Cree Valley Community Council Meetiing	Actiion Point
4th September 2023	
7:00p.m. at The McMillan Hall	
Present: Charles Marshall (Secretary) ; Jackie Hedley; Morag McIlwraith; Cliffford Smithers (Chairperson); Billie Jones (Minute Secretary); Lisa Sykes; Nicola Vennard; Stephon Bishop (Vice Chair); Cllr. Richard Marsh; Cllr. Jackie McCamon; Cllr. David Inglis **Public Forum:** Ben Palmer (CVADT); ; Shirley Cronnie (Newton Stewart Lights Group); Ben McDowel; Laura Dick (Newton Stewart Lights Group); Dave Bleasedale; ; S. McKinnon; R. McLeman; J. Heywood; S. Vogelenzang; B. Vogelenzang; Robert Boan	
Apologies: Angela Marshall; N. Newton; Alison McCathie; Richard Kay (Treasurer); J. Logan	
C.S. Opened meeting. Noted that Nigel Newton had sufffered ill health recently, all members extended their best wishes.	
Minutes of previous meeting: M. McIlwraith requested clarification on "DG Council requested volunteer to assist with panel. J. Logan voted to atttend." C.S confirmed this was regarding a complaint to neighbouring community council. **C.M proposed minutes, C.S seconded**	
Mattters Arising: None	
Visitor Presentation: None	
Police Report: Circulated • C.M raised concern regarding increased anti-social behaviour. Community feedback is that there is a lack of safety. • J. McC Reminded those present that to comment on individuals would be inappropriate. Confirmed meetngs are being held between police and social workers regarding concerns. Acknowledged the concerns of community.	
Elected Members: • R.M – Relayed that labour and conservative members rejected a tax increase for Ward 2, author Katie Hagmann (E-H band increase of 7.5% and E band a 22% increase). SNP members keen to pass to increase income for DG Council. Confirmed Scotish government would have fiinal decision. • J.McC – Discussions with Callum Edgar regarding Creebridge street lights. Confirmed lights are not LED, requested they are upgraded. Requested Church Lane be upgraded. Due to increased anti-social behaviour, researching reactive lighting option for Mortons Entry. • Town Clock – committtee due to meet tomorrow, report to follow. Suggested the clock face be returned and exterior work. • Flood Scheme – Lots of objections received. Under a Scotish Government inquiry currently, if returned to Dumfries and Galloway Council, a public hearing should be held. • Maternity Services – Midwife led maternity services – independent consultation done – will be referred back to public consultation. • Notice that Community Led Development Fund is now open for applications. C.S inquired about Newton Stewart Hospital status, R.M. stated no information as yet. R.M. confirmed open meeting on Wed 6th Sept between 4pm and 6pm for Wheatley Home South, Corsbie Road proposal. C.M. inquired about expiration date for Scotish Government Funding regarding Flood Protection Scheme.	

R.M. stated that objections will be addressed, Fisheries Trust and SEPA will have in person meetings. C.S. stated not enough detail in plans, CVCC have not been consulted. C.M. stated CVCC have not had opportunity to object.	
C.M. – CVCC unsuccessful in Coastal Benefit Fund Requested of elected members that funds retained by organisatons should be taken into consideration. Scoring criteria needs to be changed. J.McC. agreed. C.M. requested copy of scoring criteria form.	
1. Co-optng Ben McDowall. C.S. confirmed majority vote.	
2. Christmas Lights – moved to public forum.	
3. Advent calendars. C.S. confirmed funding for these has been secured.	
4. Planning applications. M.McI. requested information on topographical survey for Carrick Wind Farm.	
5. Flood Protection Scheme. Majority of objectons from Fisheries Groups	
6. Wind Farm Consultatons. C.M issued email. Glenvernoch and Blair Hill are new applications. 2025 for Stranoch consultations. Clauchrie rejected. Kilgallioch extension. Complaint made regarding Kilgallioch funding. CVCC not in position to offfer opinion. Blair Hill – RES to host presentation on 2nd Oct at McMillan Hall during next board meeting.	
7. Update Action Points. Caravan on A714 – awaiting emergency services to release this before removal.	
Correspondence C.M. Sent out via email. Newton Stewart Lights Group lettter read out to members. Atttached. Confirmed no date was communicated for meeting. D.B. suggested collaborative effforts for festive events, C.S. agreed. N.V. requested CVADT receive invitation to meetng.	
Public Forum • R.B. Complaint: Refused access to lights. Stated that R.McL and R.B. are not on Christmas Lights Group Committtee. Under impression that if lights were fixed, CVCC would have funds to erect them. • C.S. stated no funds are available. Intimated R.B suggested selling lights hence access withdrawn. • R. B. clarified that the sale of lights was to raise funds for new lights and erection.	
• N.V. Referred to scheme of establishment; Newton Stewart Christmas Light Group could not be a sub-group of CVCC as majority of members need to be CVCC members. Legal advice would need to be obtained for transferal of assets.	
• C.S. stated no funds available for erection of lights. WAC Fund of £2750 applied for by Newton Stewart Initiative on behalf of Newton Stewart Christmas Light Group. • Public Forum intimated that funds were confirmed in February 2023. •C.S. stated Chair at time was misinformed. • Newton Stewart Lights Group offfered to raise additional funds to erect old lights if possible.	
• C.M. read out lettter from CVCC member Joe Logan to C.S. Atttached.	
• D.I. requested respect for CVCC members.	
• Old lights too heavy to be erected. Could be sold for additional funds for erection of other lights. • R.McL amount raised by lights groups is enough to erect 20 lights, replacing old ones.	
J.McC left meeting.	

• S.B. agreed with R.M. proposal: to go ahead with new lights provided by NS Lights Group. That if additional funds were sourced, old lights could be erected also. N.V seconded.	
• C.S. thanked R.B and R.McL for work done on old lights.	
• S.C requested meeting to discuss tree/light switch on event and festive events. Mon 18th Sept at 7pm McMillan Hall confirmed by C.S.	
• R.B. suggested old lights be relocated to same location as new lights.	
Finance Report:	
• Unavailable.	
Any Other Business:	
• R.B. requested to purchase radio equipment from resilience group. • C.S. requested email with oficial offfer to be sent. • N.V. Apologised for lack of meetng for resilience group, will notify of when these will resume. • B.P. gave presentaton regarding wind farm proposals. • M.McI requested assistance with potholes at Glentrool. R.M. suggested to report via DG Council website. • N.V. requested permission to explore a survey/consultation regarding mobility in Newton Stewart.	
Date of Next Meetiing:	
The next meeting will take place on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 7pm at the McMillan Hall.	