

# Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 6<sup>TH</sup> December 2021

## 7:00pm McMillan Hall

**Attendees:** Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair ), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (treasurer) Jim Brown, Ben Palmer, Morag McIlwraith, Jenny Marshall, Steph Bishop, Cllr. D Inglis, Cllr J. McCamon. Constable John Jamieson.

**Apologies:** Rev. N Newton, Angela Marshall, Alison McCathie.

**Guests :** Louise Kerr ( Free Press).

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – J. Brown

Seconded –. C. Smithers.

### **Chair – Matters Arising**

B. Palmer reported that he was still waiting on a reply from the Forestry Commission re forest tracks and maintenance of tracks

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

Report circulated in separate email.

J. Jamieson stated that the Annual Drink Driving Festive Campaign would be taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

### **Visitor Presentations**

None

### **Elected Members**

Following correspondence from the League of Friends, concern was again expressed over the future on Newton Stewart Hospital.

Cllr D. Inglis stated that he had been informed that there were no plans to close the hospital at present adding that the hospital had been emptied for Covid. He said that he would do everything possible to ensure, the services provided by the Hospital remain in Newton Stewart.

Cllr J. McColm reported that Housing Association properties were being retro fitted to reduce their Carbon Footprint.

Cllr D. Inglis reported that grants would be available to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Jubilee.

J. Brown stated that an objection should be raised re the recent Licencing Board meeting in particular:

- CVCC not provided with full information
- Application changed at meeting.
- Cllr. Hagmann was present; however, was in favour
- No opportunity was given to CVCC for a final submission.
- He felt CVCC were misrepresented

It was agreed that the objection should be taken to Stage 2 of the Council's Complaints process.

## **1. Planning**

J. Brown reported that no applications had been made for the Cree Valley Area during the previous period.

## **2. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme**

Cllr D. Inglis stated that a report will be tabled at the Communities Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

B. Palmer expressed concern that river management had not been mentioned. J. McColm replied that the Consultants had stated that River Management would not have a significant effect.

J. Brown stated that the Solway River Plan shows that the Council should be investigating upper catchment areas and river maintenance.

## **3. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund**

C. Smithers reported that CVCC were waiting on further information.

J. Brown stated that CVCC should ask which recommendations in the review report will be followed.

## **4. Events Group**

C. Smithers reported that the Winter Wonderland event had been very successful. He added that NSI had supported Christmas Decorations. In addition, 392 Advent Calendars had been distributed.

C. Smithers stated that the guidelines will be followed for the Hogmanay Hoolie.

## **5. Resilience**

Nil Report.

## **6. CVADT Update**

As per Events Group.

## **7 Update on Action points.**

It was reported that Douglas Kirkpatrick was the contact at DGC for issues re SWESTRANS.

It was agreed that a separate meeting would be arranged with residents of Blackcraig to discuss the mining issues.

C. Marshall reported that:

- The erosion on the River Cree was still outstanding.
- Glentroll - road/pavement repairs were still outstanding.
- The off Princes Avenue/lane requires the repairs carried out to be finalised.

- T- junction at the Cree Bridge was in urgent need of repair, still outstanding.

**Public Forum** – None.

**Correspondence**

All issued prior to meeting.

**Financial Update:**

The Financial Reports were distributed.

**AOCB**

It was agreed that CVCC's subscription to Zoom would continue until at least the end of the January 2022.

**Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom.**