

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 6.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr P Smith

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr D McHale

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 17th February 2022 meeting – Proposed by Mr Swan and seconded by Mr Collins

3. Business arising: There were none.
There were none.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** PC Brown report forwarded by email and there were no questions. Comments were made regarding the lack of presence of police officers on the street. This was, it was agreed, due to cuts in police numbers.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Elections had just been held and it was expected that Cllrs would attend the next meeting. It was agreed that an event or meeting be had with Jane Maitland to thank her for all her work for the community over the years.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** Nothing to report as the Chamber had not met pre-Covid.

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Nothing to report. Mr Forbes did discuss the possibility of members of the Forum joining the CC. It was agreed that, if members of the Forum had wished to do so they would have expressed an interest and this had not been the case so far. It was also agreed that the Forum was a place for ideas to form while KDT delivered those ideas.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Swan reported that, as before, things were slowly starting to return

back to normal. The Dunrdrenna Trophy was being held on 27th May with The Siller Gun Trophy was due to be held in June and they were looking forward to being involved in the Jubilee Celebrations on 5th June 2022.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mrs Garbutt reported that things were going well and an Open Weekend was planned for 11th and 12th June 2022. This was a way of thanking the community for all its support for The Johnston project and a chance for the community to see what had been achieved by KDT. There was also the Criterium Bike Race being held on 24th June, which KDT was helping on the community engagement side of things.

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Nothing to report. After some discussion regarding the problems that schools countrywide were having with recruitment, it was agreed that, under the Freedom of Information Act to contact the school and ask the level of teachers/supply teachers and vacancies.

5. **Stewartry Area Committee:** Nothing to report.

6. **Common Good Fund:** Nothing to report. Mr Forbes reported that he had received correspondence from Audit Scotland which had advised that it had no remit over CG Funds. It was agreed that the council be contacted again regarding the discrepancies in the accounts.

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:**

CC table: Mrs Garbutt reported that she had found the CC table and it was slightly damaged. It was agreed that the table should be returned to the Council Chamber once it had been restored. It was agreed that DC write to Ewan McIntyre on behalf of the CC.

Kirkcudbright Hospital: Mr Swan raised the issue of the future of the hospital. Mrs Garbutt reported that Jeff Ace was due to come back and speak again to the League of Friends and was in communication with the CC. There was, she continued, the League of Friends AGM and they would contact Mr Ace following that meeting. It was agreed that the hospital needed to be changed and be upgraded, but its future was not in jeopardy, which everyone agreed was encouraging.

'No through access' signs: Mr Forbes asked if the council could be contacted again regarding having these signs installed down by the swimming pool as there were still campervans and caravans trying to drive through and rejoin the High Street.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.30pm