Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 6th February 2023

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Charles Marshall, (Secretary) Morag McIlwraith, Steph Bishop, Richard Marsh (newly elected councillor for Ward 2)

Apologies: Rev. N Newton, Angela Marshall. , Alison McCathie, Cllr J. McCammon Cllr. D Inglis. , Cllr K Hagmann

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved .

Proposed –S. Bishop

Seconded –C. Smithers

Richard Marsh new Councillor for Ward 2 welcomed to meeting.

New CVCC Councillors proposed: Joe Logan and Sandra Williams to be approved at next meeting

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

No Report

Action Point. Secretary to contact for report.

1. **Planning**

Nothing to report.

2. **Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme**

Discussion concerning serious erosion of riverbank along River Cree downstream from the Sparling Bridge. Repairs still needing to be done and no response to requests made regarding riverside management, currently no funding being made available.

Action Point. Richard Marsh to ask questions and pursue updates from D & G Council.

Richard Marsh to inform Charles Marshall (Sec).; Charles to forward responses.

3 **Christmas Lights**

B. Palmer proposed that Craig McClymont proposal for taking existing brackets and rewiring plus 4 new poles at Dashwood Square, be accepted.

Men's Shed offering to repair and renew possibility of new storage facility available from April.

Public discussion regarding funding, Ben Palmer stated that he thinks CVCC may have enough funds, following continued discussion regarding costings/repairs/ installation costs of new poles. Public attendees offered to set up fundraising to ensure costs can be met.

Richard proposed a subcommittee be set up to facilitate fundraising by volunteers . Joe Logan to lead subcommittee.

Seconded.

Action Point: Ongoing Agenda item Joe to report back.

4. **Cunninghame Terrace:**

Cunninghame Terrace - houses are being flooded by ingress of water from the road which slopes towards the houses. Also, an issue has been raised with Dumfries & Galloway Council regarding an ongoing drain problem; this needs to be pursued. This has been ongoing since September 2022.

Action Point: Ongoing. Richard Marsh to to raise and report back.

5. **Anti -Social Behaviour:**

Discussion regarding cameras being a deterrent or at least a tool in identifying those involved in this behaviour. Police to have conversations with schools. Positive meeting took place with members of CVCC and Police, Police to increase patrols.

Action Point: Next meeting to be arranged and reported on:

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

No Action : awaiting Reports from consultation.

7. **Forestry and Land Scotland**

Last meeting 9th Jan - B. Palmer reported that Forestry and Land Scotland had locked a number of gates that were on cycle paths and walking routes e.g., High Camer and Southern Upland Way. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Forestry and Land Scotland on this subject. This discussion was continued with contributions from the public who stated that they had been subjected to riders on motor bikes racing on the footpaths and experienced unsightly fly tipping in areas of the forest near to where they live and walk in the forest and this was one of the reasons for the gates being locked to stop access other than pedestrians, in light of this Forestry and Land Scotland to be contacted regarding clear access routes for walkers at gated entry points.

Action Point: B Palmer (Chair) to contact Forestry and Land Scotland with invite to next meeting. 6th March.

9. **CVADT No report**

10. **Update on Action Points.** No report- CCES lack of response to complaints/actions needed to be taken.

Toilets in Riverside Car Park items from last meeting.

Action Point: List to be sent to Richard Marsh for him to raise these issues on CVCC's behalf.

Public Forum

Yellow lines need to be repainted in High Street.

Request to be made for litter bin to be placed on Minnigaff side of river path.

Salt box needed for Sparling Bridge slope on Minnigaff side.

Additional Bin required on Riverside Walk after the underpass.

Blocked drains in numerous places within Newton Stewaert.

Graffiti on Sparling Bridge and Poetry Stones needs urgent attention.

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

Action Point: C. Marshall to raise with Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Correspondence
Issued prior to meeting. (Apart from 1 D Inglis which arrived too late for inclusion to be included in next meeting)

Financial Update:
The Financial Reports were distributed.

AOCB

Resilience Responsibility funding not regular but do need to apply for upkeep of defibrillators.

Action point: Regular funding to be looked into.

Charging for use of CVCC tables discussed Action Point to be looked into and further discussed.

Next meeting Monday 6th March at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart.