

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 7.30pm

Present:	Mrs Lesley Garbutt Mr J Johnson Mr D McHale Mr B Thomson Mr L Forbes Mrs K Lowe Mr P Smith Mrs P Gilroy	Chair Vice Chair Treasurer Dumfries & Galloway Councillor
	Inspector S McColm PC J Brown	Police Scotland Police Scotland
In attendance:	Ms D Craig Mr S Gillespie Mr M Riley	Secretary Dumfries and Galloway News Youth representative
Apologies:	Mr D Collins Mr D Campbell Mrs J Maitland Mrs M Maxwell	Vice Chair Dumfries & Galloway Councillor Dumfries & Galloway Councillor

1. **Apologies – as above**
2. **Mrs Garbutt began by welcoming everyone to the new meeting and introduced Inspector Stewart McColm, Galloway Community Inspector.**

Inspector McColm began by introducing himself and explaining his role within Police Scotland. And asked if there was anything specific that anyone wanted to ask.

Mrs Garbutt thanked Inspector McColm for his attendance and said that the reason he had been invited to the meeting was a general concern about the centralisation of Police Scotland and concerns over the police presence in Kirkcudbright.

Inspector McColm said that community policing could have been better in the past, but hopefully things were improving. Consistency, he said, was important and he realised that everyone wants a recognisable policeman/woman within the community and there was a push back in that direction.

Mrs Garbutt agreed and said that Kirkcudbright had always been very lucky in having police attend the meetings.

Inspector McColm also said that while the closure of the Police Station on the High Street was not definite, there was talk of sharing premises with the Fire and Rescue services.

Everyone thanked Inspector McColm for attending and agreed that his comments had been very reassuring.

Minutes of the previous meeting on 13 April 2017

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

Mrs Lowe noted that she had attended the previous meeting, but her attendance had not been noted.

3 Business arising

Town hall signs

Ms Craig to request that the Town Hall signs be removed.

Colin Wyper

It was agreed that Ms Craig write and thank Mr Wyper for all his efforts.

Mill Burn and harbour flower beds

It was agreed that Ms Craig contact the Community Payback Team to look into them taking on this work.

Scheme of Establishment

Ms Craig to forward all comments to the Council.

30mph limit coming into Kirkcudbright

Ms Craig to find out about the best options.

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- a. **Police:** PC Brown reported that there were continuing operations regarding High Park and youths hanging about. There had also been an incident with a drone and Mr Forbes thanked PC Brown for his help with the theft from his shed.

PC Brown and Inspector McColm then left the meeting.

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

Mrs Garbutt welcomed Councillor Gilroy back and she reported that there had been an emergency meeting of the SAC with regards to the Creetown Initiative. She also reported that having spoken with Councillor Maitland, there had been no news regarding the Galloway Hoard and urged the CC to contact Harry Thomson regarding the matter. Ms Craig agreed to do this.

- c. **Chamber of Commerce:** Mrs Garbutt reported that there had been an open meeting and there had been a promising number of new attendees. It was agreed that the Citizen of the Year forms and boxes should go out in September to tie in with the event on 2nd December.
- d. **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes said there were still advertisers due to pay for the brochure, but otherwise everything was going well.
- e. **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Smith won the Dundrenna Trophy and there was to be another fundraising evening soon. There had also been another successful visit to York.

- f. **Kirkcudbright Development Trust (KDT):** Mr Johnson reported that there was to be a meeting of the DT on 18th May to discuss the outcome of the Lottery Decision regarding the Johnston School. Silvercraigs Caravan Park was up and running and doing well, and Youth Workers had been appointed. There was also a grant of £15,000 for the International Festival and £865 from the Co-op for the Johnston School.
- g. **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Mr Riley reported that exams were well underway and thought a tie in with the Youth project would be a good idea. He also agreed to talk to the upcoming Prefects about attending the CC meetings.
- h. **Community Centre:** No one present.
- i. **St Cuthbert's Trust:** Mr McHale reported there was a draft memorandum of understanding from the congregation. Mrs Lowe also reported that an interim minister was due shortly

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

Local development plan – Mrs Garbutt reported that she had correspondence from Donald Shamash and David McHale regarding this and it was agreed that the CC would also write on this matter.

Daar Lodge bench – It was agreed that Ms Craig find out who is responsible for the bench at Daar Lodge as it had fallen into a state of disrepair.

Hustings – It was agreed that hustings for the general election be held.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.30pm
The next meeting is to be held on 14 June 2017.

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