

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 11th December 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

Mr I Meechan

Mrs J MacMillan

In attendance:

Ms Debbie Craig

Mr Tim Mockridge

Apologies:

Mr J Sharp

None had been received from the local councillors.

Police Scotland

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the December meeting.

Tim Mockridge thanked the CC for having him back and explained the situation with Little Drum Solar Farm at High Banks. Exhibitions had been held in The Johnston earlier in the year and TM went on to discuss matters that had been raised as a result of the exhibition. A planning application was due to be submitted early January. Questions were asked about visibility, closeness to the cemetery and the outcome if the National Park was to go ahead. These were all discussed. There were no other questions, and TM left the meeting at 6.40pm.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 13th November 2024 – Proposed by Mr Thomson and Mr Smith.

3. Business arising: Tongland Bridge was discussed.

McCalls buses – DC to follow up.

It was discussed JM, IM and JS being co-opted. It was established that they had voting rights. LG then discussed the difference between being elected and being co-opted.

Youth Shelter – the roof had been blown off and collectively Jim McCrossan, Jack Finlay and John Blaikie organised for the roof to be removed and stored at Jack Finlay's premises. In the meantime, the ownership would be established, and the young people would be asked what they would like to be done with it. It was agreed that everyone was working towards getting this structure back up and running.

4. Reports

a) **Police:** This had been circulated. There were no questions for the police.

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** None present. DC explained that correspondence was expected and read out a reply from Ingrid Gemmell regarding recent correspondence. This would be chased up and everyone would be kept informed.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** Nothing to report and it had not met since pre-covid. The lights were discussed.

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

e) **Incorporated Trades:** There was nothing to report.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Ms Craig reported that the Trust was continuing to deliver projects throughout the community and projects were going well. The proposed Local Place Plan was also discussed.

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

g) **Kirkcudbright Academy:** It was agreed that DC contact the Academy and ask for representation at the meetings.

5. Stewartry Area Committee: Nothing to report.

6. **Common Good Fund:** LF apologised if he had upset anyone with regards to the Common Good Fund. He then went on to discuss the Common Good Fund and the facts that were contained in his letter. It was agreed that something was seriously wrong and needed to be done by it. LF then discussed contacting a local solicitor and it was suggested LF contact Finlay Carson regarding this.

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:

Treasurers report: As before.

AGM: Proposed by PS, seconded IS.

Attendance at other groups:

SCCN: Derek Collins.

Local place plan: Ian Meechan

Kirkcudbright Academy Parent Forum: Ian Swan

League of Friends: Lesley Garbutt

Community Centre: Joyce McMillan

KBT Forum: Lindsay Forbes

National Park Consultation: It was discussed if the best approach would be for the KBT CC to make an approach to Nature Scot. This was discussed and it was agreed that individual responses would be made.

Brown signs on A75: Was discussed and it was agreed that it would be monitored, and there was to be a review of the signs next year.

D&G Council: DC discussed the lamppost being removed and the hole being filled in three years later.

Table: LG talked about the logistics of getting the table back into Daar Road and into the Council Chamber.

Citizen of the Year It was agreed that although it was awarded to Irene Henry, it was to be awarded to the Makers of the Poppies 2024.

The meeting then ended at 19.45

Date of the next meeting 8th January 2025 at 6.15pm The Johnston.