

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 14th October 2013

Held in Town House

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr David Alexander (Vice-Chair)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr Diane MacKenzie
CCC Cllr Siné Russell (Mins Secretary)
FC Cllr Willie Ferguson
Ex Officio Present:
Nil
In attendance:
Eileen Laidlaw
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Clare Short
Elaine Longmuir, NTS

The meeting started at 7.00 with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action Owner &
1. Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcomed all present.	
2. Declarations of Interest	Nil	
3. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes	Matters Arising from Minutes of 9 th September 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fencing at West Green to be addressed by DA and not DM as incorrectly stated. DA advised that repairs now made.• Valleyfield Woods regeneration – delete DM	
4. Approval of Minutes	The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: DA Seconded: RN	
5. Treasurer's Report	RN circulated copies of his monthly report and also copies of the Annual Accounts: Current Account Opening Balance: £5416.27 Income: Nil Expenditure: £455 on signage project costs Closing Balance - £4961.27	

	<p>Environmental Account Opening Balance: £933.16 Income: £237.52 from sale of Paths Guide Expenditure: Nil Closing Balance: £1,170.68</p> <p>RN explained the breakdown. He also advised that the Annual Accounts had been audited and signed off by Clementina Dodds. Comment had been made that it was important to see a direct connection with expenditure to CCC members. RN advised that Mrs Dodds unwilling to accept any remuneration for her work. WF suggested that RN use his discretion to make a token gesture from the Environmental Account – Agreed. TC to sign a copy for RN to submit to Fife Council.</p>	<p>RN TC</p>
<p>6. Correspondence Received</p>	<p>TC advised that problems had been caused with CCC mail from Fife Council being posted to his personal account. Now corrected.</p> <p>Resume of all correspondence since last CCC meeting was given, including: External E-mails to CCC on yahoo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FC - Trust Newsletter • FC – Budget Consultation • FC – Networking Events • FC – Planning (Brewsters) • FC – Funding Green Projects (£1000) • FC – Innovation Week (21-25 Oct) • FC – Consultation Courses • FC – West Planning Committee (25 Sept) • FC – SES Tran Publication • FC – Dev Plan event past • DM/Scott – Signage (see below) • Graham Wood – Parking at Dundonald (see below) <p>Hard Mail to CCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dart Energy – Speaking Offer • CCC reply to Dart – Invited others <p>E-mails to TC personal account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FC – Review of Polling Places • FC – Revised Bus Timetables • FC – Review of Public Counter Services • FC – Review of Traffic Warden Provision <p>Signage – Further to conversations with Scott, DM reported that casting was to begin by 2nd October and the order should be complete by end of October. Envisaged that signs will be in place by end November.</p>	

	<p>Parking at the Dundonald – CCC were advised that possible parking provision at rear of the Dundonald has now been shelved due to problems with levels and possible water ingress to the neighbouring property.</p> <p>Brewster Wind Farm – Planning approved.</p> <p>TC advised that he had invited Cluff Energy to talk to CCC re: previous discussions on fracking, etc, as it has emerged that Cluff Energy have a licence to drill between Limekilns and Kincardine. Composite Energy (Dart Energy) have an option to do ‘directional drilling’ on the eastern edge of the proposed caravan site at Blair Quarry. Believed to be now time-barred but concern that planning consent would be given again. Also have an option on five other sites in the Kincardine-Culross area, but stopped because access rights/terms had not been agreed.</p> <p>After considerable discussion and views put forward for the support of renewable energy versus damage to the environment, it was agreed that TC would write to Cluff Energy again and invite them to talk to CCC.</p> <p>TC also to invite Dart Energy to talk to CCC, but not at same meeting as Cluff Energy, if they accept the invitation. To advise that they will have a ‘time-slot’ of 45 minutes as they are known to host ‘all-day’ presentations.</p> <p>Envisaged that these meetings will be held as extra-ordinary ‘closed doors’ CCC meetings and would be forerunners to public meetings, possibly multi-party, to be arranged in the future.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p>7. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Nil due to election of new Chair at last meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Elected FC Cllrs’ Reports</p>	<p>WF reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Area Committee - Locality</u> – a new group to look at derelict buildings – Dundonald Arms, now added to list; West Green Cottage (opp. Bessie Bar Hall) to be subject to Compulsory Purchase order; Sandhaven House, to be added to list. ● <u>Police Board</u>: WF reported that Oakley Police Station is not to close, as widely believed, but the counter staff are to be relocated. Concern has been raised that if Oakley was to close, Kincardine would soon follow. WF advised that Dunfermline Chief Inspector, Gordon 	

