

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 2nd December 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)
CCC Cllr Eileen Laidlaw
Ex Officio Present:
FC Cllr Kate Stewart
In attendance:
Elaine Longmuir, NTS
Keith Davidson
Jeannie Carwardine
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Clare Short

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

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action Owner &
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies for Absence	Clare Short.	
2. NTS Update	<p><u>Town House</u> - alarm to be active from next week. Keyfobs, to activate/deactivate the alarm, to be ordered for the 3 CCC keys. TC to inform EL who the keyholders will be.</p> <p><u>NTS Christmas Shop</u> in the Town House open from Friday to Sunday starting on 6th December and the following 2 weekends. Lights and indoor Christmas Tree organised.</p> <p><u>Beechwood</u> – not to be sold. Instead to be upgraded and re-let. Unlikely to be ready before late autumn of 2014.</p> <p><u>6/7 The Cross</u> – work has begun and expect to be ready for let by August 2014.</p> <p><u>Filming</u> – EL reported that it had been a very positive experience and the film crew, Miglet, had been most respectful of the Palace and properties. A confidential sum had been donated,</p>	EL TC

	<p>however as the Palace runs at a £35,000 deficit, all monies received will be put towards this. EL confirmed that lime-based paint had been used on the properties at The Cross and this will stay in place until March in case the film crew decide to return. After March, all the properties will be repainted in their usual bright colours by contractors working for Miglet.</p> <p>DM reported that one bench in Sandhaven had been badly damaged and Miglet have agreed to cover the £750 cost of replacing this. Plaque, from the damaged bench, to be attached. Further donation of £750 to be given to CCC and £300 to the Community Garden. If the film crew return in March, it is possible that a further £750 will be paid.</p> <p>RN suggested that CCC support the start of a local Heritage Group. Wealth of knowledge to be gained from villagers. DM suggested filming interviews with locals. Old photos/posters could be collected. EL has guides and volunteers in the Palace who would be keen to be involved. Also willing to allow the Palace to be used for meetings.</p>	
3. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes 5 th November 2013 were approved. Proposer: DM Seconded: DA	
4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes	DART energy to hold a presentation in Glenrothes on 18 th December 2013. RN to attend as delegate. Dedication for Garden for Heroes – George Connelly MBE attended and to give write up.	RN
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>RN circulated copies of his monthly report:</p> <p>Current Account Opening Balance: £4761.27 Income: FC Grant £ 462.76 Expenditure: £Nil Closing Balance - £5224.03</p> <p>Environmental Account Opening Balance: £1195.65 Income: £Nil Expenditure: £Nil Closing Balance: £1,195.66</p> <p>Supplement to Accs Income: Surplus on sale of Paths Guide: £67.50 Magazine advert income: £96.00 Expenditure: Wreath -£29.80 Balance: £5387.53 Less Signage Grant: £4645.00</p>	

	<p style="text-align: right;">Total: <u>£ 712.73</u></p> <p>Bank Forms were issued and completed at the meeting to Cllrs for additional signatories on the CCC account.</p>	
<p>6. Correspondence Received</p>	<p>Eileen L gave a resume of Correspondence received since the last CCC meeting:</p> <p>External E-mails to CCC on yahoo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENTRUST – Update CCC member details • TC - Consultation on Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill • Enid - Follow up check on caravan park access • NTS EL - Beechwood House – internal renovation then to be re-let • DM - Roy McCormack Fund – funding preference for Stables • Crystal Server - Planning app granted to fell ash/sycamore trees in Erskine Brae • DM - Eligibility enquiry for funding from Coal Fields Investment Prog for CCC? (Not eligible.) • FC - Draft housing land supplementary guidance online consultation. Open until 23.12.13. • DM - CCC Constitution amendment accepted. • ENTRUST – confirmation of log in access • DM – HT of Culross Primary re: MUGA • Local Gov Assoc – New partnership online knowledge hub for public sector employees and public bodies to share work resources and assets. • Local Gov Assoc – Have your say online • FC – Forth Road Bridge celebrations – www.forthbridgesfestival.com • DM – summary of MUGA meeting of 11/11/13 with Lynn Hoey and Clare Lovett. • TC – Mandy re CCF/Stables visit • Crystal Server – Planning Apps – none. • Alice Miles, Univ of Glasgow – online review of Strategic Development Planning Process • Enid – non delivery of Newsletter • DM/Miglet – damaged bench at Tron • DART Energy – Meeting 18.12.13 Glenrothes. RN to attend. • Crystal Server – Planning Apps – none 	<p style="text-align: center;">RN</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broxap Litter Bins – Keep your parish tidy • FC – Community resilience in action video clip • FC, Wm Walsh – Potential draft budget gap of £100m over next 4 years. Online views about savings welcome at www.fifedirect.org.uk/bigchange • DM/A Lawson – Signage / drainage to be discussed • Zero Waste Scotland – Log in details • Kenneth – Documents complete for initial funding for The Stables • Kathy, KSB – Documentation for CCF Funding • FC – Nominations for The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Awards 2014 for good local design and conservation. Online submission by 31.01.14 • DM – KSB. Single use bag levy. Copy of their response to Scot Gov consultation and online opportunity to make own response • DM – Christmas trees – to be discussed • DM – E-mail from Linda Noble, Chair of Culross PS Parent Council, re location of MUGA • Crystal Server – Planning Apps – none. Conditions on style and colour of external doors at 6/7 The Cross <p>Christmas Trees – RN organised purchase of 4 trees – 1 for Town House; 1 for Community Garden; 1 for the Abbey and 1 for Low Valleyfield. Lights to be collected from Jeannie Carwardine. Trees to be erected and decorated week beginning 09.12.13. Purchase price to come from Floral Fund. DM confirmed that Clare Short had made an application for next year's Floral Grant.</p>	RN
7. Chair's Report	<p>TC reported that he had been focussing on The Stables project and researching available grants. A Development Grant for the external fabric of the building, first requires a Building Energy Survey. The building energy survey is FOC to CCC but is needed for the development grant application of £750 max and reports back on which items are needed to reduce the carbon footprint of the building to be developed.</p> <p>Internal refurbishment – a different matter. Discussion followed on the ownership of the building and the necessity of a named person to lead the main grant application. DM advised clarification and confirmation of any</p>	

