

## ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 7.00pm

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

**Mrs Garbutt began by welcoming everyone to the new meeting and introducing guests Ms Debbie Armstrong from the Community Payback Team and Ms Ingrid Gemmell, Ward Manager for Dee Ward.**

- Ms Armstrong began by introducing herself and handing out the annual report of the Community Payback Team. She explained the purpose of the Community Payback Team and how in 2016, the organisation had completed over 36,000 hours of unpaid work. She then opened the floor to questions.  
Mrs Garbutt asked what the average waiting time was for the team to deal with projects and Ms Armstrong explained that it all depended on the type of work involved, but generally there was a fast turnaround.  
Mr McHale then asked if the team could be involved with the Johnston School. Ms Armstrong replied that the team had a lot of experience doing playgrounds and murals etc in nurseries and would love to get involved. She then explained that the team members particularly enjoyed working on projects where there was a visible end result, such as building playgrounds.  
Mrs Garbutt then thanked Ms Armstrong for attending the meeting and everyone agreed that it had been a very interesting talk.

Ms Armstrong then left the meeting.

Mrs Garbutt then introduced Ms Ingrid Gemmell to the meeting. Ms Gemmell explained that she was the new Ward Manager for the Dee Ward and gave a brief talk about her role. Ms Gemmell was invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting which she did.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting on 6 March 2017**

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

## **3 Business arising**

### **Pavements on St Cuthbert's Street**

Ms Craig reported that she had received a very swift response from the roads department regarding the pavements on St Cuthbert's Street. The matter had been looked at several times and it was explained that the reason the pavements were in such a poor condition was down to bad parking. The next move would be to put bollards in place, which everyone agreed would be unsightly and not in keeping with the town.

### **Walking bus**

Mrs Garbutt reported that she had spoken to the headteacher at the primary school regarding a walking bus and it was a possibility that was being looked into.

### **Mill Burn**

Ms Craig and Mrs Garbutt both reported that they had been informed that the bridge at Mill Burn had been vandalised and it was agreed unanimously that the CC contact the Community Payback Team to see if this would be a job that it could do. It was also unanimously agreed that money from the Cemetery Fund could be used for this.

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- a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there had been reports of vandalism on High Street as well as broken glass at High Park. Mr Johnson also reported that the Johnston School had been broken into.  
PC Brown also said that there was another scam purporting to be from BT, which everyone should look out for.
- b. **Dumfries & Galloway Councillors:**  
None present, but it was agreed that a letter of thanks be written to Councillor Wyper for all his hard work over the years.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** There had been a request from the Chamber to object to the plans for Knockendurrick Wind Farm.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes said that the brochure launch had gone very well and the Forum had been awarded £9000 from SAC and CGFund for the brochure.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Nothing to report.

**Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that the last meeting had been

- f. the AGM and projects such as Silvercraigs were well underway. He also reported that a bank account had been successfully opened and a grant of £10,000 had been awarded to the Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Tree Lighting Fund.

**Kirkcudbright Academy:** Nothing to report.

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

- h. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Nothing to report.

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

**Common Good Fund (CGF)** Nothing to report.

#### **Planning**

**General:** None

**Turbines:** None

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

#### **Any other competent business**

**Merse** – Mrs Garbutt reported that residents of the Merse had asked that speeding signs be installed as cars were taking too long to slow down after entering the 30mph zone.

**Town hall signs** – It was agreed that Ms Craig ask for signs indicating directions to the Town Hall be removed.

**Hustings** – It was agreed that hustings for the local elections take place in Parish Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

**Scheme of Establishment** – Mrs Garbutt asked everyone to email their thoughts and comments to herself so that these could be collated and forwarded to the correct person.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.15pm.  
The next meeting, the AGM is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May.



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