

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 10th July 2024.

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr B Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

Mr P Smith

Cllr Denerley

In attendance:

Ms Debbie Craig

Mr Hamish Denerley

Apologies:

Mr D McHale

Cllr Campbell

Cllr McFarlane

Police Scotland

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

The matter of Cllr Campbell not attending

2. Minutes of the 13th June 2024 – Proposed by Mr Thomson and Mr Collins.

Corrections were discussed (three) and then the matter of the Common Good Fund was raised.

LG explained to Cllr Denerley the concerns that the KBT CC had, and how serious they regard the issues regarding the Common Good Fund.

3. Business arising: Castle McLellan – barriers had been moved, which everyone was delighted with, however the castle is still not open.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** IS – reported that there had been a spot of vandalism over one of the signs at the skatepark. It was advised that CC report this as a complaint to the police.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** Cllr Denerley reported that he had hoped there would be more funding for Dumfries and Galloway with the new government.

The NHS data breach with regards to the was discussed and all residents should be in the post. He finished by saying that much of the road had been resurfaced, but it seemed that the full road had not been resurfaced, which was unfortunate. If the CC was happy, he would follow this up and see what could be done.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** Nothing to report. It was reported that it had not met in four years.

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** Nothing to report. It was discussed that a local Councillor might attend the meetings. LF discussed the meeting which was organised.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** DC reported that there had been the Kirkin' of the Coronet, then there will be the Riding of the Marches. The poor turnout regarding events was discussed.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Ms Craig reported that the Trust had a great response to the Summer of Small Grants Fund. There was also behind the scenes work to engage with the community and get the message across about the work that the Trust does. It was hoped that there would be more publicity regarding the Trust. Contacting DGWGO was also suggested. The CC meetings should be added to the Calendar of Events that is sent out each year. It was agreed that The Johnston was better suited to the Community Council meetings. It was agreed that Cllr Denerley would be invited to future KDT Meetings.

g) **Community Centre:** There was nothing to report.

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** It was agreed that DC contact the Academy and commend them on the End of Year show.

5. **Stewartry Area Committee:** At the last meeting, there had been an agreement that grants were given to the MUGA at Dalry and Gatehouse of Fleet.

6. **Common Good Fund:** LF discussed the meeting that was held of the CG Fund which was held at very short notice and due to technical issues, he was unable to attend the meeting. He discussed the fact that he thought the CC was being completely ignored regarding the fund. There has been no reply to correspondence. It was disheartening to say the least and this was agreed with unanimously. LG spoke to Cllr Denerley and asked if he picked up the concerns that this CC has with regards to the Fund. Cllr Denerley recognised the concerns and there does need to be improvements, and he was not aware that the CC were not given due time to attend the latest 'emergency' meeting. In the CC's opinion, there should not have been an emergency meeting and deadlines should be reintroduced and reinforced.

BT also raised the issue that only one representative was now allowed to attend the meeting, whereas it used to be that the CC was allowed two representatives.

IS also raised the issue of the CAT of the tennis club and his concern that a precedent had been raised. BT thought this should not be noted as a precedent, but rather as a mistake.

LG ended the discussion by explaining once again, how angry the KBT CC were regarding the CG Fund.

Cllr Denerley agreed that it was his responsibility to listen to these discussions and perhaps a meeting with the three councillors and Ingrid Gemmell and he will take these concerns back to the committee.

7. Planning

a) General: Nothing.

b) Wind Turbines: Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence: All had been circulated by email.

9. Any other competent business:

Phone box: DC received a 'quote' with regards to the repair of the phone box, but there was nothing concrete to be done as yet. IS said that Swans did Perspex to refit the windows. It was agreed that this would be pursued.

Weed spraying: The weeds on many of the streets were getting out of hand it. As was the area coming into the town, which does not set a great example for visitors coming into the town.

Trees in Soaperie Garden: Screws have been put into the trees saying 'please respect the gardens'. This would be looked into.

Community council elections: LG thanked Cllr Denerley for raising this issue it was agreed that CC elections are coming up in October, and we need to start recruiting

Swimming Pool LF asked if there had been an update from D&G Council regarding an uptake on funding for KSP. LG explained the situation and Cllr Denerley reported that he had not heard anything regarding this, but he would chase this up.

Youth Shelter: It was agreed that this be followed up as KDT had taken the lead on looking for funding for this and DC would liaise with IS.

John Duncan: It was agreed that while his achievements were recognised, we would be unable to accommodate her request for a statue at this time.

Thanks were made to Cllr Denerley for attending the meeting.

The meeting then ended at 7.40pm. Date of the next meeting 11th September at The Johnston.