Cree Valley Community Council	Action point
Minutes of meeting held on 7th July 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart	
Present: Jamie Hyslop (Chair); Iain Service (Secretary); Neil Skelton (Treasurer); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; David Malcolm; Morag McIlwraith; Debbie Monteith; Lisa Sykes; David Spruce; Cllr Katie Hagmann; Moyra Breckenridge (minutes).	
Apologies: Jackie Hedley; Charles Marshall; Cllr Jackie McCamon	
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: Agreed - proposed by Debbie Monteith, seconded by Lisa Sykes. Flood protection scheme: DG Council and SWECO have requested scoping opinions and have now included River Cree DSFB. CCES – issues re bus shelter at NS sorting office, various blocked drains and pavement in Georgewell Drive to be raised. League of Friends – still struggling to find volunteers. Community council area (federation) meetings – Jamie Hyslop to follow up Japanese Knotweed – no DG funding available; River Cree Hatchery & Habitat Trust will deal with problem in autumn, which is most effective time to spray. Handover of former town hall to NSI – following due diligence, will return to area committee on 22nd August and E&I on 2nd Sept. Kilgallioch Extension Community benefit funding – agreed at Zoom meeting split to be 28% to host area, 24% to each of 3 other areas. Help for Families – Monday sessions going well, new poster being circulated showing revised time – 10.30am until 2.00pm; new funding application in. Complaints – Melinda Dolan setting up stage 2 procedure for 2nr complaints. CVCC website – DEHS being approached for help after school holiday. Advice to be sought from Melinda Dolan re designated campsites. VJ Day – British Legion planning wreath laying at war memorial at 1.30pm on Friday, 15th August to be followed by 40's tea party in McMillan Hall; CVCC agreed to pay for room hire, obtain wreath and join celebrations in liaison with Stephon Bishop. Boundary wall at entrance NSI charity shop area still unrepaired; reminder from Cllr Hagmann that proposed transport hub (minuted in June) funds require to be spent by March 2026.	Secretary Jamie Lisa Secretary Wreath – Jamie
Resignation: Following the passing of her husband Ian, Tammy Heywood has tendered her resignation from CVCC; Jamie spoke on behalf of all to thank her for her service to the community council and wished her well.	
Complaints: Progressing to stage 2 as per Scheme of Establishment.	
Police report: None, matter to be brought up by Bob Boan at next TEAMs meeting with police authority, concerns to be raised should be passed to Bob. Illegal parking around Penninghame Primary School to be addressed.	
Cash machines: Following closure of Bank of Scotland, concern raised about lack of 24 hours cash machines, secretary to write to Cash Access	Secretary
Elected members' report: Cllr Katie Hagmann apologised for being unable to attend CVCC meetings for the last 6 months, her work mentoring the Young Women's Network has clashed with CVCC meeting dates. Following resignations by several elected members from the Conservative grouping of DG Council, Cllr Hagmann was elected Council Convenor; all council meetings are live streamed and available on U Tube.	

Following the withdrawal of Stagecoach, tendering is in progress for new bus contracts; school bus provision is the responsibility of DG Council.	
Treasurer's report: Newly appointed Treasurer Neil has not yet gained access to the bank account (or statements) and given online banking access problems is looking into options in that regard. Opening balance (after correction) - £6049.29; no income in period; £8.50 bank charges (2 months); closing balance £6040.79. Outstanding invoices – Christmas Lights group £1700.00 – cheque being issued; LM Bookkeeping Services £85.00, Richard Kay £462.45 and £1079.99 (being held over for consideration for payment until resolution of financial audit). Possible funding options: Wigtownshire area committee – deadline 15th July (application has been submitted from Monday help group with assistance from NSI); Help for families/Resilience: tackling poverty small grants available via Community Benefit fund – deadline 18th August.	
Arecleoch/Kilgallioch Community Benefit meeting: Dealt with in matters arising.	
CVADT: to be contacted to set up meeting with chair, secretary and treasurer of each group with Melinda Dolan in attendance.	Secretary
A714/Bargrennan Bridge turbine transport: Traffic light control system at Bargrennan Bridge working well; concerns about excessive cut-back of trees and likelihood turbines will be transported during daytime since Police Scotland do not have manpower to supervise nighttime transport.	
Resilience update: CVCC Christmas lights have been removed from container; permission being sought from Foundation Scotland to sell quad bike & trailer; Bob attending course on weather forecasting; defibrillators' batteries have been renewed; 4 sets of replacement pads @ £90 each (one spare set) to be bought; consent for units to remain in their respective sites has been obtained; Bob Boan and Paul Comacchio's contact phone numbers to be displayed on units;	Bob
Monday Coffee & Chat in Vibe 75: As minuted, going well and ongoing funding grant application has been lodged.	
Planning: Newton Stewart Golf Club have applied for late licence.	
Challoch Solar Park: Representations to be made to DG Council by 24th July; all responses received by secretary have been objections to scheme; CVCC will draw attention to perceived issues – potential fire risk, sun glare, landscaping, burn crossing etc; posting on CVCC Facebook page to allow for comments.	Lisa/Debbie. Secretary to lodge response.
Shennanton wind farm: Response deadline 8th August; the windfarm boundary runs up to the edge of the CVCC area; CVCC will make a concise objection principally on negative landscape effects and related issues.	Secretary
Victoria Street parking: Concern at number of vehicles permanently parked on street during works at new banking hub; welfare unit and skip have consent to park; hire van will be removed forthwith.	
Correspondence: Letter from NS Initiative seeking financial support for next Events Flyer; agreed in principle to support project – costings being worked on.	
Galloway Pageant: Lisa to contact to offer CVCC help on day if needed.	Lisa
AOCB: Road safety concerns with regard to overhanging foliage/trees on both Glentrool and New Galloway roads – advice to be sought from police authority;	Secretary

same situation in Old Minnigaff with NS Golf Club land; checks to be made to see whether telephone/power lines might be affected. Newton Stewart Museum is looking for volunteers.	Debbie
Public Forum: No issues raised.	
Date and time of next meeting: Monday 1st September at 7pm.	