

# Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## 7:00pm ZOOM Meeting

**Attendees:** Clifford Smithers (Chair), Jim Brown (Vice Chair ), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (Treasurer), Rev. Newton, Allan Marshall, Angela Marshall, Morag McIlwraith), Ben Palmer

**Absent - Ben Askew**

**Elected Members:** Cllr. J McColm, Cllr. Cllr. K Hagmann, Cllr. D Inglis

**Free Press – L. Kerr**

**Guests : None**

**Chair – Welcomed all to October 2020**

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Omission from September 2020 Minutes

Allan Marshall raised speeding on vehicles in Heron Way, discussion and letter to be sent to Conifers raising matter with residents and staff. In addition, discussion arose with elected members and CVCC regarding the speed bumps on Heron Way being inadequate and the matter will be raised with the Council.

With the above amendments

Proposed – Canon Newton    Seconded – Allan Marshall.

### **Chair – Matters Arising**

None.

### **Police Scotland: Report & Questions.:**

Report circulated in a separate email, after discussion regarding illegal parking in Newton Stewart parking. Cllr. Jim McColm stated that Police said only act if risk of danger or traffic being held up/road being blocked.

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### **Elected Members**

Cllr. Katie Hagmann reported that Service Committees in DGC were returning to normal business.

Cllr. Jim McColm reported that this year's school exam results have not been fully analysed. However, a report will be forth-coming by end of the year. He added that this report would be shared firstly with the Parent Council.

Cllr. David Inglis reported that the impact of Financial pressure on D&G Council from COVID was approximately £5.28M –

## **Planning**

J. Brown reported that an application for part of Central Bar being converted into a flat had been submitted. He added that there were issues with the Planning Department due to Covid-19.

Allan Marshall expressed concern over the possibility that Newton Stewart Hospital could be closed. He added that respite beds and cancer care beds were no longer there.

Cllr. David Inglis give his assurance to CCVC that he would not sit back and let the Newton Stewart Hospital close.

### **1. Flood Protection Scheme**

Cllr. David Inglis stated that there is a timeline which sees construction something between '23/'24. He added that it will go to Committee in December for approval. Completion of a programme like that would take two years. In addition, consultation will take place with CVCC.

### **2. CCTV**

C. Smithers reported that he had spoken to Craig McClymont re update on type of cameras required. In addition, once a cost had been established, we could apply to Kilgallioch Benefit Fund for funding for the project.

### **3. Community Action Plan**

C. Marshall reported that approval of the Articles of Association for the Trust had been approved by the Sustainable Land Use and Rural Policy Directorate. He added that the Community Action Plan should be completed by November.

### **4. Kilgallioch Wind Farm**

J. Brown reported that CVCC were in discussion with Caryn Jack from Scottish Power Renewables. He added that CVCC were looking for an independent Review of the fund.

Ben Palmer added that there are 4 communities that receive have 60% of all monies and can apply to the 40% funds for the wider community. He added that scheme is totally unfair now.

### **5. Events**

Canon Newton reported that the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were still to be finalised due to the Covid-19 situation.

R. Kay reported that there was a short fall of money for the Christmas Lights.

### **6. Resilience Planning**

Allan Marshall stated that he was pleased to report Polaris buggy 535 will be delivered to a temporary storage facility at Barnkirk, on Wednesday. He added that provision of a permanent storage space was a priority. Cllr Inglis suggested options including, Golf Club, Penninghame Centre, (once an Asset Transfer by NSI is complete) and Cllr Inglis own business unit.

B. Palmer reported that generators had been obtained.

### **7. Borderlands.**

It was agreed that a presentation from representatives from Borderlands to CVCC should be arranged.

## **Action Points**

C. Marshall reported that the erosion issue on the River Cree had been resolved. He added that he was impressed with the work carried out. In addition, the weeds issue on the Sparling Bridge had been resolved. He added that three new issues had been recently reported:

1. Path from Masonfield Drive to the River Cree was overgrown
2. Approach to Sparling Bridge on the Minnigaff side requires grass cut
3. Lights on the Sparling Bridge and approach to Sparling Bridge on Minnigaff side not working.

It was agreed that the Community Payback could be involved in path maintenance.

**Public Forum** - none

**Correspondence** –  
Secretary - all sent out.

J. Brown reported that he had recently received correspondence re water running down Princess Street. It was agreed that this issue would be raised through CCES.

## **Financial Update:**

The Financial Reports were distributed.

Cllr. David Inglis reported that Steven Herriot has promised to review maintenance of structures including the Cree Bridge.

Date and time of next meeting –

**Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7:00 p.m.**