

# Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## 7:00pm ZOOM Meeting

**Attendees:** Clifford Smithers (Chair), Jim Brown (Vice Chair ), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Rev. Newton, Allan Marshall, Angela Marshall, Alison McCathie

**Apologies:** Ben Askew, Ben Palmer

**Elected Members:** Cllr. D Inglis, Cllr J. McColm

**Free Press – L. Kerr**

**Guests : None**

**Chair –** Welcomed all to December 2020 meeting.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed – R. Kay

Seconded – Nigel Newton.

### **Chair – Matters Arising**

D. Inglis reported that the Building Services section of Dumfries and Galloway Council had now inspected the Grapes Hotel and found that it was not in danger of collapse.

J. McColm reported that the parking issues in Newton Stewart were not a high priority for Police Scotland.

### **Police Scotland: Report & Questions.:**

J. Brown reported that it was excellent that cars with faulty lights were being caught. He added that the “Shop Owners” warning system for shop lifting should be re-introduced. D. Inglis replied that this item should be progressed through the re-established Newton Stewart Business Association.

### **Elected Members**

J. McColm reported that there was huge potential for investment in Newton Stewart from Borderlands. D. Inglis stated that it was important that all Community Groups work together on this initiative and make the case for Newton Stewart to be part of it.

D. Inglis reported that the Pfizer vaccine for Covid-19 had to be kept at an exceptionally low temperature and so presented distribution issues. However the AstraZeneca vaccine did not present such issues and that it was expected that the whole population of Dumfries and Galloway should be vaccinated by April/May.

## **1. Planning**

J. Brown reported that there had been no response on the Wigtown Road Station Cafe.

## **2. Newton Stewart Hospital**

Allan Marshall expressed concern over the future of Newton Stewart Hospital regarding the Consultation Document published by the Integration Joint Board. He added that local GP's were also concerned.

Allan Marshall also stated the document makes no reference to Palliative Care. He added that all Community Councils in the area should back a campaign to stop any closure proposal for the Hospital.

## **3. Xmas Lights Funding**

R. Kay reported that CVCC would receive £2,000 from DGC. For Xmas Lights the spend to date was as follows:

- £700 on lights
- £3,2000 on Electrician

Therefore, there was at present an overspend of £1,900.

It was agreed that if necessary, monies that was allocated to CCTV could be used to cover any overspend.

## **3. Community Action Plan (CAP) and formation of Trust**

C. Marshall reported that it was planned to formally launch the Community Action Plan in January 2021

## **4. Kilgallioch Wind Farm**

It was agreed that CVCC should apply for any unspent monies from the Core Communities.

## **5. Events**

N. Newton reported that all members should have a copy of the Events Calendar for next year. He added that this is subject to the situation re Covid-19.

## **6. Resilience Planning**

Allan Marshall reported that training had been undertaken Polaris training with ATV at a cost of £916, in addition £242 had spent on safety helmets.

Allan Marshall reported that on 24<sup>th</sup> November four members of the Resilience Team had undergone Winter Wellness Training. He added that it had been agreed that DGC could use the Polaris if they become overwhelmed in an emergency.

Allan Marshall also reported that familiarisation with the Bankirk Depot will shortly take place and Ben Askew will be carrying out a Risk Assessment.

Allan Marshall reported that he had purchased a 20 litre Jerry Can. He added that an application for funding had been completed for an "eye" for a trailer.

## **9. Action Points**

C. Marshall reported that:

1. Riverside Road issues – were being addressed.
2. Approach to Sparling Bridge on Minnigaff side - grass needs cut - addressed.
3. Lights on Sparling Bridge handrail on Sparling Bridge out in addition to light standard – still outstanding.
4. Erosion on bank of River Cree – still outstanding- and will recorded as a Health and Safety issue on CCES.
6. GAP site next to AB&A Mathews Property Office still outstanding.

**Public Forum** - none

**Correspondence –**  
Secretary - all sent out.

**Financial Update:**

The Financial Reports were distributed.

**AOCB**

**Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 7:00 p.m.**