

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council in Daar Road, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 12th February 2020.

Present

Mrs L Garbutt	Chair
Mr D Collins	
Mr I Swan	
Mr L Forbes	
Mr P Smith	
Cllr J Maitland	
Mr D McHale	

Apologies

Mr B Thomson	Vice Chair
Cllr P Drysdale	
Cllr D Campbell	
Mrs K Lowe	

In attendance

Ms D Craig	Secretary
PC C Ellis	Police Scotland
Marsali Caig	
Wilson Lochhead	

Mrs Garbutt welcomed Marsali Caig and Wilson Lochhead to the meeting.

Mr Alex Flett gave an update regarding an idea for a sculpture to be installed in the river Dee. It was decided that the sculpture could be placed horizontally, rather than vertically, which would alleviate problems. The idea of a sculpture walk was also discussed, which everyone thought was a great idea. Mr Flett reported that The Henry Moore Foundation would be a possible funding application source. It was agreed that the CC would give this its full support.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above
2. Minutes of the October meeting – approved by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr Forbes.
3. Business arising: There was none.

4. Reports

a) Police: PC Ellis reported that a man had been charged with assault after an incident on the High Street. There had been two charges of drink driving and the police were currently investigating

two case of sheep being stolen. PC Ellis also raised awareness of fake Clydesdale £20 notes in circulation.

Mr Forbes asked PC Ellis if the police could once again monitor the parking situation on the High Street at the end of school day, which she agreed to.

b) Dumfries and Galloway Councillors: Cllr Maitland reported on the latest budget figures, with Dumfries Learning Town taking the biggest cuts. Mrs Garbutt asked if the cuts would affect the Academy. Mrs Maitland reported that the Academy would be relatively unaffected. However, the capacity and condition surveys measured against the teaching space configuration made the Academy look in better shape than it actually was.

Kirkcudbright Bridge – Mr Collins and Mr Smith raised concerns with Cllr Maitland over the lack of communication regarding what was happening with the bridge and it was agreed that Ms Craig use the CCES to raise CC concerns.

c) Chamber of Commerce: Nothing to report.

d) Kirkcudbright Forum: Mr Forbes reported that the CG Fund had awarded the Forum £8k towards the publishing of the Visit KBT brochure.

e) Incorporated Trades: Mr Swan reported that it had been a relatively quiet period, with the Burns Supper on Saturday 15th February. There was the Dundrenna Trophy on 6th March at the Masonic Arms. It was also reported that a small pot of money had been set aside to help groups and it was asked that local groups be made aware of this.

f) Kirkcudbright Development Trust: Mr Garbutt reported that building work on the Johnston Centre was going well. Three diseased trees were going to be removed from the school playground. It was also reported that funding had been awarded for the Harbour Square Regeneration Project, while Silvercraigs Caravan Park was going from strength to strength and has now been awarded 4* status. It was agreed that CC write and thank Mr Wyper and his team for all his hard work on the caravan park. Barrhill Woods was also doing well and it was asked that members inform all the groups they were involved in about the outdoor classroom that was available for hire. Finally, it was reported that the Kirkcudbright Information Centre was going to reopen on 1st April and that volunteers were always welcome.

g) Kirkcudbright Academy: No one present. It was agreed that DC contact again for youth representatives.

5. Stewartry Area Committee: Nothing to report.

6. Common Good Fund: Nothing to report. Mr Forbes that he would like to ask for clarifications regarding the list of assets held by Common Good. It was suggested that Mr Forbes contact Mr Paul Garrett expressing his concerns.

7. Planning

a) General: Nothing to report.

b) Wind Turbines: Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence: All had been circulated by email.

9. Any other competent business:

Castledykes Road: Mr Forbes asked that 'dead end' signage be placed on Castledykes Road near the football ground. DC to raise through CCES.

Walk to Mutehill: Mr Forbes reported that the pavement out to Mutehill was overgrown with weeds. DC to contact Robert Lowther.

KIC: Mr Forbes asked that the newly opened KIC be considered a Lost and Found destination. It was agreed that Mrs Garbutt contact PC Brown to ask about the legalities of this.

Mrs Garbutt reported that she had been approached by Andrew Hayes regarding CC support for the anti-dog-fouling campaign he was running in conjunction with the primary school. It was agreed that this was a very worthwhile campaign and the sum of £150 be donated.

There being no other business, the meeting then ended at 8.15pm.