Cree Valley Community Council Minutes 4th December 2023

Present: Clifford Smithers (Chair), Stephon Bishop (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Morag McIlwraith, Ben McDowall, Nicola Vennard, Cllr Jackie McCamon, Kenny Campbell (Hands of Our Hills), Donna Stewart (Hands of Our Hills)

Apologies: Angela Marshall, Lisa Sykes, Alison McCathie, Jackie Hedley, Cllr Davis Inglis, Cllr R. Marsh

Absent: Joe Logan

Chair opened meeting.

Approval of November Minute with amendments, proposed by Charles Marshall, seconded by Richard Kay.

Matters arising: Amendment to September Minute handed to Community Council by member of public form, September minute has already been approved.

Visitor Presentation by Hands of Our Hills (Kenny Campbell and Donna Stewart)

S.B – Is it fair to say that the planning outcome of the wind farm near moffat will be very similar to what happens with regard to these windfarms.

D.S – That windfarm crosses a border and South Lanarkshire Council did not object therefore the outcome might be different.

C.S – Do these plans go straight to Holyrood for planning.

D.S – Yes but Dumfries and Galloway Council are Statutory Consultees.

R.K – It is stated that there is around 1600 members in the Hands of Our Hills Group, how many of these members stay in Cree Valley Area.

K.C – The vast majority

Police Report

R.K -Don't like new format, could do with a bit more information.

S.B – I'm in agreement, the report could do with more detail.

Action Point – Email Police Scotland and ask for more detail in the police report.

Councillor Report

Cllr McC – No real progress in flood scheme, looking like there will be an enquiry.

Place Plan

N.V – Poor response at listening and visioning events

Penninghame Primary School

Cllr McC -here has been a couple of issues which were not related to previous incidents, and they have been rectified. No worries at the moment regarding safety, toilets are fully functioning and trying at the moment to get school on to the capital program for a new roof.

R.K – I have contacted Brian Scott with regard to the locked gates but there has been no explanation. This is an important path and a right of way. There is a signpost on the path.

Cllr McC – It has been locked due to vandalism and littering.

Windfarm Consultation Update

C.M – Killgallioch extension-are currently working on plans and should be getting in touch for meetings around January 2023. Arecleoch are planning the construction phase in Summer 2024.Glenvernoch scoping report has been received, the person was off sick and that it is what has caused the delay.

Windsor Footpath

C.S – Currently a consultation with the residents of Ewart Drive and the council by means of survey. Spoke to Mr Barr and he is currently putting cameras up and hopefully it will reopen.

Cllr J.McC – Currently not a right of way, there has to be a collation of information to see if it should be registered.

Action Point – Clock Tower

Cllr J.McC- Currently repairing structural issues before starting on clockface, will be painted with durable paint.

Action Point – Lamppost hit by a car in riverbank will be repaired in a couple of weeks.

C.M -Council are closing calls when not repaired.

S.B – Would be helpful to have an option i.e. Pending.

C.C – Im in agreement with the other office bearers, I do not see any benefit of this pilot scheme.

Public Forum – None

Correspondence – Community Councillor Bille Jones has had to resign due to time constraints.

Treasurers Report – Accounts adjusted due to advent calendars.

C.S – would like to thank Mrs Pagan (Cumloden Manor) for the donation received regarding the advent calendars. The calendars have been delivered to the schools.

Cllr J. McC – Household waste booking system is going to public survey. Would encourage as many members as possible of the public to fill in the survey.

AOCB

C.S – In the new year, would like to try and pull groups together and het a calander of events for the year ahead.

M.M – Potholes have not been filled in at bottom of Glentrool.

Cllr J. McC – Try putting it through the website to see if there is a better response.

Raynet Radios – Action Point for next meeting.