| **Cree Valley Community Council** | Action point |
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| Minutes of meeting held on 3rd Nov 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart | |
| **Present:** Jamie Hyslop (Chair); Iain Service (Secretary); Neil Skelton (Treasurer); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; Jackie Hedley; Charles Marshall; Morag McIlwraith; Lisa Sykes; David Spruce; Moyra Breckenridge (minutes). | |
| **Apologies:** Debbie Monteith | |
| **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:** Agreed - proposed by Lisa Sykes; seconded by Jackie Hedley.<br>Cash machine – insurance costs for any business to have a cash machine are very significant – it may not be financially viable for any business to have one at the Banking Hub<br>Dropped kerbs – problem areas identified, Iain to send info to DGC.<br>Surface drainage problems – drain traps have been cleaned but jetter required for blocked pipework, Iain to advise DGC. | <br><br><br><br>Secretary<br><br>Secretary |
| **Police report:** Circulated – list of issues read out; regular police attendance at CVCC meetings would be useful; Bob following up on info from other areas. | Bob Boan |
| **Treasurer's report:** Bank card now being activated.<br>Neil has updated Foundation Scotland (FS) on windfarm benefits position; they have given him ownership and opened reporting which will be completed when financial information is available.<br>DGC discretionary grant for current year will be paid notwithstanding we have not received account records back from the council, but should shortly.<br>Opening balance £4429.43.<br>No income for period.<br>Outgoings – DGC for VJ Day hall hire - £135.34 (refund of £100.78 requested); Bank charges £4.25; Defib pads (per Bob Boan) - £134.40; NSI for NS Wellbeing group room hire - £97.89.<br>Closing balance £4057.22.<br>Outstanding invoices - Remembrance Sunday - £180 (estimated); LM Bookkeeping - £45 (estimated); £462.45 and £1079.99 claimed by Richard Kay held over.<br>Available funds accounting for o/s payments and restricted funds - £1387.67.<br>Potential income – Refund re VJ Day hall hire (per S. Bishop) - £100.78; Co-op charity scheme - £200.00 (ringfenced for Coffee & Chat Group).<br>Update has been received from FS on projected windfarm benefit monies.<br>Coffee & Chat group researching further funding sources.<br>Updates on account audits awaited, Neil will contact Richard Kay in an effort to clarify the issues with his ID. | <br><br><br>

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| appreciates the help he has been given getting this off the ground.<br>Dean has been invited to an Alcohol & Drug Partnership meeting in Stranraer on 27th November; it is hoped a local partnership can be established. | |
| **Elected members' report:** No elected councillors in attendance at meeting. | |
| **Council budget cuts consultation:** Unfortunately, there were no elected councillors at the meeting to answer questions about proposed cuts to services. NB. Deadline for completing the online survey is 23rd November. There is a drop-in session at NS library on 10th November 3-7pm | |
| **Remembrance Sunday arrangements:** All in hand – Lisa, Iain and Jamie will take care of refreshments after the Dashwood Square ceremony. | Lisa, Iain and Jamie |
| **Christmas Lights switch-on:** Group appealing for volunteers on 15th Nov to help with putting up gazebos and stewarding procession; Christmas Lights group have applied for funding to pay for high-viz/fleece jackets, agreed up to £250 to be awarded (half of which will be paid by an anonymous local business owner) | |
| **Galloway Pageant:** Since no-one has volunteered to take up vacancies on the committee, the Pageant is in 'sleep mode'; given that there are funds and kit available it is hoped sufficient people will come forward to make sure it does take place next year. In any event, the Crowning of the Queen will go ahead. | |
| **Community funding body set-up:** CVCC office bearers updated the meeting on discussions between CVCC, CVADT, NSI and Foundation Scotland. The CVADT have confirmed they wish to be a funding body only, and this will require changes to the Articles of Association, along with a name change. Changes to the Articles of Association are being discussed at a further joint meeting scheduled for 5th November. | |
| **Planning:** Nothing of significance other than approval for proposed cycle hub at Dashwood Square; Glenvernoch and Blair Hill windfarm applications have both been objected to by DG council and representations ongoing. | |
| **Suspension Bridge:** Remedial works not started yet; Jamie to email Cllr David Inglis for update (NB. Cllr Jackie McCamon posted an update on Facebook). | Chair |
| **Correspondence:** All dealt with above. | |
| **AOCB:** Jamie in correspondence with FS on an updated/revised proposal for the work they will be undertaking on behalf of the Cree Valley area regarding windfarm community benefit funding.<br>Bargrennan Bridge – traffic lights still in situ, query whether stone parapet should be reinstated given more equipment will be transported in coming months.<br>A714 & Wood of Cree road – no improvement works appear to have been done or responses received to issues raised; the A714 is a designated Strategic Timber Route under the Scottish Government's Strategic Timber Transport Fund – given all other attempts have failed, this may be a source of funding for road upgrades or repair.<br>Newton Stewart Christmas Lights annual accounts are available to peruse in NS Library.<br>Glentrool Community Association have requested a meeting on their proposed Local Place Plan, Iain to set up.<br>Proposed sale of Resilience Group quad bike – Jamie to take advice.<br>Blairmount Park pond – suggestion windfarm benefit monies could be used to refurbish the paths etc. to allow the public to make more use of this area.<br>Litter bin needed at bus stop in King Street opposite the entrance to Ashgrove | Chair<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Treasurer<br><br><br><br>Secretary<br>Chair |

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| Court.<br>Letter to be sent to Houston's Coaches pointing out one of their buses is being left parked on the pavement at Douglas Terrace meaning pedestrians have to walk on the road to get round it. | Secretary<br><br><br>Secretary |
| **Public Forum:** Good to see the swimming pool at the Merrick Centre has re-opened after refurbishment.<br>The white lines still need to be repainted after resurfacing works on Wigtown Road. | |
| **Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 1st December at 7pm. | |

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