

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: 4th October 2021

7:00pm McMillan Hall

Attendees: Ben Palmer (Chair), Clifford Smithers (Vice Chair), Charles Marshall (Secretary), Richard Kay (treasurer) Jim Brown, Jenny Marshall, Ben Palmer, Cllr. D Inglis, Cllr J. McColm.

Apologies: Morag McIlwraith Rev. N Newton, Angela Marshall, Alison McCathie, Melinda Dolan (DGC), Steph Bishop, Louise Kerr (Free Press).

Guests : None.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Proposed – J. Marshall.

Seconded – C. Smithers.

Chair – Matters Arising

B. Palmer reported that the Roman Bridge (Pack Horse Bridge) had been blocked by the Forestry Commission without authority. He added he will investigate this matter further.

Cllr. Inglis reported that there will be a review by Dumfries and Galloway Council of 20mph speed limits in towns.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.

None.

It was agreed that a list of cars parking in the main street and exceeding the time limit will be passed to the Police.

Visitor Presentations

None

Elected Members

Cllr J. McColm reported that the threshold for “pairing” schools would be changed from 150 to 100.

Cllr D. Inglis reported that there was an issue with access to electric charging points in the town, in particular residents who do not have a driveway. In addition, bin sites at the end of roads were being used incorrectly (incorrect litter being placed in bins).

1. Planning

J. Brown reported that the Licensing Board held on 29th September was not quorate and a new date set of 29th October. He added that the application for the Vault will then be considered.

It was agreed that J. Brown and C. Smithers would visit the Stranraer Office of Dumfries and Galloway Council to view full details of this application.

2. Biosphere

It was agreed that B. Palmer would progress this.

3. Newton Stewart Flood Protection Scheme

B. Palmer stated that CVCC was still disagreeing with Dumfries and Galloway Council on the requirement for river management on the River Cree.

C. Smithers added that the Angling Association of Newton Stewart had not been impressed by the Scheme and not been consulted on the safety element which was important.

4. Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund

C. Marshall reported that the report from SRUC was due to be published on 1st November 2021. He added that he had spoken to the author of the report (Jane Atterton from SRUC) who stated that all the views received from the survey and interviews were represented in the report.

B. Palmer reported that he had watched the DGC Planning Committee Meeting re Kilgallioch Wind Farm Extension. He added that the extension was approved. J. McColm stated that DGC were only consultees on this issue.

5. Events Group

C. Smithers reported that the following had been organised for the Hogmanay Hoolie:

- Bar
- Tesco First (sale or return)
- Bar licence
- Stage
- Allocating Raffle Tickets
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In addition, a Christmas Tree was being financed by Montpellier Accountants.

6. Resilience

Separate report circulated.

C. Smithers stated that Radio Equipment currently in the possession of Bob Boan should be returned to the Resilience Manager.

8 Update on Action points

C. Marshall reported that:

- The erosion on the River Cree was still outstanding.
- 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 was in urgent need of repair, still outstanding.
- A meeting had been arranged (13th October) with DFGC (Mike Fawkes and Pamela Fraser) to discuss the operation of the CCES system.

Public Forum – None.

Correspondence

All issued prior to meeting.

Financial Update:

The Financial Reports were distributed.

It was noted that monies from Carsreugh were awaited

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It was agreed that CVCC's subscription to Zoom would continue until at least the end of the year,

Next meeting 1st November 2021 at 7:15 p.m. at McMillan Hall.