Cree Valley Community Council	Action point
Minutes of meeting held on 9th June 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart	
Present: Jamie Hyslop (Chair); Iain Service (Secretary); Neil Skelton (Treasurer); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; Jackie Hedley; Debbie Monteith; Lisa Sykes; David Spruce; Cllr Richard Marsh; Cllr David Inglis; Moyra Breckenridge (minutes).	
Apologies: Charles Marshall; David Malcolm (temporary leave of absence); Cllr Katie Hagmann; Cllr Jackie McCamon.	
Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: Agreed - proposed by Bob Boan, seconded by Lisa Sykes. Flood protection scheme: River Cree DSFB now recognised as consultative body, scoping report awaited; secretary to contact M. Smith at DG Council concerning ongoing river maintenance issues. Date not yet set for meeting with Melinda Dolan and CVADT. Christmas Lights group asked to raise invoice for agreed grant. Suspected burst pipe in Home Field may be blocked culvert, Jamie will unblock. Georgewell Drive area still not reinstated after works, Lisa to follow up with Cllr Jackie McCammon. League of Friends – 3 volunteers have come forward, more needed – Lisa to re-post volunteer request on Facebook. Community council area (federation) meetings – Hazel Kerr at DG Council to be approached to canvass support for idea from other community councils. Japanese Knotweed – Jamie to ask Murdo Crosbie for advice on eradication.	Secretary Jamie Hyslop Jamie Hyslop Lisa Sykes Lisa Sykes Secretary Chair
Police report: circulated before meeting. Secretary to write to police authority stressing officer(s) presence at meetings would be welcomed; links being established through Zoom meetings – concerns can be passed to Bob to raise at these meetings.	Secretary
Elected members' report: Cllr Richard Marsh voiced concern that handover of former town hall (clock tower) premises to NSI has been delayed – working to resolve issue. Several elected members have withdrawn from the Conservative grouping in DG Council; SNP grouping have lodged a notice of no confidence in the administration – a special meeting of the council has been called for 16th June. Reports of pothole issues not being resolved – public urged to pass such concerns to elected members.	Cllr Marsh
GNP decision: Following Scottish Government decision not to progress GNP proposal to the next stage concern was voiced about what funding might be allocated to our area given that the budget allocated to South of Scotland Enterprise has been cut.	
Presentation on levelling up fund transport scheme: UK Government funds allocated for 9 transport hubs in D&G to facilitate 'link journeys' scheme – plans still under development, for further information contact LUFtransport@dumgal.gov.uk. Proposal that hub in Newton Stewart be sited opposite the McMillan Hall on corner of Princes Street and Jubilee Road. Discussion on viability of 'Old Health Centre' car park – potential flooding issues appear to preclude siting in this area. Comments made to be taken into account.	
Treasurer's report: Retiring treasurer Jamie Hyslop presented his report – opening balance £6092.19, paid VE Day wreath £42.90, closing balance	

£6049.20. Outstanding invoices – LM Bookkeeping Services £85.00; Richard Kay - £462.45 and £1079.99 (being held over for consideration for payment until resolution of financial audit).	
Community benefit funding: Meeting attended by Jamie in Barrhill discussed 1) how to administer windfarm grants, and 2) how such monies should be split amongst 7 receiving communities, vote 5 – 2 for equal split, matter to be further discussed at proposed Zoom meeting.	Jamie Hyslop
Turbine transport – Bargrennan Bridge: Awaiting outcome of environmental issues raised by Neil on behalf of CVCC; proposed test run of prototype taking place shortly.	Neil Skelton
Resilience update: CVCC cannot apply for grant aid for equipment/upgrades; suggested applications through third sector bodies might succeed – Cllr Inglis to follow up. Approach to be made to Wigtown Area Committee seeking discretionary grant funding of up to £1,000; confirmation to be sought that quad bike can be sold. Bob and Jane Boan to liaise with Stephon Bishop to address issues regarding defibrillators including handing over of guardianship, insurance, training in use, equipment checks etc – British Heart Foundation website has useful guidance.	Cllr Inglis Secretary Bob, Jane and Stephon
Help for Families: Attendance on Monday mornings holding steady, good public feedback and many people coming every week. Possibility of using screens to give privacy when needed to be explored.	Debbie, Lisa and NSI
Planning: Nothing of concern. Banking hub to be temporarily housed in Vibe 75 whilst building works are carried out to Hyslop's premises, its permanent site.	
Correspondence: No responses or feedback provided to various consultations.	
Complaint: Having not been resolved, agreed to take advice from the Ward Officer Melinda Dolan.	Secretary
Facebook update: Suggested DEHS could be approached with a view to pupils being involved in setting up dedicated CVCC website.	Lisa Sykes
AOCB: Camper vans parking overnight at Douglas Park – no overnight camping sign to be obtained. Suggestions for VJ commemoration to be discussed at next meeting. Information regarding Blood Donation dates, times and location in NS to be posted on CVCC Facebook page, full info can be found by emailing nss.snbtsenquiry@nhs.scot. CVCC Christmas Lights – some appear to have been damaged, estimate for repair to be obtained.	Cllr Inglis Secretary Lisa Sykes Bob Boan
Public Forum: Armed Forces Day on 23rd June – details to be added to CVCC Facebook page. Boundary walls at entrance to NSI charity shop area are in need of repair.	Cllr Inglis
Date and time of next meeting: Monday 7th July at 7pm.	