

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 6.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D Collins

Mr P Smith

Cllr A McFarlane

Attendance: Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr D McHale

Mr I Swan

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the December meeting.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 9th November 2022 – Proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Mr Smith

3. Business arising:

Mr Collins – Finlay Carson has started a petition to re-open the cottage hospitals. Everyone was aware. Cllr McFarlane – asked if there was support in the room for this and it was agreed unanimously. It was agreed that DC write to Jeff Ace regarding an overdue meeting that was promised in June for the League of Friends.

Estuary Footpath – DC to supply costings and D Craig to apply to Galloway Glens Fund. Cllr McFarlane reported that he was looking at how this could be improved and made reference to the path beyond the lifeboat station. The council are looking at sources of funding to support this.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** The police report from PC Brown had been circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no comments for the police following the report.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr McFarlane

Cottage hospitals. Cllr McFarlane was not in favour of the opening at this time and would provide his reasoning at the Full Council, which was due to be held within the next few days.

Core Paths: Spoken to council regarding the core paths. DC to apply to Galloway Glens regarding the estuary paths and as above in item 3.

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

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** AGM had been held and there was nothing to report.

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

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mrs Garbutt reported the KDT was continuing to deliver its services. It had been through a difficult period and she commended the Trustees and staff on all their hard work with everything that had been going on. KDT was working with the other boards and working together to ensure that matters were being resolved with regards to the swimming pool.

g) **Community Centre:** FDC reported that KDT were looking to secure funding for a proposed 'soup kitchen' and warm space.

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

5. **Stewartry Area Committee:** Cllr McFarlane would send a link to the meeting which DC would circulate.

6. **Common Good Fund:** An application from Chamber of Commerce for Christmas lighting had been deferred to a later date.

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:**

Headstones: Following correspondence circulated the distribution of funds from the Cemetery Fund that could go towards 'fixing' headstones was discussed. It was agreed that a meeting could be held to discuss the criteria for distributing the funds.

Castle Corner: Mr Forbes asked that further correspondence be written to Historic Scotland regarding the barriers to be removed.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6.40pm with the next meeting being 11th January which will be the AGM.