

## ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 7.00pm

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs Lesley Garbutt	Chair
	Mr Brian Thomson	Vice Chair
	Mr D McHale	
	Mr D Collins	
	Mr L Forbes	Treasurer
	Mr P Smith	
	Mrs P Gilroy	Councillor
	Magnus Riley	Youth Representative
	PC John Brown	Police Scotland
Mrs Margaret Maxwell		
<b>In attendance:</b>	Ms D Craig	Secretary
	Mr S Gillespie	Dumfries and Galloway News
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr J Johnson	
	Mrs K Lowe	
	Mr C Wyper	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
	Mrs J Maitland	Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

**Mrs Garbutt began by welcoming everyone to the new venue in Daar Road.**

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting on 8 February 2017**

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

**3 Business arising**

**Letter for Police Scotland**

It was agreed the Ms Craig write a letter to Police Scotland on behalf of the CC, outlining its concerns over policing in the area and the closure of the police station in Kirkcudbright.

Mr Forbes then asked PC brown what the staffing numbers were in town, on the evening of the disturbance.

PC Brown said that there were sufficient numbers on duty and there was a good response from all teams involved.

4 **Reports**

- a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there were more scams doing the rounds, namely a Microsoft Windows scam and Talk Talk one as well. He advised everyone to be vigilant when dealing with phone calls from strangers.

PC Brown also reported that there was a Mature Driver Scheme in operation. Robyn Langton was the person to contact on 01556 505724.

PC Brown then left the meeting at 7.30pm.

- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:** Mrs Gilroy reported that the footway on Church Place was being dealt with, as was the quayside resurfacing and phase two street lighting on Mount Pleasant. She also reported that Visit Scotland had asked for an increase in funding to help with a digital marketing campaign.

Mr Forbes said that the overall perception that unless you were in the Highlands and Islands, your area wouldn't feature with Visit Scotland, which everyone agreed with. Mrs Garbutt said that other organisations were responsible for the promotion of Dumfries and Galloway and there was no support from Visit Scotland.

Mr McHale said that there would undoubtedly be an increase in visitors to the area next year because of the Kelpies, and this was purely down to locals and not Visit Scotland.

Mr McHale then asked if Mrs Gilroy would find out about the street lighting on Canee Chase, to see if phase two was being implemented which she agreed to do.

Mrs Garbutt then asked if anything could be done about the amount of traffic round the Primary School and suggested a walking bus.

Everyone agreed that the traffic was a problem, especially at the end of the school day. Everyone also agreed that the problem was getting parents to participate. Mrs Garbutt agreed to speak to the headmaster of the Primary School, Mr Stevens, to see if something could be done and also to see if there were plans for a road safety exercise.

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

- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes said that the Forum had been awarded CGFund money and the accounts were to be sent to OSCR. The launch of the 2017 brochure was also to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Parish Hall and all were welcome.

- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that the Burns Supper was to be held at Arden House on 25<sup>th</sup> February had been a huge success.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mrs Garbutt reported that an application for £850,000 of funding was due to be submitted to the Lottery by the end of the week for the Johnston School. She also said that plans for Silvercraigs were forging ahead, but the cycling project had failed to get funding for a second year. There had also been the KDT AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> March, with all Trustees being proposed again.

- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Nothing to report.

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

La **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported there was to be a Memorandum of Understanding  
ng drawn up and he hoped there would be progress during the summer months.

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

5. **Common Good Fund (CGF)** An application for £1000 was made by the Jazz Festival. The full amount was agreed unanimously.

**Planning**

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

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

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**Any other competent business**

8. **Pavements** – Mr Forbes asked that the CC write to the roads department asking them to inspect the state of the paving stones on St Cuthbert's Street.

**Community payback** – Mr Smith asked that the CC find out who allocated the jobs for the Community Payback teams. It was agreed that Ms Craig do so using the EMES notification service.

**Burns lamp** – Mr Collins reported that he had been asked by Burns Club to look into the state of disrepair of the Burns Lamp in Harbour Square. Mrs Gilroy agreed to do this.

**Royal Hotel** – Mrs Garbutt reported that everyone was aware through correspondence from Mr Wyper about the state of the Royal Hotel and wanted everyone to know that the situation was being monitored.

**Community Councils** – Mrs Garbutt reported that following a Community Council Network meeting, there was a general perception that CCs were not given the importance they should have and asked if there was a way to address this.. Mrs Gilroy said that there was a new Community Engagement strategy which would hopefully help to address the issue.

**Amended Scheme of Establishment** – Mrs Garbutt handed out copies of the Amended Scheme of Establishment for those present to take away and read and come back with comments for the next CC meeting.

**Job Club** – Mrs Garbutt said there would now be a job club held in the library on Friday mornings.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.30pm.







