Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 6th March 2023

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Charles Marshall, (Secretary,) Morag McIlwraith, Stephon Bishop, Joe Logan, Sandra Williams

Apologies: None

Chair handed Meeting to Clifford Palmer

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved .

Proposed – Ben Palmer

Seconded – Stephon Bishop

Matters Arising

None

1. New CVCC Councillors approved:

Joe Logan

Proposed – S Bishop

Seconded – B Palmer

Sandra Williams

Proposed – Charles Marshall

Seconded - Richard Kay

2. Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

No Report

Action Point. Secretary to contact

3. Planning

Nothing to report.

4. **Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme**

No response or update from County Councillors and none in attendance at meeting

Action Point : CVCC to take up issues with MSP

Proposed - Ben Palmer

Seconded – Charles Marshall

5. **Response to questions raised 6/03/23 meeting**

Councillor Richard Marsh not in attendance and no response received to date

6. **Christmas Lights**

Christmas Light group Update:

In attendance: Joe Logan CVCC Laura Dick, Shirley Cronnie, Linda Woodfield

Report given by Joe Logan: Good support from team working in this group and very positive support being pledged by local businesses. Sponsorship letters hand delivered to 120 local businesses and so far over £2600 already pledged.

A number of activities and fund raising already initiated . Updates being shared on Newton Stewart Christmas Light page on Facebook.

A round of applause and thanks were given to members of the team in attendance at the meeting.

Action Point: On going Agenda item - Joe to report back.

7. **Resilience**

NSI offering to take responsibility for Resilience Team. Felt by CVCC that responsibility shoild remain with CVCC

Action Point: Explore paths of usefulness / assistance that could be taken on by resilience team

Proposed -Charles Marshall

Seconded – Richard Kay

8. **Wind Farm Benefits Fund/Wind Farm Consultation**

Action Point: Meeting to be arranged, Benefits to be pursued 2 members of CVCC to attend.

9. **Forestry and Land Scotland**

Forestry and Land Scotland have created foot access and opened up Southern Upland Way.

Action Point: B Palmer (Chair) to draft letter to Forestry and Land Scotland regarding repair and access and liaise with Richard regarding Woodland Trust funds.

10. **Update on Action Points from meeting 06/02/23** Litter bin placed on Minnigaff side of river bridge

Graffiti on Sparling Bridge painted over but graffiti re written.

State and safety of empty buildings request raised from public to keep pressing Dumfries & Galloway Council.

No response from County Council on previous meeting's action points

Action Point: CVCC contact press regarding state of town buildings in disrepair

9. Treasurer's Report

Galloway Hillbillies Galloway Pageant to receive £2.000.00.

Action Point: Richard (Treasurer) to identify funds.

AOCB

Defibrillator numbers being replaced.

Purchase of overhead projector screen.

Action Point Joe Logan looking into purchase price.

Fly tipping: sheets of metal and Fridge dumped on edges of common land.

500 Bus service only running small buses, unsuitable for long distance travel.

Action point: Charles (sec) to compile letter regarding Bus service

Public Forum

No other business.

Next meeting Monday 3rd April at 7:15 p.m. at Glentrool