

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Present

Mrs L Garbutt	Chair
Mr B Thomson	Vice Chair
Mr D Collins	
Mr I Swan	
Mr D McHale	

Apologies

Mr L Forbes
Mr P Smith
Cllr J Maitland
Cllr P Drysdale
Cllr D Campbell
Mrs K Lowe

In attendance

Ms D Craig	Secretary
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This was the first virtual meeting that had been organised by the CC.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above
2. Minutes of the February meeting – approved by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr Swan.
3. Business arising: Mr Collins reported that he had met with Andrew Hayes and schoolchildren regarding CC support for the anti-dog-fouling campaign he was running in conjunction with the primary school. Poster had been designed by the children and had been placed throughout the town. It was agreed that this had been a great success.

4. Reports

- a) Police: PC Brown had emailed to say that there had been nothing to report, but if there were any concerns over any issues then the CC could just drop him an email.
- b) Dumfries and Galloway Councillors: Cllr Drysdale forwarded the following email:

- The opening of the public toilets at the Dhoon are being addressed.
- The 'Go Cycling' signs in the Soaperie have now been removed.
- Gas Lane had tidied up as much as possible.

- The Johnstone Nursery opening has been delayed until mid-September due to Covid and all applicants have been informed.
- Still no updates on the Common Good accounts.
- All shops visited by Cllr Drysdale re the safe reopening procedures have been fully compliant
- The NTS Board has been contacted re dissatisfaction regarding the closures & job losses.

c) Chamber of Commerce: An application was being submitted to the BIDS fund. And it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the chair...

d) Kirkcudbright Forum: Nothing to report.

e) Incorporated Trades: Mr Collins reported that like everywhere else, it had been a very quiet period for IT.

f) Kirkcudbright Development Trust: Mrs Garbutt reported that although there had been no CC meetings, she had been very busy with KDT. Virtual board meetings had been held regularly and work and funding applications had been worked on behind the scenes. Building work on the Johnstone Centre had started up again following the lifting of restrictions, while the nursery was expected to open mid-September. Branding was also being worked on for the Dark Skies Visitor Centre and Planetarium. It was also reported that the TIC would not be opening this year.

g) Kirkcudbright Academy: No one present. It was agreed that DC contact again for when appropriate to do so.

5. Stewartry Area Committee: Nothing to report.

6. Common Good Fund: Nothing to report. Mr Forbes emailed to say that after having written to the CG Fund regarding the accounts, this had been attended to. Mrs Garbutt also reported that she had been in touch with Ingrid Gemmell to ask what has happening with applications that had been submitted.

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:

Jitsi: Mr McHale asked that this be considered as a video/virtual meeting platform as meetings could be streamed on YouTube which would allow the public to attend. Mrs Garbutt thanked Mr McHale for this input, but Jitsi was not a D&G recognised format.

Kirkcudbright in Bloom: Mr McHale asked Mrs Garbutt if she would like the KBT in Bloom to go ahead this year and he volunteered to go around the town at gardens. Mrs Garbutt thought this would be a good idea for the town and thanked Mr McHale for this.

KBT Hospital: Mr Thomson asked if there had been any update regarding the supposed closure of the KBT cottage hospital. Mrs Garbutt reported that this had been raised by the League of Friends, and she had spoken to Dr Locke regarding this. It was agreed that the CC would wait for any further information as nothing had been decided at this stage.

Covid response: Mrs Garbutt reported that she had received a council newsletter which had highlighted the resilience and success of the town in facilitating a Covid-19 response. She applauded the success of the group and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be written to the organisers but was disappointed there had been no mention of the Community Council's involvement. It was thanks to the CC that the group was able to become a sub-committee of the CC resilience plans and funds had been awarded to the group as well.

The Creamery: Mr McHale reported that there had been cutting down of trees on the site and asked if anyone knew what was happening. It was reported that the site had been sold to a local businessman and the CC would monitor any planning applications.

Kirkcudbright Snake: Mrs Garbutt had been approached by residents asking if the KBT Snake could have a permanent home in the small plot of land beside Atkinson Place, opposite the Johnston Centre. It was agreed that this would be idea as long as the group were responsible for the upkeep of the area. It was agreed that Mrs Garbutt look into this.

It was agreed that it was good to touch base with everyone and a decision would be made as to when the next meeting would be held.

There being no other business, the meeting then ended at 3.30pm