

Cree Valley Community Council

Minutes: Monday 7th September 2020

7:00pm ZOOM Meeting

Attendees: Charles Marshall (Secretary), Jim Brown (Vice Chair) , Ben Palmer, Richard Kay (Accountant), Rev Newton, Allan Marshall, Ben Askew, Angela Marshall

Councillors : Cllr. Jim McColm, Cllr. David Inglis, Cllr. Jackie McCamon

Apologies: Clifford Smithers; Morag Mcllwraith, Allison McCathie

Guest : Heather Gibson & Rowan Gibson

Vice Chair – Jim Brown (Vice Chair) introduced himself to guests and to state that he was standing in for Chair, who could not attend meeting

Minutes:

Approval of Minutes of 3rd August 2020.

Proposed: Allan Marshall Seconded: Rev. Newton

Matters arising: Items not dealt with elsewhere in the Agenda.

None

Visitors Presentation:

Nigel Bradley of Rep JDH Exploration Ltd gave a presentation; this was circulated separately.

Police Scotland: Report & Questions.:

The Police Report was circulated in a separate email.

There was concern expressed over the on-going illegal parking situation within Newton Stewart.

Elected Members: Report & Questions

Cllr. McColm – reported that the Council's leisure facilities should be opening later this month. However due to COVID the attendance is going to be greatly reduced

Cllr. McColm stated that the Council was awaiting the outcome of the enquiry into trunk road deficit.

The Vice Chair asked if further information could be sought on school ratings. Cllr. McColm will investigate.

1. Planning Applications.

Vice Chair reported that applications had been submitted for three defibrillator sites within Newton Stewart.

He added that the Traditional Music Organisation at 40 Victoria Street had applied for Change of Use of their outside area to form an outdoor bar and outdoor entertainment venue.

R. Kay reported that another application had been submitted for stopping the Creebank Farm. Woodland planting.

2. **CCTV Cameras**

C. Marshall stated that CVCC only has £10k available to fund additional CCTV in Newton Stewart. It was agreed that the funding options would be explored in addition to contacting DGC.

3. **Community Action Plan**

C. Marshall reported that the Community Action Plan (CAP) was progressing well, with an "Open Meeting" planned for September.

In addition, the Articles of Association (AofA) for the new Development Trust were being scrutinised by the Scottish Government to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation.

4. **Kilgallioch Wind Farm Benefit Fund**

Vice Chair reported that discussion had taken place with Caryn Jack, Asset Manager at Scottish Power Renewables (via ZOOM) and added that a further meeting had been arranged. He added that progress will be reported on at the next meeting of CVCC.

5. **Events Group**

Rev. Newton reported that as far as Remembrance Sunday is concerned it is looking unclear and uncertain what the arrangements will be in place. He added that he will report on this at the next meeting.

6. **Resilience**

Allan Marshall stated that:

1. As stated previously Planning Permission had been applied for the defibrillators.
2. It was appropriate that planning is undertaken to react to a possible local second wave of COVID-19
3. He was extremely concerned regarding the lack of payment for the Polaris

7. **Border Lands Funds**

It was agreed that a presentation should be arranged for CVCC by DGC re Border Land and South of Scotland funding as the criteria for funding priorities and projects were unclear.

8. **Blairmount Park**

The Vice Chair reported that the new car park at Blairmount has used more than a third of the grass area. He added that at the last meeting we proposed that we raise this to make an official complaint to the Council as it is marked as protect land in the local plan and should never have been touched without a Planning Application. He also added that CVCC were progressing this issue via the Council's Complaint process.

B Askew stated the application should comply with CDM specifications and there had to be a design specification on any ground altering that is carried out.

He added that during that process would highlight all the accessibility access, disabled access, what the area is going to be used for, health & safety specification of it and that process seems to have been completely omitted

The Vice Chair reported that progress on this issue will be reported in due course.

9. Action Points

C. Marshall reported that the issue of weeds on the Sparling Bridge should be resolved in the next two weeks.

C. Marshall reported that the issue of River Cree Erosion was still ongoing and in fact the erosion was now starting to affect the footpath. He added that Cllr Inglis was now progressing this.

It was agreed that a formal complaint to DGC should be raised re this issue in particular:

1. the number of CCES calls that were raised on this issue.
2. the fact that calls are closed without any repair carried out.

Public Forum - none

Correspondence

R. Kay reported that the roadworks scheduled for Jubilee Road for resurfacing in the vicinity of the Church involved a route going up Princess Street and down Auchendoon Road, which is a one-way road in the other direction.

He added that the Scheme of Establishment for the Community Councils been approved by the Council, again ignoring comments made by CVCC.

Financial Update:

R. Kay stated that a copy of the current accounts had been issued. He added that £1K had been received from Third Sector and nothing had been received from Carscue yet.

In addition, no invoice from the Electrician yet.

A.O.C.B.

B Askew asked if the Polaris would be getting paid for this week?

R. Kay replied that as soon as all the money is received it will be processed. Thank you.

Date and time of next meeting –

Next meeting October 5th 7:00 p.m.