

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Kirkcudbright Primary School on Wednesday 9th November 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 J Maitland	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
	PC Brown	Police Scotland
In attendance:	Ms D Craig	Secretary
	Mr S Gillespie	
	Mr John Howell	
	Ms Elizabeth Gunby	
Apologies:	Mrs P Gilroy	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
	Mr C Wyper	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
	Mr L Forbes	Treasurer

John Howell – Service Manager EEI

Mrs Garbutt welcomed Mr Howell to the meeting who then gave a talk regarding the possibility of a cycle path being developed in Kirkcudbright. Mr Johnson thought it was a good idea and argued that if it encouraged even a handful of people to cycle then it would be worth it.

Mr McHale said that even as a keen cyclist he was concerned that it would change the area with signage and lighting and thought that perhaps the money might be better invested in upgrading the surrounding roads.

Mr Howell explained that the budget for the path was ring-fenced for cycle projects and was not able to be transferred to the roads department. He went on to explain that there were no solid ideas for Kirkcudbright regarding the path, but it was a start and he was keen to hear feedback.

Ms Gunby thought that one of the main things that deterred people from cycling was feeling safe on the roads so, as part of the Cycle for Life project, she was in favour of people having somewhere to cycle safely, but it was also imperative that there were traffic free or low traffic routes for people to use.

Mr McHale asked if the current route could not be upgraded.

Mrs Garbutt then asked if the proposed area had not flooded in recent years. Mr Howell replied that the Flood Risk Management Team had not deemed the area a flood risk. He continued that a similar path had been started in Dalbeattie and had proved a success.

Everyone agreed that in theory it was a good idea, but there were concerns regarding lighting and signage. It was also agreed that Mr McHale's idea of upgrading the current route be looked into.

Mrs Garbutt thanked Mr Howell for attending and he left the meeting at 8pm.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting on 12 October 2016**
These were approved, proposed by Mr McHale and seconded by Mrs Lowe.

3 **Business arising**

Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a list of questions from Mr Ian Howie regarding the closure of police stations. She suggested that she would send the questions round to everyone and if they were happy, the Community Council would send a letter expressing its concerns.

Everyone agreed with this.

Mrs Garbutt also wanted to remind everyone about the Remembrance Sunday Service and asked as many as possible to attend.

4 **Reports**

- a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that the closure of Kirkcudbright Police Station was still a possibility and if it were to close there would still be a local police presence. He also reported two cases of domestic abuse, an assault near the swimming pool, a dog-biting incident and a woman being charged with misuse of the 999 system. There was also the case of an air ambulance helicopter being deployed for someone in the town. Mrs Garbutt thanked PC Brown and asked if he heard any more about the station closures consultation then to please let the CC know.
PC Brown then left the meeting at 7.10

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Maitland reported that there was a report regarding the Johnston School to be presented at the next SAC meeting. She also reported that there was a new Ward Worker, Ingrid Gemmel, who would cover the Dee and Glenkens area and would be based in Kirkcudbright.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** The meeting was due to be held next week.

- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** The next meeting in November would be the AGM, and in the meantime funding applications were being submitted for the Visit Kirkcudbright 2017 brochure.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Incorporated Trades were quiet at the moment.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the Kirkcudbright Cycling Project was going well and the Trust had agreed to apply for funding for another year. He also said that membership was up to 331 but asked that everyone try and increase membership. There was also a newsletter being sent out.
Mrs Garbutt also said that Development Worker Andrew Ward had very positive responses from recent meetings regarding all the projects.
Mr Collins then asked if it was possible to see a copy of the report from the questionnaires that were filled in. Mr McHale agreed to put the report on the website.

- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Ms Craig had received a reply from pupils stating that they would attend the next meeting.

- 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)** None

7. **Planning**
General: None
Turbines: None

8. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig reported that she had received a letter from the Energy and Climate Change Directorate inviting CC members to attend a meeting on 14 November regarding the Tongland Reinforcement Project. No members were able to attend.

Any other competent business

Citizen of the Year Boxes – Mr Smith reported that he would be collecting the boxes next week so all nominations should be in.

League of Friends Coffee Evening - Mrs Maxwell reported that there would be a fundraising coffee evening on 1st December at 7pm in The Bowling Green.

Footpaths – Mrs Lowe reported that on two paths that needed attention. It was agreed to that Ms Craig email about them.

Library – Mrs Garbutt reported that the library would close on Saturday 12th November at 1pm and would reopen in Daar Road a week later.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.50pm

