

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Virtual Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Thursday 17th February 2022 at 5pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D McHale (virtually)

Mr I Swan

Cllr J Maitland

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr P Smith

Cllr P Drysdale

Mr D Collins

Cllr Campbell

Declarations of Interest: Mrs Garbutt – Barrhill Woods

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed the floor to Rob Asbridge of Kirkcudbright Development Trust for his talk regarding Barrhill Woods. Mr Asbridge explained the proposal for a buyout of the woods. Scottish Land Fund, he continued, would be in favour of financing around 90% of the estimated £300k-£400K cost of the buyout. It would, he said allow the woods to be 'developed' in a way that would benefit the whole community, with squirrel friendly replanting of Scots Pine trees and the possibility of a mountain bike trail, much like the very popular one in Dalbeattie Woods. This would not detract from the woods in any way and it was agreed that KBT CC write a letter in support of the project.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 12th January 2022 meeting – Proposed by Mr Swan and seconded by Mr McHale.

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

4. Reports

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

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr Maitland reported there was to be a greater investment in roads and suggested that residents should look at the Active Travel Survey. A 20mph speed limit was to be enforced, but this would only apply to certain areas and was not an area wide measure.

Mr Asbridge asked Cllr Maitland if he would need to contact planning regarding the installation of CCTV at the newly erected harbour Stage. Cllr Maitland advised Mr Asbridge to contact Ingrid Gemmell for advice.

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

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Nothing to report except an AGM was to be held on Monday 28th February at 7pm in The Johnston.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Swan reported that things were slowly starting to return back to normal. 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 with the trust and a caretaker had been appointed. The DSP was going from strength to strength with rave reviews and lots of bookings and everyone was looking forward to a busy year ahead.

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

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

6. **Common Good Fund:** Nothing to report. Mr Forbes reported that he was continuing to keep an eye on 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:

Seagulls: Mrs Garbutt and Ms Craig reported that there had been a meeting with the Gull Officer (Laura Howieson) and a meeting was going to be organised with the surrounding residents.

Charging stations: Mr Swan asked if more charging stations for electric cars could be installed in the as there was a marked increase in the number of electric cars being used on the roads. Cllr Maitland said there were no immediate plans and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

Soaperie Gardens: Mr Forbes reported that a large section of Soaperie Gardens had been flooded and it was agreed that this be logged to the CCES.

Standing orders for police: Mr McHale asked Cllr Maitland if there were standing orders for police in Dumfries and Galloway as he had read a disturbing report of an incident in Perth. It was thought that this was not the case in D&G.

The Royal: It was agreed that the situation regarding The Royal be monitored, with Mr Thomson reporting that it was being used as a drinking den for juveniles. Mrs Garbutt reported that KDT was also monitoring the situation.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6pm.