

ROYAL BURGH OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcudbright Community Council, Kirkcudbright on Wednesday 11th September 2024.

Present:

Mrs L Garbutt (Provost) (Chair)

Mr B Thomson (Vice Chair)

Mr R L Forbes (Treasurer)

Mr I Swan

Mr D Collins

In attendance:

Ms Debbie Craig

Apologies:

Mr D McHale

Cllr Campbell

Cllr McFarlane

Cllr Denerley

Police Scotland

Mr P Smith

Mrs Garbutt welcomed everyone to the September meeting.

1. Sederunt and apologies: as above

2. Minutes of the 11th July 2024 – Proposed by Mr Thomson and Mr Collins.

3. Business arising: DC asked if Cllr Denerley had reported back regarding concerns that were raised over the Common Good Fund. DC continued that he was disappointed in the lack of attendance at the meetings from the local councillors.

4. Reports

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

b) **Dumfries and Galloway Councillors:** There were none present, and no reports had been forwarded.

c) **Chamber of Commerce:** Nothing to report.

d) **Kirkcudbright Forum:** LF reported that he had no record of payment being made for the What's On leaflets. It was reported that this should be chased up. BT reported that the Forum was having a meeting in October with regards to engaging volunteers and members. LG reported that it had been mooted and was continuing to be explored.

e) **Incorporated Trades:** DC reported that following a busy summer, a mailshot was going to be done with regards to engage with current membership as well as attract potential new members. There was going to be an evening held at The Belfry, Thursday 26th September 7-8pm. AGM 1st Friday in October at 7pm in The Tolbooth. Following that there was the Kirkin' of the New Convenor on 13th October as well as attending the Kirkin' of the new Convenor of Ayrshire.

f) **Kirkcudbright Development Trust:** Ms Craig reported that the Trust was continuing to deliver projects throughout the community and projects were going well. Silvercraigs Caravan Park was very busy, as was the Youth Project, KIC and the office.

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 asked if the CC had been approached regarding the application from the Church for repairs. It was explained that this had been circulated but it was following the last meeting, and the CC would not be meeting until September, and this was relayed to the Council.

IS asked that a vote of no confidence be proposed in the three elected members as Trustees of the Common Good Fund and a meeting be arranged as a matter of urgency with the Trustees. This was agreed unanimously.

DC asked if it was possible for LF to express his concern at the Common Good Fund meeting and to recommend refusal for the application from the Church. This was agreed.

DC asked that a letter be written to the three elected members, copying in Ingrid Gemmell, expressing the dismay regarding the Common Good Fund expressing a vote of no confidence. It was agreed that DMC do this as a matter of urgency. Including the leader of the D&G Gayle McGregor

7. Planning

a) General: Little Drum event at The Johnston had been very well attended and there was to be another event in October.

Millers on Castle Street – it was proposed as a wine bar.

b) Wind Turbines: Nothing to report.

8. **Correspondence:** All had been circulated by email.

9. **Any other competent business:**

Phone box: IS circulated some images of phone boxes being repurposed. Everyone agreed it was food for thought and would continue to be looked into.

Upcoming elections: We would wait and find out regarding new members in October.

Tongland Bridge: DC and BT reported that the bridge was in a poor state of repair.

NHS Consultation It was discussed that three consultations regarding this were complete overkill and the online forms were proving difficult to fill in.

Curfew bell at The Tollbooth: LF reported that it wasn't ringing.

Walking path at The Torrs: The new pathways were already overgrown and getting more difficult to walk.

Youth Shelter: it was agreed that until it was established who was responsible for the property then nothing could be done. DMC was looking into this.

Consultation regarding restructuring of school timetables: IS asked if anyone was attending and DMC reported that she hoped to attend.

Path at Tongland Bridge: DMC to see if see could find out who was creating the new path.

National Park: Discussions were had regarding the proposal for a new National Park.

The meeting then ended at 7.30pm. Date of the next meeting 9th October at The Johnston.