Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 4th July 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Steph Bishop.

Apologies: Jenni Marshall, Rev. N Newton, Richard Kay, Cllr J. McCammon , Angela Marshall. , Cllr. D Inglis, Jim Brown, Morag McIlwraith, Steph Bishop, Alison McCathie, Cllr K Hagmann.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – B. Palmer.

Seconded – S. Bishop

Chair – Matters Arising

B. Palmer thanked J. Hedley for work carried on gardens within the area.

It was noted that Parking has now been decriminalised and would now become the responsibility of local Councils.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

Visitor Presentations

None.

Elected Members

Cllr Hagmann reported that:

1. The Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme cost had increased; however, the flood order was expected by the end of the year.
2. She will raise the issue of the Minnigaff Pavilion/Men's Shed with Melinda Dolan.
3. She will be attending CVCC meetings on a Rota basis (every three months).

1. Planning

Nil Report.

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2. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

It was agreed that this should be raised with all local MSP's and MP. In addition, the issue of the "independence" of the Kilgallioch Wind Farm Review should be raised with C. Jack of Scottish Power Renewables.

3. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Refer to report circulated from M. Smith. In addition, C. Marshall expressed concern over the Planning Permission granted by DGC for the Holmpark Pumping Station which was built on the River Cree Flood Plain.

4. Events Group

C. Smithers reported that the Falklands Memorial event went very well. He added that the Remembrance Day will follow a similar format.

5. Resilience

Nil Report.

C. Smithers stated it would be a good idea for the Police/Fire Service/Mountain Rescue to have a joint meeting to discuss Resilience.

6. Cycle Paths

B. Palmer reported that the cycle paths in the wood of Cree area are poorly maintained. He added this could have a "knock-on" effect on tourism. K. Hagmann replied that the contact in DGC for this item was Carlos Soto.

7. CVADT Update

C. Smithers reported that the Trust was progressing the Asset Transfer of Minnigaff Pavilion. He added that the Galloway Pageant was being resurrected. R. Kay stated that any assets remaining that had been received from the Pageant will be returned.

C. Smithers reported that a Drop-in day organised by organised by JDN Exploration had been held in the McMillan Hall. He added that despite being well published there had been 11 attendees, 3 of which Were from CVCC.

8. Update on Action points.

C. Marshall reported that a report had been circulated prior to the meeting detailing all Outstanding Actions points and Actions closed during the month. R. Kay replied that no mention had been made of the issue with Church Lane.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

R. Kay will letter businesses in Newton Stewart re Parking.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

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R. Kay stated that the "500" bus service were still using "old/unsuitable" buses. K. Hagmann replied that DGC were carrying out a regional transport strategy which could address this issue.

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Next meeting Monday 5th September 2022 at 7:15 p.m. (rescheduled to Monday 3rd October) at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart,

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