

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes of Meeting

At the McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart

16 May 2022

- Sederunt:** Ben Palmer, Clifford Smithers, Richard Kay, Jim Brown, Morag McIlwraith, Jenni Marshall.
Cllr David Inglis, Nicola Smithers (Minutes).
Melinda Dolan, Ward Worker, Gene Fryatt, Newton Stewart Museum. Katrina Dick, NSI
- Apologies:** Nigel Newton, Alison McCathie, Steph Bishop, Charles Marshall, Angela Marshall
- Minutes:** Richard Kay was present at the meeting. List of Correspondence to be attached. RK proposed Minutes approved as amended, seconded by BP. Accepted
- Matters Arising:** None
- Police Scotland:** Apologies for being unable to attend. Monthly report received. Concern expressed at the amount of vandalism reported.
- Elected Members:** DI was congratulated on his election. DI reported that the new administration would be decided next Tuesday. Little activity until in place. Reported that the Area Discretionary Grants are now available for claiming. **RK to action.**
- Correspondence:** Circulated to all members. See attached list.
DI queried the state of road repairs.
BP reported that the Wood of Cree Road (National Cycle Route 7) above his house was in a poor state. Work not completed and earlier work falling apart.
MM reported that the pavements in Glentool Village were dangerously rough and that the pothole patching is very rough.
A message had been received from Kenneth Campbell expressing discontent at the way CVCC had dealt with the GAM Facebook group at the March Meeting. He was not happy with the response which detailed the errors made in his email. He has further requested that we treat this as a complaint under the Scheme of Establishment. It was felt that it would be ineffective to hold a meeting with members of the GAM group. Agreed to hold a special closed meeting on 8th June to address the complaint. .As required by the Scheme. KC to be notified of the process.
- Planning Applications:** Very few applications of note in our area.
Wigtown Road Service Station has revised its application for a Café in the old workshop behind the station. The plans do not seem to have addressed our concerns regarding the traffic management for the service station and café which we made to the original application. **Agreed JB to resubmit our objection.**
- Flood Scheme:** No update. DI indicated that work was ongoing and that the D&G Council has still to agree the additional costs.

- Kilgallioch Windfarm:** No further forward. We have not received and updates or answers to our queries. Agreed to write to Caryn Jack, Scottish Power to ask for responses.
- Events Group:** Jubilee Poster passed round and agreed.
Gene Fryatt reported that the Museum Afternoon Tea will be free to ticket holders as they received a large grant. She sought a supply of chairs and the use of the gazebos. Suggested chairs might be available from the McMillan Hall. Agreed to loan Gazebos.
- Arrangements for Picnic & Dance on Saturday in the Minnigaff Park largely in place. The Tea Dance on Sunday will also be free to participants. Volunteers sought to produce cakes etc.
- Resilience:** Allan Marshall has resigned as Chairman of the Group. No-one would volunteer to take over the role. It has been agreed that various members of the team will lead on the different aspects of the group's activities. In the meantime CVCC will act as the point of contact in the event of an emergency.
- Development Trust:** Meeting with NSI and other local groups not arranged due to misunderstanding between the groups. CVADT agreed that it would be a useful meeting. NSI to suggest alternative dates.
- Action Points:** DI raised the point of his draft letter of 30/04/2022 regarding parking on the main street. Agreed to review the letter with a view to distributing it to the owners/managers of all businesses along Arthur Street, Victoria Street and Albert Street.
DI also reported that the D&G Council are considering decriminalising parking which would allow them to control parking. This would not be a quick process.
- Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer reported that there was very little expenditure since March apart from continuing the £14.39p per month payment for Zoom.
- A.O.C.B:**
- 1) Pavements in Glentroll have been reported. Add to Action Points.
 - 2) A Caravan has been parked in the Layby on the A714 just past Cairnderry. Police had reported that they had visited the site and the vehicle was awaiting spare parts. It has been there for several months now. Rise again with the police.
 - 3) James Taylor is selling his collection of farm machinery at auction. Noted
 - 4) MM suggested we should write to Jim McColm to thank him for his assistance and information over the past years as Councillor. **Agreed**
 - 5) JM reported that walkers who had litter picked various sites had been told that they could not deposit the material at the recycling centre. They are concerned that recyclable material would otherwise be sent to landfill. **DI to investigate.**
 - 6) Local Place Plans. CVCC feel that the main content of these plans are covered by the recent Action Plan, now in the remit of CVADT. Concern was expressed that the LPP could be hi-jacked by special interest groups. KD pointed out that the Local Place Plans are more aligned with planning than the Action Plan would be. Agreed that NSI would lead on the Local Place Plan. In the meantime the Action Plan would be put on the official Newton Stewart website. MD agreed to chair a meeting to discuss the plan.
- Next Meeting:**
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| Normal Meeting: | 19:15 on 06/06/2022 |
| Special Meeting | 19:00 on 08/06/2022 |