

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 7th February 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (treasurer), Morag McIlwraith, Steph Bishop, Rev. N Newton, Alison McCathie, Cllr J McColm , Cllr K. Hagmann Cllr. D Inglis.

Apologies: Jim Brown, Jenni Marshall, Angela Marshall

Guests : Louise Kerr (Free Press).

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – R. Kay.

Seconded – B. Palmer.

Chair – Matters Arising

Notice was made re correspondence being read out at meetings. After queries with the Ward Officer, who said that if correspondence was shared with CVCC Members prior to the meeting there was no reason for them to read out at the current meeting. It was however good practice for the Secretary have a list of all correspondence.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Nil Report.

Visitor Presentations

None

Elected Members

Cllr K. Hagmann reported that there was a funding gap of over £8m in the Council Budget. In addition, there was now a vacancy for a Chief Executive (shortlisting on 17/3/2022).

She added that funding was available from the Regional Costal Fund and Covid19 Tenant Grant Funding.

Cllr J.McColm reported that Active Travel Conversations would take place on 9th February. He added that funding had been approved to address the issue of erosion on the River Cree. In addition a number of properties were subject to Community Asset Transfers.

Cllr K. Hagmann will progress the issue of the repair to Potholes in Glentool and Wood of Cree.

C. Marshall reported that the issue of calls on CCES being closed, prior to completion of work, was under review.

1. Planning

B. Palmer stated that the only relevant application was for a new ATM in Newton Stewart.

2. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

B. Palmer stated that he was not aware of any new developments, adding when a proper plan is produced, CVCC will be part of discussions.

3. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

B. Palmer stated that:

1. The review had not been carried out as per the notification received from Keith Anderson (CEO of Scottish Power).
2. Proposed that elected members raise the matter of approval of the Planning Application at full Council.

J. McColm stated that the planning approval was under Section 36 of Planning and Ministerial Level adding Section 75 is not part of Planning agreements.

Cllr K. Hagmann proposed a meeting with DGC Planning Department Officers

4. Events Group

Nil Report.

5. Resilience

Nil Report.

S. Bishop stated a quarterly report should be received from the Resilience Group.

6. CVADT Update

A. McCathie reported that it is hoped to organise events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, she added that she hoped that there would be considerable joint working with other Community Groups on these events.

7. Blackcraig Drilling

B. Palmer reported that a general meeting had taken place with JDH Mining.

8. Update on Action points.

C. Marshall reported that:

- The erosion on the River Cree was still outstanding (see above).
- Glentrool - 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 is in urgent need of repair - still outstanding.

It was agreed that all CVCC minutes would be published on the Newton Stewart Web Site, link to follow.

Public Forum – None.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting. - refer to Matters arising.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

AOCB

R. Kay reported that a light was out on the Cree Bridge.

Next meeting Monday

7th March 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart,