

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 6.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Cllr A MacFarlane

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr D McHale

Mr P Smith

Mrs Garbutt welcomed Cllr MacFarlane to his first Kirkcudbright Community Council meeting.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 11th May 2022 meeting – Proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mr Swan

3. Business arising:

Johnston Open Day – Mr Collins commented that there had been adverse comments regarding the lack of advertising regarding the Johnston Open Day.

Mrs Garbutt declared an interest and reported that over KDT 2000 leaflets had been hand delivered, numerous posts on Facebook, WestSound radio advertised it, posters were placed in all the shops and an advert was placed in the Jazz Brochure so tried to cover a broad range of advertising. She ended by saying that it had been proposed that it become an annual event and part of the Jazz Festival.

KBT Hospital: Mr Collins asked if there had been any update. Mrs Garbutt reported that she was waiting to hear back from Jeff Ace and would contact League of Friends regarding an update. Cllr McFarlane also reported that he was aware of the situation and reported that there was an issue of getting staff back to the hospital who had been redeployed throughout the region during lockdown.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** PC Blacklock reported that there had been vandalism at KBT Academy in the form of

window being smashed with lines of enquiry being followed. Witnesses were still being sought regarding the accident at Mutehill.

Mr Swan said it would be nice to see more of a police presence around town. PC Blacklock agreed and, although numbers were short on ground it was being looked at. Mrs Garbutt then asked PC Blacklock what was happening with the old police station. It was agreed that this would be looked into. PC Blacklock then left the meeting.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr MacFarlane had nothing to report as yet but was aware of the transport issue surrounding the buses and this was being looked at.

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

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Nothing to report.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Swan reported that there was the Kirkin of the Cornet, Maggie's Tours and the Tattoo to look forward to. There was, he continued, a parade of floats this year although IT would not be taking part this year.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mrs Garbutt reported that things were going well and an Open Weekend was a great success. The Criterium Bike Race being on 24th June was also very well received and there was to be another Open Day for funders on 16th September.

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** Liz Kettle had stepped down as Chair of the PTA, with Laura Moodie as her replacement, which was encouraging.

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

6. **Common Good Fund:** Nothing to report. Mr Forbes reiterated his concerns regarding the accounts with Cllr MacFarlane who agreed to look into the matter further.

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:**

The Dhoon: It was agreed after some discussion that Ms Craig contact SEPA regarding the CC's concerns over the bathing quality of the water.

CC table: Mrs Garbutt reported that the logistics of getting the table into the Chambers in Daar Road was proving problematic, but it was agreed that this be looked into.

'No through access' signs: The CCES reply had been forwarded to Mr Forbes and Cllr MacFarlane.

Phone box: It was agreed that the school be contacted regarding the possibility of pupils creating art that could be place in the phone box, transforming it into Kirkcudbright's Smallest Art Gallery.

Cemetery fund: Mr Swan agreed to contact Gordon Halliday to look into the possibility of restoring some of the headstones using these funds.

Footpath: It was agreed that Mrs Garbutt would contact Gordon Halliday regarding this matter.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.30pm with the next meeting being 14th September 2022.