Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 9th January 2023

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Charles Marshall, (Secretary), Steph Bishop, Morag McIlwraith, Jackie Hedley,

Apologies: Rev. N Newton, Angela Marshall. , Alison McCathie, Cllr J. McCammon Cllr. D Inglis. , Cllr K Hagmann

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following additions/amendments.

1. B. Palmer proposed that no Christmas Lights were put up this year. However, after extensive discussion and a vote it was agreed to erect the remaining working lights this year. He added that the option for new Christmas Lights for next year should be explored. It was agreed that funding would have to be sought for this.

2. B. Palmer stated that a letter of complaint had been distributed to a wider audience than it should have been, and all should be aware of the circulation list when sending emails.

Amended Minutes

Proposed –.R. Kay

Seconded – C. Smithers.

Chair – Matters Arising

B. Palmer thanked Bob Boan for erecting the Christmas Lights this year.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

C. Smithers reported that PC Jamieson retires at the end of January 2023. He added that he would like to thank Constable Jamieson for his good work with Cree Valley Community Council

Visitor Presentations

James Galloway gave a presentation on the proposed Newton Stewart and Minnigaff Heritage Trail. It was agreed That CVCC would support this project.

Elected Members/New Members

Proposed new Council Members of Cree Valley Community Council are Joe Logan and Sandra Wilson

The application for membership will be considered at the February meeting.

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1. Planning

Nothing to report.

2. Newton Stewart Hospital

It was agreed that the letter received from Jeff Ace was unsatisfactory and the matter should now be raised with the Chair of NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

3**. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund**

C. Marshall reported that he had been in contact with EDF and Statkraft re upcoming Wind Farms. He added that this was to ensure that CVCC are considered in any future Wind Farm Benefits.

4. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme.

C. Marshall reported that a DGC Committee Paper tabled in December 2022 had mentioned the erosion on the River Cree downstream from the Sparling Bridge. He added that it did not indicate when this would be scheduled for repair**.**

5. Events/CVADT

C. Smithers reported that the Hogmanay Hoolie had been very successful and thanked Galloway Thistle for providing the Bar on the night. He added that CVADT were looking at further events for 2023

6. Resilience

S. Bishop reported that the "pads " had been replaced on the three defibrillators.

7. CVADT Update

As per Events.

8. Forestry and Land Scotland

B. Palmer reported that Forestry and Land Scotland had locked a number of gates that were on cycle paths and walking routes e.g. High Camer and Southern Upland Way. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Forestry and Land Scotland on this subject. R. Kay added that he thought it was illegal to do this – right of access.

Update on Action points.

Reports issued prior to meeting.

Public Forum

K. Dick of Newton Stewart Initiative reported that she was working on the PLACE programme.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

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C. Smithers report that the Christmas Lights will be taken down by Craig McClymont.

R. Kay reported that:

1. The Riverside Car Park in Newton Stewart had a blocked drain.
2. Toilets in the Riverside Car Park required to be cleaned.
3. Light was broken in Corbie Road (2nd light on the right handside).
4. Drains in Newton Stewart require to be cleaned.

Next meeting Monday 6th February 2023 at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart.

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