Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 4th October 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Charles Marshall, (Secretary), Alison McCathie, Steph Bishop, Morag McIlwraith, Cllr J. McCammon.

Apologies: Rev. N Newton, Angela Marshall. , Cllr. D Inglis, Cllr K Hagmann.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – B. Palmer.

Seconded –A. McCathie.

Chair – Matters Arising

R. Kay reported that:

1. Parking was in the process of being decriminalised adding that parking notices had been sent to business owners in the main street in Newton Stewart.
2. Galloway Pageant monies could be returned – further discussion would be required.

It was noted J. Marshall had resigned from the Community Council. The meeting thanked her for the work she had carried out.

Co-opted Members:

The following nominees were proposed to become co-opted members of Cree Valley Community Council:

- J. Hedley
- S. Bishop

Proposed: B. Palmer

Seconded: A. McCathie.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

Visitor Presentations

None.

Elected Members

Cllr McCamon reported that:

1. A briefing would be held tomorrow on the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme.
2. The Scottish Government and South of Scotland Enterprise were making every effort to keep the Rouen Glen factory open
3. As result of Cllr S. Whitelaw's resignation a bi election would be held before the end of the year.

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4. The contract for the Interim Had of Stranraer Academy had been extended to early next year.

1. Planning

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

2. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

C. Smithers expressed concern the decay on the Riverside footpath could result the closure of this popular and well used foot path. He added that any delay in the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme should not impact on the work required on the foot path.

3. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

B. Palmer reported that consultation on the Arecleoch Wind Farm benefits had taken place.

4. Trees

R. Kay stated that he will attend the upcoming consultations with Forestry and Land Scotland. In addition, costs will be obtained for possible tree planting in Newton Stewart, with options for funding being investigated.

5. Paths

B. Palmer reported that high/low Carmer paths were in a state of disrepair. It was agreed to write to Forestry and Land Scotland re this issue.

6. Windsor Road Path

C. Smithers reported that work would commence shortly (during school holidays)**.**

7. Events Group

C. Smithers reported that the Xmas lights switch on would be supporting the Winter Wonderland. He added that the Xmas Tree for Dashwood Square had been arranged.

R. Kay reported that the Youth Hostel Car Park for Armistice Sunday, would be available.

C. Smithers reported that Galloway Thistle will supply the bar for the Hogmanay Hoolie.

8. Resilience

S. Bishop reported that a software fault had developed with defibrillators; however, this has now been corrected.

C. Smithers reported that he was arranging a meeting with Police/Fire Service/Mountain Rescue, to discuss Resilience.

9. Update on Action points.

R. Kay stated that the issue with the Riverside Path was not listed as outstanding.

Cunninghame Terrace will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

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Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

The transfer of monies to the Development Trust was approved.

It was agreed that subscription to Zoom would continue.

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None.

Next meeting Monday 7th November 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart,

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