

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Kirkcudbright Primary School on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Present:	Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair) Mr P Smith Mr J Johnson Mrs K Lowe Mr D McHale Mr B Thomson Mr D Collins	
	Sgt. C Scott Magnus Riley Conor Bradley	Police Scotland Youth Representative Youth Representative
In attendance:	Ms D Craig Mr S Gillespie	Secretary Dumfries and Galloway News
Apologies:	Mr L Forbes (Treasurer) Mrs P Gilroy Mr C Wyper Mrs M Maxwell	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

Mrs Garbutt began by welcoming Sergeant Scott, Magnus Riley and Conor Bradley to the first meeting of 2017.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting on 14 December 2016

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

3 Business arising

Castle Sod

Mrs Garbutt reported that she has had further correspondence regarding this matter and it was agreed that the Community Council take the matter further.

Remembrance Sunday

Mr Collins reported that the matter of organising the Remembrance Sunday service was being looked into.

4 **Reports**

- a. **Police:** Sergeant Scott introduced himself as the new Community Sergeant and began his report. Nine crimes had been reported since the last meeting (four domestic related incidents, seven vandalism and one house break in with intent.) The annual Festive Drink Driving Campaign had resulted in 19 positive tests, a rise on last year (9 incidents).

Community Issues

The official surrender for Air Weapons ended on 31 December 2016 and thousands of weapons had been surrendered in the six months prior to this.

Bogus Workmen

Sergeant Scott asked everyone to be aware of bogus workmen and reminded everyone that for contracts over £35, traders are legally obliged to provide consumers with a written notice informing them that they have a seven day cooling off period. If there were any doubts over workmen he recommended that everyone call 101 reporting them.

Citizenaid

An app had recently been launched with the aim of saving lives before emergency services arrive.

Mr Collins asked if then pre-warning text system had been implemented as he had signed up for it and had heard nothing since. Sergeant Scott said that it was in use but had fallen by the wayside slightly. It was, he continued, something that was being looked at and hoped that it would be more active in the future.

Mr Thomson reported a text scam asking for your bank details. Sgt. Scott said that everyone should be vigilant with bank details, and reminded everyone that banks would never ask for details by text or email.

Sgt. Scott then left the meeting at 7.20pm

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Maitland reported that councillors had been asked to reconvene for a special meeting on the 28th December to decide whether or not to publish the Whitesands proposal. It was decided, she said, the publication should go ahead. She also said that the design was available to view online and that it looked very impressive and should make a huge difference.
Mr McHale asked if agricultural engineering had been looked at and Mrs Maitland replied that solutions had been thoroughly investigated.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** The recent meeting had discussed the success of the Christmas Lights, Citizen of the Year and Late Night Shopping events, with another business agreeing to become more involved, which was a positive result.
It was agreed that the lighting this year had been very successful, especially with the fishing boats and bridge being lit up.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** There was no meeting in December.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Burns Supper was to be held at Arden House and tickets priced at £15 were available.
 - f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the Trust was hoping to appoint two pupils from the Academy as Trustees and that membership currently stood at just over 400.
Mrs Garbutt then asked Mrs Maitland if there had been any news on Silvercraigs Caravan Park as she had further correspondence from long term residents that unless conditions were improved they would not be coming back to the site this year. Mrs Maitland asked if Mrs Garbutt could forward such correspondence and said she hoped that things were moving in the right direction.
 - g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Mr Bradley reported that the Academy was holding a Burns Supper in the Cochrane Hall on 21st January and tickets were on sale in Thomsons the newsagents.
 - h. **Community Centre:** Ms Craig had forwarded minutes from its recent meeting for everyone to read.
 - i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale said there was nothing to report.
5. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** Nothing to report
 6. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** An application had been submitted from the Children's Festival for £2000. It was agreed that the sum of £1000 be awarded.

At this point Mrs Garbutt also asked if there had been any news regarding the CC application. Ms Craig forwarded the recent correspondence to Councillors Wyper, Gilroy and Maitland to see what was happening with the application.

7. **Planning**
General: None
Turbines: None
8. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig had received an email from a Mr Duncan thanking the CC for its help in obtaining signs from the police for Castleview Guest House.

Any other competent business

Recycling collection– Mr Johnson asked Mrs Maitland if there had been any developments on the recycling collection from households. Mrs Maitland replied that there was to be a meeting the following week and she would keep the CC informed.

Bus Service - Mrs Garbutt reported that she had a complaint from residents about the bus service. It was agreed that the CC write to Douglas Kirkpatrick at SWTrans regarding this matter.

Harbour Bus stop – Mr Smith reported that a local business, the garage, had offered to sponsor the bus stop at the Harbour. Everyone thought this was a great idea and Mrs Maitland suggested that an application be made to the Common Good Fund to make any repairs needed to the bus stop. It was agreed that Mr Kirkpatrick also be contacted about this.

Harbour – Mrs Garbutt reported that the Harbour Master was required to put the cleaning of the slipway out for public consultation, at a cost of hundreds of pounds, as power tools were being used. Everyone agreed that the consultation would be a waste of money and Mrs Maitland agreed

to enquire about the matter.

Council Table – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received correspondence asking if the CC wanted to keep the Chamber table or have it sent for auction. It was agreed unanimously that the table be kept.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.15pm.

