Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 7th November 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Charles Marshall, (Secretary), Alison McCathie, Morag McIlwraith, Jackie Hedley, Cllr. D Inglis.

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

Visitors: . M. Harknesss (Kirkcowan CC), H. Johnson (Kirkcowan CC), A. Armstrong(Galloway Community Hospital Action Group), S. Todd (Galloway Community Hospital Action Group) A. Cuthbertson (Galloway Pageant Committee), J. Hughan (Galloway Pageant Committee), E. Moses (Galloway Pageant Committee).

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – C. Smithers.

Seconded –M. McIlwrath.

Chair – Matters Arising

R. Kay reported the sad passing of Andrew Shankland. He added that he was previously a member of CVCC and had been a valued member.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

B. Palmer reported that the Barriers on the Windsor Road Footpath had been vandalised. He added that this matter should be raised with the Police.

Elected Members

Cllr Inglis reported that:

1. The erosion on the Riverside walkway was being progressed with Dumfries and Galloway Council. He added that the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme due to be published by March 2023.

Visitor Presentations

Angela Armstrong reported that Galloway Community Hospital Action Group were campaigning for Newton Stewart Hospital to remain open and provide a facility for terminal patients which is required to be ”near at hand”. She added that she felt that the Health Board had not properly planned for facilities in the area.

In addition, she stated that she had support from local GP’s.

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Ben Palmer replied that CVCC agree with comments made and it was agreed that CVCC support the aims of the Action Group and would write to the Chief Executive of the Health Board inviting him to a meeting of CVCC to discuss this further.

Gavin McCallum explained the history of the Galloway Hillbillies:

- Thirteen Years old
- Set up as an official Club in February 2022
- Five events were delivered in 2022
- Currently there are 500 members

He added that the area should become a cycling destination and therefore promote tourism with ambition of holding a World Championship in 2024.

C. Smithers proposed that CVCC would support the Galloway Hillbillies

Seconded B. Palmer.

1. Planning

R. Kay stated that the Planning Application for Corsbie Road may not comply with LDP.

2. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Refer to above – Elected Member report

3. Galloway Pageant Monies

E. Moses stated that the Galloway Pageant Committee had been made aware that monies from the previous Galloway Pageant existed. B. Palmer reported that money was transferred to CVCC and could be used for other events. He added that he will investigate if monies are remaining, and any conditions attached.

4. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

B. Palmer reported that C. Smithers and himself had attended a meeting re Arecleoch Wind Farm benefits. He added nothing had been decided yet and a further meeting will be held in January 2023.

5. Events

R. Kay issued the plan for Remembrance Sunday.

The Road Closure for the Hogmanay Hoolie was agreed.

6. Resilience

C. Smithers agreed to investigate the options available for the Polaris.

7. CVADT Update

C. Smithers reported that plans for both the Winter Wonderland and Hogmanay Hoolie were progressing.

9. Update on Action points.

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Reports issued prior to meeting.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

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None.

Next meeting Monday 5Th December 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart.

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