

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 1st February 2021

7:00pm ZOOM Meeting

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

Apologies: Cllr J. McColm, Cllr K. Hagmann, Ben Palmer, M.McIlwraith, B. Askew

Elected Members: Cllr. D Inglis

Guests : None

Chair – Welcomed all to the February 2021 meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The following addition was required to the Minutes:

“It was agreed that ownership of the Community Action Plan (CAP), would be transferred to the Cree Valley Area Development Trust (CVADT).”

With this amendment the Minutes were agreed:

Proposed – Rev. Newton.

Seconded – R. Kay.

Chair – Matters Arising

It was agreed that C. Smithers would meet to discuss the issues re erosion on the River Cree. In particular how the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme would impact on proposed repairs.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.:

D. Inglis reported that he will revisit the reply received from Police Scotland re parking in Newton Stewart. J. Brown added that parking on the “Zig-Zags” at the pedestrian crossing in Newton Stewart was an ongoing problem.

Elected Members

D. Inglis reported that the Priority Discretionary Fund had now been released by Dumfries and Galloway Council. He added that CVCC should consider the use of Community Payback where appropriate.

1. Planning

J. Brown reported that the only relevant application issue was a change of sign (to Virgin Money) at the Clydesdale Bank in Newton Stewart.

2. Newton Stewart Hospital

Allan Marshall reported that:

A Zoom meeting had been held with Finlay Carson MSP, who reported on a meeting he had with Jeff Ace, Chief Executive of HHS Dumfries and Galloway on the subject of Newton Stewart Hospital

Allan Marshall stated that Finlay Carson had reported that, following his discussion, the following points were made:

- Newton Stewart Hospital is not fit for purpose.
- Scoping exercise is being undertaken by Transforming Wigtownshire.
- Investigations are underway to establish multidisciplinary teams to provide service locally currently provided by Newton Stewart Hospital

Examples were given of recent examples of patients being discharged from Hospitals in Dumfries and Stranraer and the local care provided in Newton Stewart was inadequate.

3. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Nothing to report.

4. Community Action Plan (CAP) and formation of Trust

C. Marshall reported that Cree Valley Area Development Trust (CVADT) had agreed to take forward the implementation of the Community Action Plan (CAP).

5. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

The proposed objection to the planned transport route for the Kilgallioch Wind Farm Extension was agreed.

Proposed: C. Marshall

Seconded: A. McCathie

6. Events Group

N. Newton reported that until the situation with Covid-19 is clearer nothing is being planned. He added that he would look at the second half of the year for events on a provisional basis.

6. Resilience Planning

Allan Marshall reported:

- A grant of £2,900 had been received from the Scottish Government for a trailer for the Polaris.
- Work was continuing on establishing a base for the Resilience Team. He added that costings recently received from DGC for the provisions of services at Barnkirk were somewhat prohibitive. It was agreed that alternative sites should be investigated (e.g., Golf Course land).
- A Storage container could be used for Xmas Lights.

9. Action Points

C. Marshall reported that:

- 1... Lights on Sparling Bridge handrail on Sparling Bridge addressed. However, a light on the approach to the Sparling Bridge was still not working.
- 2.. Erosion on bank of River Cree – a temporary fence had been erected. However it appeared to inadequate.
3. GAP site next to AB&A Mathews Property Office - still outstanding.

Public Forum - none

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

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Next meeting 1st March 7:00 p.m. (via ZOOM).