone to be extra vigilant. Mrs Garbutt thanked PC Johnson for attending and he left the meeting.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Gilroy reported that there had been an excellent report from St Cuthbert's Wanderers regarding the sinking fund and it was estimated that around 350 people per week were using the pitches. Mrs Garbutt said that, with regard to the pitches, it was agreed with Mr Lee Seton that the pitches would be turned around, as the CC had requested earlier in the year.
 - c. **Chamber of Commerce:** The December meeting had been cancelled, but Mrs Garbutt reported that the Citizen of the Year Award and switching on off the Christmas lights/Late Night Shopping evening had been a great success. This year's winner was Paul Wilkinson of Castle Bistro. Everyone agreed the lights were lovely and Mrs Garbutt suggested that the Citizen of the Year Award be given more publicity next year and that perhaps the criteria could be refined.
 - d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that the 2017 brochure was underway.
 - e. **Incorporated Trades:** Nothing to report.
 - f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported a newsletter from the KBT DT was due to go out shortly and the finances were looking healthy. He also reported that funding of £30,000 had been awarded for the Johnstone School, application for funding had been made in relation to Barhill Woods Mrs Garbutt also reported that Councillors had been very supportive of the Johnstone School development/
Mr Forbes then asked if the CC had received a reply to the request for the accounts for Silvercraigs Caravan Park. Mrs Garbutt replied that the accounts were unavailable and Mr McHale asked if there was a possibility that the KBT DT could take over the running of the site as soon as next year. Mrs Gilroy replied that this would hopefully be the case, while the issue of ownership was addressed. Everyone agreed this was good news and another potential source of income.
 - g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Gilroy reported that the Cafe Academy afternoon had been a great success.
 - h. **Community Centre:** Ms Craig agreed to email a new contact at the Community Centre inviting them to attend the meetings.
 - i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale said there was nothing to report.
5. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** As reported earlier.
6. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** An application had been submitted from the Forum for £5000 to continue with the publication of the Visit Kirkcudbright brochure. Mrs Garbutt and Mr Forbes declared an interest at this point. It was then agreed unanimously that the application be supported.
At this point Mr Forbes also asked if there had been any news regarding the CC application. Ms

Craig found the email correspondence from Mrs Gilroy from 13 October in which she had requested a response in regard to the application. Ms Craig forwarded the email to Mr Wyper.

7. **Planning**

General: None

Turbines: None

8. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig had forwarded all appropriate correspondence, namely:

SWETrans re local bus services – 17 November

SCVS newsletters – 2 December

Knockendurrick Wind Farm up date 7 December

Kendoon to Tongland Reinforcement – 7 December

D&G Communities Directorate Ward Working – 5 December

Any other competent business

Pavements along High Street – Mr Forbes reported that the state of pavements along the High Street from Greengate was particularly poor. Mrs Gilroy said that Robert Lowther was the person to contact about this and he was based in Abercromby Road.

Remembrance Sunday - Mr Collins reported that, despite the best efforts of those involved, the ceremony was still a rather disorganised affair. Mrs Garbutt suggested that perhaps the Incorporated Trades could take over the running of the event. Mr Collins agreed to ask about this.

Castle Sod – Mrs Garbutt had been asked by a resident to look into the original planning application for the houses on the site of the Creamery as the increased traffic from the house was making it difficult for some residents to exit their driveways safely. Mrs Gilroy agreed to look into this.

Town Hall – Mrs Garbutt reported work was underway on the town hall.

School Close – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had gone to the open day of the new development for the former residents of Mansefield and was delighted with the results. She said that, although there had been issues for residents on Castledykes Road and concerns over how the residents would adjust to their new surroundings, the end result was very impressive, with the residents taking real ownership of their apartments. Everyone agreed that this was great news.

There being no other business, Mrs Garbutt thanked everyone for their attendance and support throughout the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

