Cree Valley Community Council	Action point
Minutes of meeting held on 3rd March 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart	
Present: Jamie Hyslop (Temp. Chair); Iain Service (Secretary); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; Jackie Hedley; Ian Heywood; Tammy Heywood; Richard Kay; Charles Marshall; Morag McIlwraith; Debbie Monteith; Neil Skelton; David Spruce; Lisa Sykes; Pat Wardell; Billie Jones (minutes); Cllr Jackie McCamon; Cllr David Inglis	
Apologies: Doug Wilson, Richard Marsh, David Malcolm	
Approval of Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: Tammy Heywood proposed, Robert Boan seconded.	
Resignation of Stephon Bishop: Jamie Hyslop thanked Steph Bishop.	
Police report: Officers unavailable. Report circulated prior to meeting. Report covering 1 month. Summary read out. Public have raised concerns about anti-social behaviour from young people. Suggested a request for officers to attend next meeting to discuss. Correct procedure needs followed, report incidents to police. CVCC to assist public in reporting incidents.	I.S
Galloway National Park CVCC submission: Next consultation due in April. More information required.	
Bargrennan Bridge: Parapet confirmed to be removed. Schedule of works should consider public transport needs. Planning commission yet to agree. Date of commencement to be confirmed and relayed to CVCC.	
Help for families: Very positive response, increasing numbers each week. Listening Ear, DG Works, AA scheduled to attend. Thanks to Newton Stewart Initiative for assistance with funding for the project. Depopulation survey to be circulated through online platforms.	
Pothole reporting: Public need information on how to report potholes effectively. Advice will be posted on online platforms. Concerns raised for Barnkirk road, A714, Bruces Stone roadway and around Newton Stewart Library.	
Correspondence: Barvennan still has no Wifi. Concern regarding partially fallen tree at Challoch, David Inglis to inquire with DG Council. Charles Marshall confirmed repair works at Moss of Cree complete, thanked DG Council. Concerns regarding pavement quality throughout town, David Inglis and Nicola Vennard participated in Active Travel report, repair works made. Lisa Sykes inquired about procedure for complaints made during Help for Families event, CVCC agreed that members can reasonably work on own initiative to deal with issues arising.	
7.30pm Shennanton windfarm presentation: Unavailable. Report sent to Iain Service, available on request. Inquiry to be made whether CVCC can participate in Kirkcowan presentation meeting, 17th March, Time TBC.	
8.00pm Correspondence continued: Planning reviewed, no concerns, aware of Bargrennan Bridge plans. Invitation from David Malcolm to Riverside Day Centre, contact details needed. Flood Prevention Scheme: Jamie Hyslop (Chairman of River Board) raised	

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concerns. Number of objections received required a more detailed report to be circulated. River Board awaiting confirmation from DG Council that it has been appointed as a consultative body. Iain Service to arrange meeting, Jackie McCamon volunteered to attend also.	
Challoch Solar Park: 11th March public engagement. Next stage public consultation.	
Blair Hill windfarm application: Original deadline of 31st Mar 2025 for CVCC response has been extended to 2nd May 2025 in line with public response deadline. Public engagement events in March; 24th in Wigtown, 25th in Newton Stewart. Jamie Hyslop suggested a public consultation to determine general opinions.	
Resilience lessons learnt and way forward: Jamie Hyslop confirmed Cree Valley Resilience Team is affiliated with CVCC and is a subgroup of the CVCC. Jamie Hyslop proposed that an active CVCC lead the CVRT, proposed Robert Boan, accepted. Nicola Vennard stated that the CVRT coordinator required to be PVG registered. Mr Boan stated he was not currently PVG registered. Ian Heywood currently PVG certified, will act as depute coordinator. If PVG certification is required it was agreed Nicola Vennard would remain coordinator until Mr Boan has been PVG registered. Nicola Vennard detailed some equipment has been rendered unusable due to the wet storage conditions. Jamie Hyslop requested a list of current equipment. Noted that the Polaris cannot be sold as this was purchased with grant funding from Foundation Scotland. Robert Boan estimated a £5500 value for the Polaris and a £2500 for the trailer.	
Treasurer's report: £500 donated by Newton Stewart Charity Shop. £338.83 paid to JB Print for outstanding printing invoices. ICO (data protection) payment of £52. £33 paid to DG Council for room hire for windfarm public meeting. Current Balance: £107.79 Charles Marshal requested change of address for correspondence.	
Community benefit discussions – Jamie to report; letter from CVADT to be discussed etc Questions arising; How are funds administered? How are they split? Three options, 1. Held by Kilgallioch, 2. Held by Carrick Futures (South Ayrshire), 3. Set up Trust on behalf of CVCC. Preference towards option 3. To be discussed at future meeting. Letter requested an active member of CVCC join CVADT. Charles Marshall, Richard Kay and David Malcolm currently CVADT directors. No new CVCC members volunteered to join.	
Elected members' report: David Inglis and Jackie McCamon Coastal Community Fund now available, deadline 28th May. Garden Waste information soon to be circulated. Vermin reported – will send report. Penninghame Primary School roof repair work scheduled.	
Election of new chair to be discussed: Richard Kay proposed Jamie Hyslop to act as temporary Chair until AGM in May, seconded by Charles Marshall. Agreed.	
Facebook/website and communication with public to be discussed Iain Service set up new email address. Charles Marshall to close old account once new account confirmed.	

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Contact information available on council website. Iain Service now has access to Facebook. Charles Marshall to delete account. Lisa Sykes, Tammy Heywood, Debbie Monteith proposed to act as management team for Facebook, agreed. Melinda Dolan has offered training.	L.S, T.H, D.M
AOCB & Public Forum: David Inglis recognised Clifford Smithers' previous efforts as CVCC Chair. Morag McIlwraith requested priority signs at Bargrennan Bridge. Iain Service objected to disruption to Marie Curie Field of Hope roadway. Neil Skelton to contact charity for support. Richard Kay stated 500 buses unsuitable for Stranraer to Dumfries service. Suggested contact be made with community councils on route for support in renegotiating contract. David Inglis suggested Federation of Community Councils, request SWesttrans attend, to contact Hazel Kerr. Charles Marshal requested a letter of support for CVADT grant application for funds to clean seats and paths. Jackie Hedley confirmed he provides boards at war memorials, they have been taken to be cleaned and can be returned whenever needed. A public meeting on the Blair Hill application is to be held at 8pm following the regular CVCC meeting on 7th April. DG Council opinion on Glenvernoch and planning, David Inglis to submit inquiry.	I.S. N.S. I.S.
Date and time of next meeting: Monday 7th April 2025 at 7.00 pm	

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