

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 5.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D McHale

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Cllr P Drysdale

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr P Smith

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Maitland

Cllr Campbell

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 9th December 2021 meeting – Proposed by Mr Forbes and seconded by Mr Collins.

3. Business arising: There were none.

LG reported that she had attended the Academy Parent Forum and there was a general consensus that many parents were not happy over the Sexual Health survey. There followed a lengthy discussion regarding the survey and it was agreed that Cllr Drysdale keep the CC informed about the survey.

LG then left the meeting at 5.25pm. Derek Collins took the Chair.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** PC Brown report forwarded by email and there were no questions..

DMcH had been contacted by a local residents over concerns that youths had been seen entering Park House. It was agreed that DC forward the email to PC Brown.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr Drysdale reported that Derek Crichton was acting Chief Exec and it was expected that a new appointment would be made mid-summer.

Additional testing sites were being rolled out throughout the region and D&G was ahead in its vaccinations. She ended her report that she had been in touch regarding the various trees that were till blocking locals walks in woodlands and was assured that this was being dealt with as quickly as possible.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** Nothing to report.

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Accounts had been sent to Lesley Fortune.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Nothing to report.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** DC reported that The Johnston and KDT had all projects up and running and were going from strength to strength thanks to the hard work of staff and Trustees. It was hoped that the Harbour Stage would be completed by the end of February 2022.

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Nothing to report.

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

6. **Common Good Fund:** Nothing to report

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:**

Seagulls: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the problems of seagulls in the town. DC reported that KDT was going to have a meeting with the Gull Officer (Laura Howieson) and possibly residents of Millburn Street. DC would report back on the meeting. It was also agreed that a meeting between the Gull Officer and KBT CC should be arranged. DC agreed to circulate the surveys that Cllr Drysdale had passed to LG and once read, a letter would be sent to Sandra Harkness (cc'ing Cllr Drysdale, Derek Crichton and Laura Howieson) regarding the issue.

The Royal: Discussion took place regarding the sorry state of The Royal and potential options and solutions to the problem of the building fast becoming an eyesore were discussed. It was

agreed that LF contact Neil Cavers to carry out a title deed search to ascertain who the owner of the property was. It was also agreed that a Think Tank should be formed with regards to the property.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6.10pm.