

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Tongland Golf Centre on
Wednesday 8 February 2017 at 7.00pm

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

Mr Thomson began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting, especially as the venue had to temporarily be changed.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting on 11 January 2017

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

3 Business arising

Remembrance Sunday

Mr Collins reported that he had spoken to Nick Jackson who had agreed to take over as parade master for the Remembrance Sunday service.

4 **Reports**

- a. **Police:** PC Brown had sent in his apologies. Derek Collins raised the issue of the Police Station being moved into the fire station. It was agreed that there had been a complete lack of consultation with the Community Council as well as the general public. David McHale and John Johnson agreed that it was a pity as it was hoped there would be a police presence in the Johnston School. It was agreed that the CC should express its opposition to the move and that Lesley Garbutt request a formal meeting with the police.

 - b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** There was no one present but Mrs Maitland had emailed that Keith Armstrong Clark (Harbour Master) reported there are tells me that there are two dredging operations proposed. 1. At the marina – where there is mud under the walkway and finger berths – the idea is to use a single firehose. Because it is using mechanical means, or a firehose or water agitation, a marine licence is required. All going well, it means the licence will come into being in mid March when the weather is better for the work, and completion is just before Easter. The work will include the sailing club slipway. 2. By the slipway at the drying grid. This will be done by hand and therefore does not need a licence. Marine Scotland thinks this will be a very easy set of dredging activities and does not envisage any delays or issues.
Also regarding the issue of recycling is on indefinite hold.

 - c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Meeting next week.

 - d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** The launch of the Visit Kirkcudbright Brochure 2017 was to be held at 7pm on 29th March in the Parish Hall.

 - e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Burns Supper was to be held at Arden House on 25th February and tickets priced at £15 were available.

 - f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that newsletter had been sent out and hard copies were also available. Membership was at 415, which everyone agreed was good, but there was till scope for more membership. Mr Johnson also reported that the accounts for KBT DT had been sent to SCVS for inspection before the AGM on 6th March. Silvercraigs Caravan Park was developing at a pace and it was hoped there would be an official opening on 1st April.
Plans for the Johnston School were also moving forward.

 - g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Mr Riley reported that there had been Candelmas at the school which had gone very well.

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

 - ii **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported the AGM was to be held in Catholic Church Hall on 20th February.
5. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** Nothing to report
- Common Good Fund (CGF)** Nothing to report

6. **Planning**
General: None
Turbines: None

7. **Correspondence** - Ms Craig had received an email from Mrs McCaig asking if there might be a group to help with establishing a sensory garden at Merse House. Ms Craig agreed to contact the Gardener's Society and also forwarded the email to Mr Riley to ask at the Academy. All other correspondence had been forwarded by email.

8. **Any other competent business**

The Cross – Mrs Lowe asked if there were rules regarding advertising at the Cross as it was beginning to look messy. She also asked the policy on political parties putting leaflets there. It was agreed that political parties would be certainly not be advised to advertise there and as for other businesses advertising, it was an ongoing issue.

KBT CC Facebook – Mrs Lowe also raised the possibility of a Facebook page and offered to do the admin for it. It was agreed that this was something that could be looked at in the future.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8pm.

