

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 7th March 2022

7:15 McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (treasurer), Jim Brown, Morag McIlwraith, Steph Bishop, Jenni Marshall , Cllr J. McCammon, Cllr. D Inglis.

Apologies: Alison McCathie, Rev. N Newton, Cllr J McColm, Angela Marshall.

Visitor: J. Gustafson

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved (with the amendment that Rev. N Newton was an apology).

Proposed – S. Bishop.

Seconded – C. Smithers.

Chair – Matters Arising

None

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

Issued in a separate email.

Visitor Presentations

J. Gustafson gave a presentation on improving the land in Newton Stewart and Minnigaff, this could include amongst others, replacing trees that have fallen, encourage residents to plant trees. She added that Galloway Glens would be a useful contact. It was agreed that R. Kay would be the contact for CVCC.

Elected Members

Cllr D. Inglis reported that the Costal Erosion on the River Cree could be brought forward as part of the Newton Stewart Flood Scheme. He added that a survey of Penninghame Primary School had highlighted poor lighting issues.

Cllr J. McCammon reported that the issue of CCTV in Newton Stewart was on-going, adding that she was progressing this.

1. BlackCraig Drilling

B. Palmer stated that the recent public meeting with JDH could have been better organised in terms of:

1. Sound system.
2. Screen sharing.
3. Attendees on Zoom unable to hear what was being said in the meeting room.

B. Palmer reported that drilling had ceased at Blackcraig now.

D. Inglis suggested that the next meeting with JDH is organised and chaired by CVCC.

Members of the public attending the meeting expressed concern over unanswered questions tabled to JDH at the meeting on 16th February 2022 and a general lack of communication with residents.

2. Planning

J. Brown reported that there had been 4 Planning Applications in the area:

1. Solar Panels for Blairmount Park.
2. New Slates for a roof on Albert Street.
3. Planning Certificate for Cree Hall Penninghame Estate.
4. Four Clamping Pods at Windsor Lodge including Septic Tank.

3. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

Refer to elected members report above.

4. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

C. Marshall proposed that CVCC lodge a complaint with the Investigations Unit of the British Government over the possible breach by SPR of the Companies Act 2006, Chapter 46, Part 15 (Directors' Report).

B. Palmer stated that he would like all District Councillors to be "on-board" with CVCC's complaint where rules have been broken.

4. Events Group

C. Smithers reported that an event is being planned to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

5. Resilience

Nil Report.

C. Smithers to liaise with Allan Marshall.

6. CVADT Update

It was reported that CVADT were investigating:

1. Asset Transfer Minnigaff Park
2. Funding for Feasibility Study for above.

8. Update on Action points.

C. Marshall reported that: a report would be produced monthly prior to the CVCC Meeting showing details of:

1. All outstanding Calls
2. All calls closed in the previous month.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

AOCB

C. Smithers reported concern over :

1. Safety of trees in St. Couan's Place
2. Condition of pavement in St Couan's Place

Next meeting Monday

4th April 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at the McMillan Hall Newton Stewart,

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