Cree Valley Community Council	Action point
Minutes of meeting held on 12th May 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart	
Present: Jamie Hyslop (Interim Chair & Treasurer); Iain Service (Secretary); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; Jackie Hedley; Ian Heywood; Tammy Heywood; Morag McIlwraith; Debbie Monteith; Neil Skelton; Lisa Sykes; Moyra Breckenridge (minutes)	
Apologies: David Spruce; Charles Marshall; David Malcolm (who has been granted temporary leave of absence); Cllr Richard Marsh; Cllr Jackie McCammon	
Approval of Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: Tammy Heywood proposed, Lisa Sykes seconded. Bob Boan now holds all resilience supplies.	
Police report: circulated before meeting.	
VE Day 80th anniversary: Thanks recorded for well organised CVCC event in Vibe 75 in conjunction with NSI (including youth groups) and CVADT; over 70 people attended; agreed £97 received in donations should be awarded to the Help for Families group. Suggestion VJ Day in August should also be marked.	
Blair Hill windfarm objection: Objections lodged; no timescale for decision but not likely before that for Glenvernoch, which is not expected before September.	
NS Flood Prevention Scheme: Slow progress on proposals; still no confirmation from DG Council if River Cree DSFB have been appointed a consultative body; letter to be sent to DG Council raising concerns about riverbank/existing flood defences maintenance.	Secretary
Newton Stewart Initiative: Dave Bleasdale gave an overview of NSI activities including Douglas Park upgrade; Community shop (20% of profits awarded to local groups); Partnership with DGC Youthworks enables 9 various weekly youth groups, free Family Days etc; Award-winning Trainee youthworkers programme; Planning application in for Vibe 75 to enable downstairs to be community hub and upstairs to house youthworks; former Grapes Hotel project envisages downstairs as community shop and upstairs accommodation subject to planning as required; entering into lease from DGC of former Town Clock building with plans to provide a main street presence for locals and visitors to the area.	
Elected members' report: None.	
Challoch Solar Park update: Circulated prior to meeting, planning not yet applied for.	
Resilience update: CVCC precluded from applying to DGC for funding for defib. batteries; upon examination, laptop found to no longer have Resilience Group records stored; agreed storage area in council yard still to be finalised; Christmas lights will be moved to 3B's premises when they have suitable transport available; Bob requested up to date contact details from CVCC members willing to assist Resilience group when needed; Raynet radio transmitters scheme being updated.	
Help for Families: More people coming in every Monday and number of advice groups attending is growing; more volunteers to serve refreshments would enable Debbie, Tammy and Lisa to spend more time talking to folks; £1100 of £3000 initial funding remaining, update meeting arranged with NSI and further funding	

opportunities being explored.	
Planning: Nothing of concern; DGC proposing 20 mph speed limit above DEHS where new housing development to be built.	
Treasurer's report/CVADT reply to letter: Opening bank balance £6136.44, bank charges £4.25, Tech Eye (computer specialist) £40, closing balance £6092.19. VE Day wreath ££42.90 due to be paid. Communication from former treasurer concerning funds due to him; since DGC review/audit still awaited it was agreed to take no action whilst this is underway. Agreed to arrange a meeting with CVADT representative(s) and ask Melinda Dolan to be in attendance together with Treasurer and Tammy Heywood. Letter received from NS Christmas Lights group applying to CVCC for funds to upgrade 4 lampposts to make them suitable for lighting fixtures; agreed to grant £1700 requested.	Treasurer to contact Ms Dolan
Correspondence: Carsphairn Place Plan circulated before meeting. Online consultation taking place 21st May 6.30-7.30 re Police online meeting – Debbie, Lisa and Bob registering to attend. Secretary will circulate community, learning & development consultation info. Ditto GP services and levelling up/bus routes consultations. NS Pageant being held on 26th July. No floats this year but organisers asking local groups to join in procession through the town. Scottish Power Renewables meeting to be held in Barrhill on 22nd May with one place for representative from CVCC, Jamie Hyslop agreed to attend.	Secretary Secretary Jamie Hyslop
Facebook update: Number of visits to CVCC Facebook page growing; suggestion collaboration re the newtonstewart.org site be looked at.	
AOCB: Report on suspected burst pipe in Home Field near former Windsor Lodge – Jamie Hyslop to investigate. There is still a hole in the pavement surrounded by barriers after lamppost works in Georgewell Drive – Lisa will ask Cllr McCammon to contact relevant dept. The existing committee of the League of Friends of Newton Stewart Hospital are giving up at the end of June. Recognising the value this organisation has provided to the community and the NHS over the years CVCC are happy to share the appeal for volunteers to come forward to ensure the organisation is able to continue (follow League of Friends link on Facebook for further details). Question as to need for Resilience Group Polaris ATV – could it be sold and some of the proceeds put to fund replacement defib batteries. Jamie Hyslop to make enquiries. Community Council area meetings – could they be revived?	Jamie Hyslop Lisa Sykes Jamie Hyslop Secretary
Public Forum: The invasive plant Japanese Knotweed is being spotted in various locations. Jamie Hyslop to speak to R. Cree Hatchery & Habitat Trust (RCHHT) for advice. D&G Third Sector funding roadshow to be held in the Millenium Centre, Stranraer on Thursday 15th May (booking required). Dave Bleasdale to give Bob Boan info. Opinion expressed over consequences of delay in implementation of flood protection scheme and the need for the community to work together.	Jamie Hyslop
Date and time of next meeting: Monday 9th June at 7pm[1] (with AGM taking	Secretary &

place at 6.30pm). AGM notices to be put in local press, on Facebook and on posters in the town.	Tammy Heywood

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