

## ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 7pm

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs Lesley Garbutt Mr Brian Thomson Mr D McHale Mr J Maitland Mrs K Lowe Mr L Forbes Mr P Smith Mr R Asbridge Mr D Collins Mr J Johnson	Chair  Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
<b>In attendance:</b>	Ms D Craig PC Steele Johnston Mr Stuart Gillespie	Secretary Police Scotland Dumfries and Galloway News
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mrs P Gilroy Mr D Campbell Mrs M Maxwell	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

**Mrs Garbutt began by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and wished a warm welcome back to Mr Collins after his accident.**

### **Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 September 2017**

**Sederunt and apologies: as above**

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

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- a. **Police:** PC Johnstone reported that there were reports of more youths gathering at High Park and that the local police were monitoring the situation. There was also a new initiative underway involving high vis patrols in the area.

As for crimes there was an incident of shoplifting, the Scout hall had been breached, theft of a bike, vandalism of a car, the Scout Hall had been breached again and there was theft from a post box. There was also an incident of morphine being taken into school by a pupil and given to another pupil, who became unwell and had to go to hospital.

Councillor Maitland asked if the community safety enforcement team could be more involved to get a grip of the situation before it started to spread.

Mrs Garbutt reported that the Youth Drop in centre had been adversely affected by the Scout Hall situation and Mr Johnson agreed and stressed that the Youth Drop In was proving hugely successful.

PC Johnstone also reported that there were bogus workmen in the area and for everyone to report sightings of a van with Roadstone Highway Maintenance on it, with Irish workmen offering to do driveways.

Mrs Garbutt then asked PC Johnstone if he knew about the upgrade to the CCTV system. PC Johnstone reported that he had heard of the upgrade but wasn't sure when it was being implemented.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:**

Councillor Maitland reported that the Area Working Committee meetings had been reduced to 6 a year. Mr McHale asked the reason behind the reduction and Councillor Maitland replied that it was down to cost. She also reported that there had been a very successful meeting with Visit Scotland at which a national marketing policy had been agreed for the Art Gallery.

Councillor Maitland also reported that the Local Development Plan was in the offing and comments from the KBT CC had been looked at.

Mr Thomson then asked what the situation was with the Library Management System as it had been promised some time ago but appeared to be getting dragged out. Councillor Maitland reported that the new system was due early 2018.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Mrs Garbutt reported that funding had been secured for the installation and maintenance of Christmas lights from the CGF.

- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Nothing to report apart from the 2018 brochure being worked on.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that Mrs Garbutt became the first female Lay Convenor and there had been a successful trip by a delegation to the Irvine Conveners.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson that £100,000 had been awarded to the development of the Johnstone School from the CGFund. Everyone agreed this was great news and was a real leap forward. There had also been a grant of £15000 for the Festival of Light. Silvercraigs Caravan, he reported, had a £58,000 turnover, which everyone agreed was a great result and down to the time, drive and imagination of Colin Wyper. Barhill Woods: Mr Asbridge was doing great things with this project and an application was in to the LEADR project for funding.

- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** No one present.

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

- I. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported that a draft paper had been sent out to the congregation.

**Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** Nothing to report

**Common Good Fund (CGF)**

Councillor Maitland reported that awards had been made to the KBT DT, Scout Hall and the Chamber of Commerce.

**Planning**

Nothing to report.

**Turbines:** Nothing to report

**Correspondence** - All correspondence had been forwarded by email.

**Any other competent business**

**Remembrance Sunday**– It was agreed that Ms Craig contact the Churches to ask for their attendance at the ceremony.

**Castledykes Road** – Mr Forbes reported that there was no signage to indicated this was a no-through road. It was agreed that Ms Craig log it on the CCES reference system.

**Tree planting** – Mr Asbridge asked if anyone knew who owned the land near the school as there were plans for the Rotary and the Academy to plant trees there. Mr Smith agreed to give Mr Asbridge some information that he had regarding this land. It was noted that the CC had no objections to trees being planted.

**Citizen of the Year**– Mr Smith wished to thank Mrs Lowe for her help making boxes and reported that they had been put throughout the town for people to vote.

**St Cuthbert Street** – Mrs Garbutt reported that many of the performers at the tattoo had complained about the poor state of the road. Ms Craig agreed to follow this up.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.30



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