

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 13th May 2013

Held in Town House

Present:
Cllr George Connelly MBE (Chair)
Cllr David Alexander (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
Cllr Diane MacKenzie
Ex Officio Present:
Nil
In attendance:
Joanna Darnley, NTS
Siné Russell, member of public
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Tim Collins
Cllr Kate Stewart
Cllr Willie Ferguson
Cllr Clare Short
Elaine Longmuir, NTS

The meeting started at 7.00 with Cllr George Connelly in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
1. Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1.a Minutes Secretary	The Chair welcomed Siné Russell to the meeting and thanked her for volunteering to become the Minutes Secretary. Cllr Diane MacKenzie proposed her to join CCC and seconded by Cllr David Alexander.	SR
2. Declarations of Interest	1. George Connelly – Item 11, Planning, Abbey View House 2. Tim Collins – Item 11, Planning, Balgownie Mains	
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 th April 2013 were approved. Proposed: David Alexander Seconded: Diane MacKenzie	
4. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting	Roy McCormack – DM confirmed that she had met with Mandy and that Title Deeds for the Stables had been located and a search was now being made by Mandy for the Trust Deed document for the Stables in respect of the	DM

	<p>proposed refurbishment of the Stables as a Community Centre to honour Roy's work in the community.</p> <p>The Roy McCormack Community Fund to be established to embrace the whole community in fundraising for this fitting tribute to Roy. At the Farmer's Market on 30.06.13 a stall will be in place to begin the community fundraising and also at the Festival in August.</p> <p>Agreed that plans should be allowed to germinate and clarification may be available at June meeting.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>Statement of account was circulated and is appended to these Minutes. The Treasurer pointed out a typing error and confirmed the funds in the Bank.</p> <p>£5100 to be reserved for signage, inc £100 donation from NTS</p> <p>£430 in Floral Fund</p> <p>No other expenditure due.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Treasurer.</p>	RN
6. Correspondence Received	<p>Correspondence was received from Cllr Clare Short regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans for erection of 12 Wind Turbines in Blairadam Forest, 5 at Muir of Ord and 11 in Devilla Forest. <p>Meeting, hosted by WT company, to be held in Saline between 2pm to 8pm on 20th May 2013. Forestry Commission commented that they are not party to these plans.</p> <p>Cllr Diane MacKenzie to attend the meeting.</p>	DM
7. Chair's Report	Nil issues.	
8. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	1. Apologies received. Nil issues.	
9. Correspondence List	<p>A resume of all correspondence was given including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate Challenge Fund ● Training Courses in Manchester ● WF Villages Forum Vice Chair Nomination request ● CCC Insurance renewal ● Campaign to keep public toilets ● Planning updates ● CGG at West Green ● Haggs Wynd Wall ● Pot Holes ● Condition of Coastal Path ● Members needs for West Fife Community Planning Group 	

10. External Meetings Report	Ash Lagoon Meeting – none held for a year. A comment had been received about the state of paths on the lagoons. DM to update ‘Preston Island only’ sign.	DM
11. Input from Members of the Public	<p>1. NTS. Joanna Darnley deputised for Elaine Longmuir who was unable to attend and reported that on Saturday, 11th May 2013, following a bicycle festival in the woods behind Park House/Lodge, police had to be called to break up trouble caused in the village by a number of youths. This included damage to the Palace Gardens, the vandalising of a car, throwing of bottles and general litter and coping stones being dislodged at the Hanging Gardens. Following an e-mail from Scott McMaster, it has been agreed that the Palace Gardens should close at 5.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. DA to raise the incident at the next Police Meeting.</p> <p>2. DM raised the issue of the small triangular walled plot between 6 & 7 The Cross and The Dundonald Arms and asked if the NTS would cut back the vegetation and tidy this up? Joanna to report back to Elaine Longmuir with this request.</p> <p>The Chair expressed delight that the NTS was going from strength to strength and asked Joanna to relay this to all. Joanna then left the meeting.</p>	DA EL
12. Planning	<p>1. Park Lodge – No comments received online or objections from Community Council.</p> <p>2. Abbey View House – No comments, no objections</p> <p>3. Balgownie Mains – No comments, no objections.</p>	GC TC
13. AOB (Any Other Business)	<p>1. CCC Vacancy. Minutes Secretary position filled by Siné Russell. One vacancy remains on CCC and we would welcome a volunteer who wishes to contribute to the fabric of the community.</p> <p>2. Repair of Fencing East Car Park. GC still awaiting reply from Fife Council.</p> <p>3. West Green House. Title Deed located and sent to Andrew Ferguson, in the legal department of Fife Council for interpretation.</p>	WF

