

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council held via ZOOM Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 9th September 2020.

Present

Mr B Thomson	Vice Chair
Mr D Collins	
Mr I Swan	
Mr L Forbes	
Cllr J Maitland	
Mr D McHale	

Apologies

Mrs L Garbutt	Chair
Cllr P Drysdale	
Cllr D Campbell	
Mr P Smith	
Mrs K Lowe	

In attendance

Ms D Craig	Secretary
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1. Sederunt and apologies: as above
2. Minutes of the July meeting – approved by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr McHale
3. Business arising: There was none.

4. Reports

- a) Police: No police present. PC Brown had forwarded a report by email ahead of the meeting and there were no issues raised regarding this.
- b) Dumfries and Galloway Councillors: Cllr Drysdale had sent a report by email ahead of the meeting and there were no issues raised regarding this.
Cllr Maitland had nothing to report.
- c) Chamber of Commerce: Nothing to report.
- d) Kirkcudbright Forum: Mr Forbes reported that there were a couple of bills regarding the Visit KBT brochure, but other than that there was nothing to report.
- e) Incorporated Trades: Mr Swan said there was nothing to report.

f) Kirkcudbright Development Trust: Ms Craig reported that the KDT were expecting to get the keys to the Johnston Center by the end of the week, which was down to the hard work of our contractors, architects and our Board. She thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to welcoming everyone in the building once it was up and running.

She then reported that Silvercraigs was doing well but was being run at two thirds capacity to cope with Covid-19 restrictions.

The KIC was to remain closed for the rest of the year.

Otherwise the Trust was doing well and staff were continuing to work from home as per Government guidelines.

g) Kirkcudbright Academy: No one present.

5. Stewartry Area Committee: Nothing to report.

6. Common Good Fund: There was to be a meeting held on 30th September.

Mr Forbes reported that he had written to the Chief Executive regarding the accounts. He had yet to have a reply, despite being told he could expect to hear regarding this matter.

Cllr Maitland and Cllr Campbell had agreed to chase this up.

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:

Motorhomes: Ms Craig reported that she had been contacted by Mr Pete Kirk regarding the issue of having facilities and a dedicated area for motorhomes to park within the town down at the marina, rather than taking up spaces in the car park.

It was agreed that this was potentially possible, but the sailing club, harbour master and sea cadets would need to be contacted regarding any thoughts and concerns they may have about this.

The Old Creamery: Mr McHale asked if there had been any news regarding the site. Mr Collins said it was reported that it was going to be small industrial units, and it was agreed to keep an eye on planning applications if they were needed.

Kirkcudbright Hospital: It was reported that nurses and staff were working in the community – care homes, sheltered housing – and there were no immediate plans to reopen the facility.

Mr Swan asked if there were plans to open the renal unit and Cllr Maitland confirmed that this facility would be reopening. Everyone agreed that the hospital was critical for the town.

Armistice Day: Mr Swan reported that there would be a socially distanced service for the 75th anniversary and he would forward details nearer the time.

Mrs Lowe: Ms Craig reported that Mrs Lowe had contacted the CC to tender her resignation as she was moving. It was agreed that Ms Craig would write to Mrs Lowe on behalf of the CC to thank her for all her hard work over the years.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3pm.