	<p>Mitchell is from Oakley and is sympathetic to West Fife villagers concerns regarding response police working out of Dunfermline. Community Police are to be based in Oakley, 2 on each shift. Police Scotland helpline number, 101, will route calls to P Division for Fife. Newsletter to give list of handy numbers. Traffic Wardens are not now to be involved in police work. Severance due to merging of police forces now getting under way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>A985:</u> Concern was raised over the number of/potential for serious accidents on the stretch of road between Sawmill road end and Brewster's road end. Would like 50 mph speed limit imposed. CCC would support this and suggested that at WF surgery, perhaps raise this issue with police and invite Brewsters along too. RN asked about marked trees X's in Sawmill area. WF confirmed that there are a lot of trees marked to come out and others to be limbed to improve sight line for vehicles emerging onto A985. However, WF advised that some trees may have been marked in error. ● CCC application to Scottish Power for funding of fireworks. WF reported that this has been refused. 	Eileen L
<p>9. External Meeting Reports</p>	<p><u>RN attended Scottish Power meeting.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A new constitution was to be drawn up but as only 6 people attended, it was shelved. To be discussed at the next meeting on 13th February 2014. ● Two lagoons full and now capped. "Blue Lagoon" have appointed a dedicated person to look after these. ● Short cuts being taken over working lagoons causing problems. ● Low Valleyfield raised point over the thinning of trees on the lagoons. Also require cutting back at bus stop and on pathway to lagoon. ● TC advised Network Rail to repair railway fencing. Shortcuts being taken under rail bridge through the fence. DA reported that fence on waterside of railway completely rotted in some areas. 	
<p>10. Any Other Business</p>	<p>RN reported that a grant has been awarded by Fife Council to repair the wall at Stinking Wynd. Fife Council Environmental Services have repaired a section of wall towards Erskine Brae and are now moving on to Stinking Wynd.</p>	

	<p>DM reported that an application, regarding the Log Cabins, has been made to reduce the sharp angle bend on the corner of Erskine Brae/West Kirk road.</p> <p>Blair Quarry – Caravan Site – RN confirmed that the owners have approached Scottish Power to provide electricity. Issue of water still outstanding. RN believes they have applied to have residential caravans on the site.</p> <p>Haggs Steps - DM raised problem of poor lighting and slippery leaf mould under foot caused by trees overhanging the steps. Very little clean up help in the village from Fife Council and some areas, such as Haggs Steps, are unsafe. Some villages, such as Aberdour, have a daily cleaner assigned to them. WF to put to his Committee that a programme for a team of youth offenders be made available to assist with general cleaning around the village.</p> <p>DM asked WF if Fife Council could cut the hedge from the toilets up to the Red Lion. DA reported that it had been, but only on the park side. WF to address this.</p> <p>DA also noted ivy to be cut back at Pond Cottage, but WF advised that this was the owner's responsibility.</p> <p><u>Remembrance Sunday:</u> RN advised the Council that he had ordered a wreath for the Memorial Service on Sunday, 10th November 2013 at 11am (time to be confirmed).</p> <p><u>Fireworks Display:</u> 6.30pm on 3rd November 2013. DM advised the Committee that Lynn Nelson of the Gala Committee had asked if CCC would consider making a donation of £200 to the firework fund as the Gala Committee were unable to provide full funding this year and £400 (of the usual £600) would be their absolute limit. This is due to a change in the funding of the Gala Committee and they find they have less income than previously. After discussion, which acknowledged the good support of the firework display from Culross and the surrounding community, and discussion over CCC funds available, it was agreed to give the money to the Gala Committee (plus extra for the insurance cover).</p> <p><u>Hogmanay Torchlight Procession:</u> DA to count</p>	<p>WF</p> <p>WF</p> <p>RN</p> <p>DA</p>
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	Agenda to be circulated to Cllrs for comment input prior to being displayed on notice boards.	
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The meeting ended at: 8.40pm.