

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 6.15pm

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr Brian Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr D Collins

Mr I Swan

Mr D McHale

Mr P Smith

In attendance:

Ms Debbie Craig

Cllr McFarlane

Mr K Scott

Apologies:

Cllr Denerley

Cllr Campbell

Police Scotland

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the November meeting and welcome Mr Ken Scott to the meeting.

Mr Scott then discussed the speeding issues of vehicles coming in and out of the town and his reasoning behind the request for funding. This was discussed at some length. It was agreed that Mr Smith would work alongside Mr Collins.

Correction: Incorporated trades: Kirkin of the Deacon Convenor

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 20th September 2023 – Proposed by Mr McHale seconded by Mr Smith.

3. Business arising:

Tongland Bridge. Cllr Denerley had forwarded the following response ahead of the meeting: “A section of the road has been highlighted once again. The Roads Department is aware of the

outstanding patching required for this road, but they do have a backlog of defects and are working as quickly as possible to address them.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** Police report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Mr Swann reported that there were concerns regarding a vulnerable resident that had recently been released. Mrs Garbutt explained that Police were more concerned with his own safety.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr McFarlane discussed the parking strategy meeting that was to be held tomorrow.

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

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Mr Forbes reported that there had been a meeting, and the Forum has been asked to take on the leafletting for the What's On leaflet for next year. It was thought there would be an application submitted on behalf of the Forum for the leaflets to the Common Good Fund.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** Mr Collins reported that is as quieting down and Mr Swann attended the Kirkin of the Deacon in Irvine which had been a great success. Membership involvement and a membership drive had been discussed. There was also the election of the Kirkin of the Deacon in Aberdeen which had been very enjoyable.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Mrs Garbutt reported the KDT was continuing to deliver its services and the Trust continues to be very busy. We are finally going to complete on the Seaward Bothy. Improvements were going to be made over the winter and Craig Nash was doing a fantastic job.

Mr Thomson had reported that he had spoken to several visitors who had praised Silvercraigs Caravan Park. Mr Forbes reiterated that praise with feedback from guests coming into the Kirkcudbright Information Centre.

g) **Community Centre:** Ms Craig reported that the community centre was providing a great service through the Community Kitchen, and it was hoped that this project be extended and use would increase as time went on. Improved lighting at the centre would be beneficial,

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** A poster had been distributed throughout the school advertising the CC for pupils to attend and Mrs Garbutt had raised the matter with the Parent Forum.

5. **Stewartry Area Committee:** Cllr McFarlane reported that there was a meeting due next week.

6. **Common Good Fund:** Mr Forbes explained re the tennis club application and reiterated his concerns regarding the transfer of the land from the common good fund. The land had been

value by the council at £100,000 but the land does not appear on the common good accounts. Mr Forbes continued that there was no decision reached at that meeting.

Cllr McFarlane reported that the options were: CAT goes ahead unconditionally, CAT goes ahead conditionally, CAT doesn't go ahead at all. On further conversation it was discussed that a condition could be added to ascertain that the land was transferred back should it dissolve. Mrs Garbutt reported that it had been advised, with regards to Silvercraigs Caravan park that a 25-year lease be granted rather than a CAT as there were concerns that if the land was taken from the Common Good Fund, then it would not go back into the Common Good Fund.

Mr Forbes asked for the exact wish of this Community Council. A 25-year lease should not be an issue and it would not detract from the tennis club. With regards to the tennis club, then it should be noted on the common good accounts with an addendum of a 25-year lease. Everyone was in agreement.

Mr Forbes also reported that he had written to each of the Common Good Trustees regarding his dissatisfaction at current state of the Common Good Accounts. The accounts, he continued, are a mess. This was then discussed, and it was asked of Cllr McFarlane a list of community council with common good funds. Mrs Garbutt reported that it been suggested that communities come together and make a united front regarding the matter.

It was asked that Cllr McFarlane look at the points raised in the letter of 19th September and take the matter further.

Mr Collins the raised the matter of the recent applications to the Common Good Fund. And it was agreed that more time be given for the CC to discuss applications.

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:

MUGA: Mr Smith asked Cllr McFarlane to investigate the condition of the tennis courts at the school.

Opening signs for the library: These had been ordered and were hoping to be in place this week.

Parking Consultation: Mr Forbes discussed the parking proposals, and it was agreed that everyone would try and attend the consultation on Thursday. This was discussed at some length.

Mr Thomson said that he would support decriminalisation, but support parking charges.

Double yellow lines outside the RBS: It was agreed that the CC contact the roads department regarding the reinstatement of these lines.

Ewart Family memorial: Mr Swann has recommended someone that deals with monumental repairs to quote for looking into the repair of this.

Gulleys: Mr Collins asked if they were being cleared as they had not appear to have been done recently. It was reported the work was being undertaken.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.45pm with the next meeting being 13th December 2023.