

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 8th November 2017.

Present: Mrs Lesley Garbutt
Mrs P Gilroy
Mrs K Lowe
Mr L Forbes
Mr P Smith
Mr D Collins
Mr J Johnson

Chair
Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

In attendance: Ms D Craig
PC John Brown
Mr Stuart Gillespie

Secretary
Police Scotland
Dumfries and Galloway News

Apologies: Mrs J Maitland
Mr D Campbell
Mrs M Maxwell
Mr David McHale
Mr Brian Thomson

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Mrs Garbutt began by introducing Dr Yvonne Hail from Napier University who was attending the meeting as part of research into community policy in rural Scotland.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 11 October 2017
These were approved, proposed by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mrs Lowe.
3. Business arising
Mrs Garbutt advised that she was in fact the First Lady Deacon of the Incorporated Trades and not Lay Convenor as reported.
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 - a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there had been: break in on Barhill Avenue
Domestic assault – this had been dealt with
Shoplifting incident – dealt with

Scout Hall vandalism and post box thefts – this was being dealt with
Inappropriate images – this was being dealt with throughout all schools in Galloway under the 'Do the right thing' project
Keystore robbery – this was also being dealt with

Peter Smith then asked if there was anything that could be done with the junction at the Selkirk. Everyone agreed it was a very dangerous junction and was an accident waiting to happen. PC Brown agreed and was going to contact the roads department to see if the double yellow lines could be extend. Councillor Gilroy advised that this could be a lengthy process and the sooner it was acted on, the better.

b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:**

Councillor Gilroy reported that following the Local Development Plan the area by the Stell as not going to be included. Mrs Garbutt reminded the meeting that following the last LDP, the community council had requested that the Creamery remain as commercial.

Councillor Gilroy then said there had been a meeting with the Garden Hill Health Centre regarding patient flow, with the imminent opening of the new hospital. She suggested that Mrs Garbutt come to the next meeting.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Mrs Garbutt reported that Christmas lights would be switched on 2nd December, the same day as Winter Wonderland and when Santa was coming up the river. The Chamber hoped that many local businesses would get involved.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that the 2018 brochure was being worked on and an application to the Common Good Fund and the SAC was being submitted for funding.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that plans were well underway for Remembrance Sunday.
- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that plans were well underway for the Johnston School. There was to be a public appeal to try and engage the community and a launch was planned for the end of January.
- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** No one present. Ms Craig emailed again asking for attendance.
- h. **Community Centre:** No one present.
- i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Nothing to report.
5. **Stewartry Area Committee (SAC)** Nothing to report
6. **Common Good Fund (CGF)**
Nothing to report.
7. **Planning**
Nothing to report.
8. **Turbines:** The meeting was informed that the deadline for Knockendurrick had once more been

put back.

Correspondence - All correspondence had been forwarded by email.

Any other competent business

Remembrance Sunday– Mrs Garbutt informed the meeting that there would be a rehearsal on Saturday evening at 6pm. She also said she hoped everyone would be able to attend the ceremony. Mr Smith asked if some pupils from the Academy could attend.

Citizen of the Year – Mr Smith reported that after collecting all the boxes, there had been more than 90 votes cast and there had been lovely comments regarding the nominees. In the end Avril Swan had the most votes. Mrs Garbutt also suggested that a list of all the nominees be published, which everyone agreed was a good idea. Everyone thanked Mr Smith for all his efforts with this award.

- b. **Cadet Sign** – Mrs Lowe reported that a new, larger sign had replaced the damaged sign outside the Johnston School. It was agreed that this was rather presumptuous and as soon as work began on the school the banner would have to be removed.

Selkirk Cross– Mrs Lowe reported that the area had begun to look tidier, but with Christmas approaching, it was starting to get cluttered again. Mrs Garbutt asked the meeting if some A frames, with the K logo on them could be rented out to advertisers for events etc, but for limited amounts of time. Everyone agreed that this could be the answer to the advertising problem and Mrs Garbutt agreed to look into the price of getting these frames. Mr Forbes and Mr Collins said that perhaps the Forum and Incorporated Trades respectively could help with the funding of these.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.15

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