

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 4th April 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Jim Brown, Morag McIlwraith, Steph Bishop, Alison McCathie, Cllr K Hagmann.

Apologies: Jenni Marshall, Rev. N Newton, Richard Kay, Cllr J McColm, , Cllr J. McCammon , Angela Marshall. , Cllr. D Inglis.

Visitor: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved (with the amendment that Rev. N Newton was an apology).

Proposed – C. Smithers.

Seconded – A. McCathie.

Chair – Matters Arising

B. Palmer reported that N. Bradley has decided to have “drop-in” sessions re Blackcraig drilling.

None

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

C. Smithers expressed concern re amount of vandalism recently. Constable Jamieson replied that he was aware of the issue and action was being taken.

Visitor Presentations

None.

Elected Members

Cllr K. Hagmann reported that a new Chief Executive of Dumfries and Galloway Council would be appointed tomorrow. She added that the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme was on-going adding that there had been significant engagement with communities

B. Palmer stated that he had little confidence in DGC’s Flood Protection Team.

1. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

It was agreed that this should be raised with all local MSP’s

Proposed: B. Palmer

Seconded: C. Smithers

R. Kay stated that a letter should be written to Caryn Jack of SPR stating that CVCC feel the review was not independent,

2. Planning

It was reported that there had been 2 Planning Applications in the area:

1. New house at Plot 16, Riverbank
2. A bulk Storage silo at Craft Distillery, Wigtown Road.

3. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Refer to elected members report above.

4. Events Group

S. Bishop reported that a Falklands Memorial would be held on 11th June with the possibility that the Rev. Edward Lyons would attend.

5. Resilience

Nil Report.

C. Smithers reported that Allan Marshall had resigned as Chair of the Resilience Group. He added that he would like to thank Allan for all the excellent work he had carried out. It was agreed that the duties of the Chair could be split amongst existing members.

6. CVADT Update

A. McCathie reported that events for the Queen's Jubilee were progressing.

7. 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. He added if anyone had suggestions for improvement could they let him know as this would be circulated prior to all CVCC meetings in the future.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

Next meeting Monday 16th May 2022 at 7:15 p.m.(after AGM) at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart,