

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 4th February 2013

Held in Town House

Present:
Cllr George Connelly MBE (Chair)
Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
Cllr Tim Collins (Correspondence Sec)
Cllr Diane MacKenzie
Cllr Jeanie Carwardine
Ex Officio Present:
Cllr Kate Stewart
In attendance:
Scott McMaster NTS
Rev Jayne Scott
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr David Alexander
Cllr Clare Short
Cllr Willie Ferguson – Ex Officio

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

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
1. Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcomed all present.	
2. Declarations of Interest	Cllr Nelson declared an interest, as an adjoining landowner, regarding the possible future use of The Stables (see below under AOB Item 7).	All
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of the Council held on Monday 4 th December 2012 were approved. Proposed: Tim Collins Seconded: Robert Nelson	
4. Matters Arising	Festive Events: 1. Carol Singing. All those involved were thanked for their efforts in making this a very pleasant festive event in the Community Garden. 2. Hogmanay Torchlight Procession. All agreed this was another resounding success with approximately 300 attending and the efforts of all those who supported the event were greatly appreciated. 3. Town Square. Tim had already thanked the Forestry commission for the provision of a Christmas Tree and thanks were conveyed to those responsible for decorating the Tree and square.	All

	Note: It was agreed that a note of thanks would be sent to the Red Lion for the provision of a Christmas Tree and Gluhwein for the Community Garden.	
5. Treasurer's Report	Statement of account as at 26 January 2013 was circulated and is appended to these Minutes.	RN/All
6. Correspondence List	1. The introduction of the SEPA (Scottish Environment Protection Agency) Free Coastal flood Warning System was advertised. Whilst coastal flooding is not at all considered a high risk in the area, further details may be obtained from www.sepa.org.uk/floodingsignup or telephone 0845 988 1188.	All
7. Chair's Report	<p>1. Village Shop. The new '<i>Culross Village Shop</i>', located underneath the Biscuit Café appears to be thriving and is being well used by local residents and visitors.</p> <p>2. Post Office Facilities. George held a meeting with Fife Council rep to consider the possible use of Stephen Hall on a part time basis 2 x mornings per week and advice is awaited from FC legal department. However, Post Office Counters Ltd have not yet secured a sub-postmaster willing to run this facility due to perceived lack of business.</p>	All GC
8. Cllrs' Report	<p>1. Cllr WF advised by e-mail that he had met the new head of the Scottish Police Force who confirmed that Community Policing remained very high on the agenda.</p> <p>2. Cllr KS advised (1) The withdrawal of certain Day Care Services in the Region, including Lunch Clubs and that she was closely monitoring the needs of the elderly and infirm (2) That IT training/educational facilities were available to all in Valleyfield Community Centre and (3) She was keen on also monitoring provision for youth facilities and advised details of the MSYP (Member of Scottish Youth Parliament) which is made up of 150 young people aged 14-25 from across Scotland who represent constituencies and national voluntary organisations. (Website: http://syp.org.uk)</p>	All
9. External Meetings Report	1. Nil.	All
10. Input from Members of the Public	<p>1. NTS. Scott advised (1) Elaine Longmuir had been appointed as interim Property Manager for NTS Culross and where possible would attend future CCC meetings (2) Seasonal job vacancies were being advertised locally – see CCC Notice Boards (3) Properties at Nos 6 & 7 The Cross were to be re-furnished with a view to converting into 1 x house and (4) NTS had 'made safe' the walls at the rear of 'The Study'/Erskine Brae.</p> <p>DM advised that there remained concern about this and other areas (including Haggs Wynd/Sessions Green) and agreed to liaise with Cllr KS to conduct a further inspection of the areas concerned and report back at the next meeting.</p>	SM JS DM/KS

	<p>2. Pilgrims' Ways. Rev Jayne Scott gave a full brief on the proposed series of Pilgrim's Ways. Note: See further detail attached to these minutes. Jayne requested that 2 x members of CCC represent the community at a further meeting - date tbc - that would discuss in more depth the advantages to the village, residents, businesses etc.</p>	JS
11. Planning	<p>1. It was reported that the fencing and infrastructure on the proposed residential caravan site (between Culross & Kincardine) had now been removed. CCC had no knowledge of any alternative use of this field but would keep abreast of the situation.</p>	All
12. Parking	<p>West Green. Advice was awaited from Cllr Ferguson and NTS (Scott McMaster) regarding the legal title of this land ie whether it belongs to Fife council or NTS. George has also applied to the ROS (Land Registry) for a copy of the title deeds to clarify ownership.</p>	GC WF SM
13. AOB (Any Other Business)	<p>1. Signage Plans. DM has secured a £5,000 grant from Fife Council and all agreed a plan to utilise this most welcome windfall to enhance signage throughout the village. This initiative would further enable tourists especially to more easily explore the charms and nuances of our village that are not readily identified on generic guide books/maps etc.</p> <p>2. Scotland Pilgrim Route Development (SPRD). Rev Jayne Scott gave a very informative briefing on the proposed SPRD and brief details are attached to these Minutes. A further meeting would be coordinated by JS and CCC would be invited to attend with a view to exploring potential opportunities that would enhance tourism and benefit local residents and businesses.</p> <p>3. John Connors Bench. This is now in situ adjacent to Sandhaven House (facing the Green) and is considered a fitting memorial to a unique village character.</p> <p>4. Village Newsletter. David agreed to discuss options with CDT (Culross Development Trust) with a view to CCC researching possibilities of re-launching this useful and informative media outlet. Other options are also being considered but the public is invited to share any bright ideas.</p> <p>5. CCC Minutes Sec. The position remains vacant, as does a vacancy on CCC and this has been advertised on local notice boards.</p> <p>6. IT Tuition. A local lady has offered to provide free IT Tuition for the elderly or for anyone just wishing to learn the basics eg Word processing, Spreadsheets, E-Mail, Web-surfing. Further information may be obtained from admin2westfife@gmail.com</p>	DM All DA All

	(7) The Stables. DM advised that the Trustees of the Stables were considering proposals to rejuvenate the site to provide a multi-activity facility. Whilst the idea was in conceptual stages only – and much public consultation would need to take place – the proposal per se received a vote of confidence from CCC.	All
14. Dates of Next Meetings	Next Meetings. Monday 4 th March, Monday 8 th April and Monday 13 th May 2013 at 7.00m in the Town House. Agenda to be circulated to Cllrs for comment/input prior to being displayed on notice boards	All

The meeting ended at: 10.00 pm