

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 6.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D Collins

Mr I Swan

Mr P Smith

In attendance:

Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr D McHale

Cllr Denerley

Cllr Campbell

Cllr McFarlane

Police Scotland

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the December meeting.

Correction: Swan not Swann

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 8th November 2023 – Proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mr Swan.

3. Business arising:

Speeding sign. Mr Collins discussed the proposal from Mr Scott regarding the speeding signs and it was discussed what to do regarding the potential shortfall for an extended warranty. It was agreed that the council funding the installation. It was agreed that Mr Scott and be given the go ahead to purchase the signs without the extended warranty.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** Police report to be had been circulated.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** There were no councillors present. There was a shared concern regarding Mr Denerley's position in being unable to attend meetings as well as a lack of presence from the other councillors at meetings in general.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** The lack of Christmas lights in town was discussed and it was agreed that the application to the Common Good Fund was far too late and there was a lack of financial documents from the Chamber. It was agreed that someone contact the Chair to see how this can be resolved in time for next year.

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes did not have anything to report.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Smith reported that himself and Mr McGarrie had won the Tomblahd Trophy.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mrs Garbutt reported the KDT was continuing to deliver its services and the Trust continues to be very busy.

KDT Youth Project have been doing a great job with an interview on BBC Radio Scotland as well as an article in Galloway News. As an integral part of KDT, it was agreed that the Youth Project were delivering a great service for the children of the community.

g) **Community Centre:** Ms Craig reported that the community centre was providing a great service through the Community Kitchen and it was hoped that new volunteers would be found for the New Year.

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

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

6. **Common Good Fund:** Mr Forbes explained that he had not received a reply from any of the Trustees regarding his correspondence on 19th September. He continued that at a meeting regarding the asset transfer of the tennis club, what safeguards would be taken to ensure that the tennis courts were protected as part of the common good. When Mr Forbes asked to see these safeguards, he was told that he would be able to see them once they had been published. Mr Forbes suggested the CC take legal advice regarding this. It was agreed that the CC approach Mr Cavers. Mrs Garbutt also suggested that the Cllrs be written to as Trustees of the Common Good Fund, rather than as Cllrs. It was agreed that as KBT CC is a statutory organisation, the feeling is that the CC is being ridden roughshod with regards to this and an interdict be applied for. This was unanimously agreed. Mr Forbes also agreed that another set of accountants would be looking at the accounts.

7. Planning

a) General: It was agreed that any updates regarding Barncrosh be circulated. It was also reported that the objections submitted by KDT as well as KBT CC were not being taken into consideration.

b) Wind Turbines: Nothing to report

8. Correspondence: All had been circulated by email.

9. Any other competent business:

Concern for residents: Mr Swan discussed the vulnerable gentleman in Kirkcudbright and it was agreed that hopefully the gentleman in question is now being looked after.

The Bridge: Mr Collins discussed the issues surrounding the bridge and it was agreed that the CC contact the roads department for further information.

Parking: Mr Forbes asked that the CC write and ask the exactly what the consultation had cost.

Citizen of the Year: Mr Smith reported that behind the scenes it had been a bit disorganised, but everything worked out in the end. It was agreed that next year it would be better for the CC to organise everything.

Defibrillators: Mrs Garbutt said that she had been approached regarding the defibrillator's maintenance be part of the Common Good Fund. It was agreed that the Trustees be contacted regarding this.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.15pm with the next meeting being the AGM on 10th January 2024.