<p>4. Recycling Facilities – Erskine Brae Car Park. CS has been informed by Fife Council that this is not possible as recycling truck too big for the car park. DM to advise residents.</p>	DM/ CLOSED
<p>5. East End Car Park Recycling. Re: Criminal act of damage to the Recycling centre. Fife Council to visit this week and also cut back vegetation.</p>	DM/ GC
<p>6. Culross Walking Guide. DM informed meeting that close to publication. Changes made since last meeting – detail/history/distances, etc. DA enquired about advertising space. Initial run of 100 approved at £1 each. To be available at shop, NTS, car parks, walking groups. Hope to have available for Farmers Market.</p>	DM
<p>7. Village Signage. DM provided an update on template for Culross Abbey Church sign; East End Car Park noticeboards and signs to Ash Lagoons and Village. New poles to be located. DA and DM to work together to produce history of Red Lion.</p>	DA/DM
<p>8. Village Newsletter. Duncan Woods on holiday. May not be issued until Autumn.</p>	GC/DW
<p>9. Village Clean Up. Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm. DM to put posters round village.</p>	ALL
<p>10. Road and Pavement Repairs. CS has been informed that a patching programme will be in place by end of June.</p>	CS
<p>11. Dr McClellan Report on Road Repairs. Clare agreed to inform 2 x residents separately.</p>	CS
<p>12. Anchors/Repainting/Refurbishment of Plaques. To discuss at Village Clean Up evening.</p>	ALL
<p>13. Blocked Right of Way. DM read letter from Scotways regarding pathway between Culross Primary School and Orchard View Cottage. DM advised that at least 6 other rights of way already exist in this area. No objections have been received from public. Maintenance an issue. After discussion, agreed to take no further action on opening another right of way. DM to reply to Scotways.</p>	DM
<p>14. Flower Tubs – 30 in total round the village. Jeannie Carwardine has now retired from caring for these. Agreed to have an ‘Adopt a Tub’ scheme as some already cared for in this way.</p>	ALL

	<p>Discussion of locating some tubs at Balgownie West bus stop. Agreed to give adoptees £10 per tub, from the Floral Fund, for planting costs and suggested 'Best Kept Tub' competition.</p> <p>15. Hanging Gardens. DM reported that Fife Council have informed her that Erskine Brae home owners whose gardens back onto the sandstone wall, are responsible for repairs to the wall. A eucalyptus tree which was putting pressure on the wall has now been removed and further plants/trees along the length of the wall also need to be taken out. A 6-8' length of coping stone which is being pushed off by vegetation is also being tackled. DM to ask Cllr Kate Stewart to seek wall inspection from FC.</p> <p>16. Dundonald Arms. GC approached the owner, Jim Price, regarding the disrepair of the building and his plans going forward. Mr Price cited the economic climate and refusal of grants by Fife Council for the delay in work commencing. DA suggested approaching Fife Council about raising an Amenity Order. Discussion centred on the demolition site at the rear of the former hotel and whether it could be usefully turned into a temporary car park with rubble and hardcore infill supplied at CCC's expense? GC to approach Mr Price to ask for permission. No liability to be accepted by CCC. Screening of the building also discussed and costs, or possible grants, to be advised by DM.</p> <p>17. Bin Collection from Rural Properties in Fife. RN advised the meeting that Fife Council now require rural properties to take their 2 waste bins to the edge of the main road, A985, for emptying. This is not only difficult for householders but dangerous on a busy main road. RN asked CCC for their backing in approaching Fife Council on this issue.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>GC</p> <p>DM</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>14. Dates of Next Meetings</p>	<p>Next Meetings. Monday 10 June; Monday 2 September; Monday 14th October 2013 at 7.00m in the Town House. AGM – Monday 4th November 2013. Agenda to be circulated to Cllrs for comment input prior to being displayed on notice boards.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

The meeting ended at: 9.00pm.