

R5Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 11th January 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,

Apologies: Cllr. D Inglis, , Ben Palmer

Elected Members: Cllr J. McColm, Cllr K. Hagmann

Guests : None

Chair – Welcomed all to January 2021 meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed – J. Brown

Seconded – A. McCathie.

Chair – Matters Arising

C. Smithers reported that there will be a Zoom meeting on the 12th January with Finlay Carson MSP to discuss the future of Newton Stewart Hospital.

C. Smithers expressed concern over public safety issues with regards to the Grapes Hotel in Newton Stewart. K. Hagmann will investigate.

C. Smithers reported that a meeting had been held with D. Inglis and Mr Andrews in relation to the Newton Stewart Business Association (NSBA). R. Kay stated that he had received a draft letter re NSBA which he will review adding it was proposed that CVCC would take responsibility for the Accounts and provide Office Bearers in the short term.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.:

Issued in a separate email.

Elected Members

K. Hagmann reported that DGC was waiting on the Budget Settlement. She also added that a temporary Ward Officer was now in place. In addition she stated that the Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme appeared to show little progress and will ask for an update on progress.

K. Hagmann will progress the issue of the lease term for Resilience at the Barnkirk Depot.

1. Planning

J. Brown reported that the Blairmount Park development will be heard at the Planning Committee between February and April this year.

R. Kay will draft a letter re the felling of trees on forest roads.

2. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit

C. Marshall reported that a letter had been sent to Lindsay McQuade (CEO of Scottish Power Renewables) last week and as of, yet, no reply had been received.

3. Events

N. Newton reported that there would be no events until after February and the current plan of events stands. However, this was under constant review.

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

C. Marshall reported that the CAP was now complete. He added planning for the launch of the CAP was underway.

6. Resilience Planning

Allan Marshall reported that:

- Two new volunteers had joined the group.
- He had contacted Dumfries and Galloway Health Board re Winter WellBeing Training.
- The defibrillator at Boots the Chemist had been used on the 31st of December.
- Two other defibrillators were with the Electrical Contractors awaiting installation.
- He was grateful to Newton Stewart Initiative for offering premises if required.

9. Action Points

C. Marshall reported that:

1. Riverside Road issues – were now addressed.
- 2.. Lights on Sparling Bridge handrail on Sparling Bridge addressed. However, a light on the approach to the Sparling Bridge was still not working.
4. Erosion on bank of River Cree – still outstanding. However, a fence will be erected this week.
6. GAP site next to AB&A Mathews Property Office - still outstanding.

Public Forum - none

Correspondence –

K. Hagmann will raise the issue of Parking in Newton Stewart with DGC.

J. Brown stated that cars parked in Queen Street on “yellow lines” represented a dangerous hazard and the Police should be attending to such matters.

Secretary - all sent out.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

R. Kay reported that two grants from DGC were still awaited (£2,000 and £1,000)

AOCB

C. Smithers reported that the Community PayBack team would be working on removing flowers shortly

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