Cree Valley Community Council	Action point
Minutes of meeting held on 3rd February 2025 in McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart	
Present: Stephon Bishop (Chair); Iain Service (Secretary); Jamie Hyslop (Treasurer); Robert Boan; Paul Comacchio; Jackie Hedley; Ian Heywood; Tammy Heywood; Richard Kay; David Malcolm; Charles Marshall; Morag McIlwraith; Debbie Monteith; Neil Skelton; David Spruce; Lisa Sykes; Pat Wardell; Moyra Breckenridge (minutes); Cllr Jackie McCammon	
Apologies: Cllr Richard Marsh; Cllr Kate Hagmann	
Approval of Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising: Approved – proposed by Tammy Heywood, seconder Jamie Hyslop Bargrennan Bridge closure concerns – awaiting decision on removal of parapet with regard to safety issues; Cllr McCammon will follow up and report	Cllr McCammon
Police report: Report received covering 2 months and read out; available on request (email cvcc.sec@outlook.com); more detailed report expected next month; officers' attendance would be helpful	
Visitor presentation: Three trustees of the Galloway National Park Association in attendance presented their interpretation of the aims and objectives of the proposed national park for Galloway; the initial report from Nature Scot will be available by the end of April	
Help for families: Citizens' Advice funding support scheme will, with support from NSI, enable Community drop in coffee & chat sessions in Vibe 75 every Monday from 9am to 2pm; posters being put up	
Treasurer's report: With no access to CVCC bank account, no transactions; J. Hyslop dealing with bank to have mandates changed; R. Kay (former treasurer) has now obtained the bank statements from the RBS Kilgallioch Windfarm account and reconciled the outstanding accounts for years 2022/23 and 2023/24, these have been passed to the bookkeeper and signed off by the bookkeeper and R. Kay; J. Hyslop (new treasurer) has forwarded the accounts to DG Council; the council have assured Mr Hyslop that the block grant will be paid to CVCC this year (last year's grant was not paid and is lost due to no accounts being submitted); J. Hyslop requested R. Kay transfer the balance of £208.65 shown on CVCC accounts as owed to CVCC from the Kilgallioch account (only R. Kay has access to the Kilgallioch windfarm account), R. Kay confirmed that, whilst he had obtained statements for the account, he was still unable to carry out transactions to/from the account.	
Wind farm & community benefit and consultation update: Agreed to discuss at next meeting	
Elected members' report: Cllr Kate Hagmann emailed her report to the Secretary (available on request to cvcc.sec@outlook.com)	
Secretary's report and other matters: Planning applications: as circulated before meeting Stranoch wind farm: CVCC area to be included in community benefit fund scheduled to be distributed starting in 2027 Letter from NS Christmas Lights group confirming they will accept offer of	

CVCC lights; handover taking place and storage issues to be addressed Situation with regard to generators to be investigated Suggested a list of CVCC assets be prepared Resilience Group – this being a subgroup of CVCC it was agreed enquiries should be made with a view to determining and clarifying its status and identifying the equipment it holds Concerns again raised about state of Galloway Arms Hotel and the pathway up to Ivy Place which was scheduled to be repaired last year Southwest Coastal footpath: Invitation to be extended to Catriona Dick to give presentation at future CVCC meeting Shennanton Windfarm: to be discussed at next meeting Blair Hill Windfarm: nothing to report Glenvernoch Windfarm: CVCC objection has been lodged War Memorials: Following refurbishment and in conjunction with Royal British Legion, 3 local memorials won prizes in Best Kept competition:- Bargrennan – winner; Minnigaff – winner; Newton Stewart – highly commended Challoch Solar Park – planning application expected to be lodged mid April for 2 areas; 35/40 year project term; will community benefit fund be established?; projected completion August 2027, grid connection 2028; consultations 11th Feb and 11th March (posters being prepared) CVCC GNP consultation response: members urged to take part in online consultation document; round table discussion – 12 members gave positive response with reservations, 3 undecided; Public forum – 8 yes, 2 no, 1 undecided; Secretary to lodge response before 14th Feb deadline	Steph Bishop Steph Bishop Secretary Secretary Secretary
AOCB & Public Forum: Starting time for CVCC meetings to be brought forward to 7pm. Hazel Kerr of DG Council available to advise on training guidelines for CC's (link emailed to councillors). Secretary to write to CCES about state of roads, especially at Skaith Letter from CVADT seeking volunteers to serve as trustees, no-one volunteered. Discussion followed on problems with handover to new office bearers of CVCC records and accounts; CVADT was set up by CVCC to receive windfarm funds; possible conflicts on overlap and other matters to be discussed after further investigation.	 Secretary
Date and time of next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.00 pm	