

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 2nd April 2012

In Town House

Present:
Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chair)
Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
Cllr Diane MacKenzie (Minute Secretary)
Cllr Jeanie Carwardine
Cllr Tim Collins (Correspondence Secretary)
Cllr George Connelly
Cllr Clare Short
Ex Officio Present:
Cllr Willie Ferguson
In attendance:
Babs Hendry
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Craig Renton (Chairperson)

The meeting started at 7.40pm and Cllr David Alexander in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Parking Priority Project 2012 – Guest Speaker	Iain Henderson, Lead officer Fife Council, Traffic Management, South Fife, invited by Jeannie to discuss further the parking issues within the village. Speaker did not arrive as expected and to be invited to next meeting. Member of the public, Babs Hendry, advised nearly knocked down today due to white van obstructing view of approaching bus. Also concerned broken slabs outside Town House dangerous - advised due to be replaced with granite setts similar to roadway.	JC
Approval of Previous Minute	Minutes of the Council held on Monday 6 th March 2012 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Tim Collins Seconded: Cllr George Connelly	
Matters Arising:	Minute of 6th March 2012 – Station Path Crossing Gates have now been repaired. Residents to be reminded it is not permitted to display signs at the entrance to railway crossings and any signs must be removed.	ALL
Treasurer's	Statement of account circulated. Current Account – balance £2,098.58	RN

Report	<p>Environmental Account – balance £2,770.39 Grants agreed at March Meeting confirmed as follows: Floral Enhancements - £87.91 Culross Craft Group - £100 Hedge Cutting - £150.00 Culross Abbey Church -£300 towards Resonate Arts Group Project Bench at Session Green - donation of £250 previously received and cost of new bench £455, agreed additional £205; Signage Promenade Walkway –agreed £70; Notice Board Session Green – agreed cost of new notice board £345 School Yard Community Garden - £534 to repair entrance gate to be paid out of Environmental Fund; A couple of cheques remain un-cashed and Robert will ask for these to be banked and issue grants as agreed above. Change of cheque signatory in progress.</p>	RN RN
Correspondence List	<p>As previously agreed, no full correspondence list produced and copies of correspondence requiring attention were presented –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter received from Lynn Hoey, FC, inviting Cllr's to a Grant Funding information evening on 17th April. 2. Procession Licence for cycle event – approved. 3. Link Horticulture Stakeholder Event – Blair Castle 12th April, all Cllr's invited. 4. Speed Survey Results – results confirmed and no significant speeding issue. 5. Graeme Anderson, FC Environmental Services – reply received regarding recent complaints of dog fouling and letter to be displayed on notice board. 6. Queen's Diamond Jubilee/ Olympics – promotional material available to purchase from Jacqueline Hawkes, FC. Agreed CCC would like to commemorate Jubilee and will ask Gala if flags can be displayed week early from 2nd June. Ideas for Jubilee Award to be considered for next meeting. 	All Cllr's DM CS All Cllr's
Chair's Report	No Report.	
Councillor's Report	<p>Apologised for not being able to attend last meeting. Public Toilets – Willie confirmed decision passed at Environmental Committee to close public toilets on village Green and has sought update but at present no firm mandate in place regarding disposal. Section 15.1 of Scheme permits CC to hold heritable property and CCC requested to be considered by FC for ownership at no charge. Insurance is in place for third party and</p>	WF

	environmental fund could be used for funds to pay cleaner.	
External Meeting Reports	1. Police Report – David advised no issues of local relevance, although residents should be aware of increase in metal theft and opportunistic thefts from sheds/ garages.	
Input from Member's of Public Present	Babs Hendry attended to hear discussion on parking but wished to raise matter of owner of two white dogs disposing of dog waste on edge of banking – advised telephone number to report to dog warden – 08451 550022 – and two witnesses are enough to prosecute anonymously.	
Community Action Plan	<p>Agreed to include on-going actions within Minutes and discontinue appendix. For history please refer to previous appendices.</p> <p>Newsletter –Deadline for next edition 1st April and chairperson to write update.</p> <p>Planting & Tubs –2 x flowering cherry trees now planted in tubs in East car Park – thanks to Jeannie, Robert & Tim. Jeannie to purchase two more trees for last two tubs. Robert to provide manure.</p> <p>St Mungo's Chapel – Tim confirmed NTS volunteers to assist with tidying up this area Sunday 13th May 2012. George will arrange to meet with Jo Churchill, NTS, to establish contact and discuss update on CCC activities.</p> <p>Empty Housing – no update due to FC link off sick. On-going.</p> <p>Babs advised very disappointed upstairs house at Nunnery empty for 4 years since last tenant died; along with Dundonald Hotel and Sandhaven House disgrace to village. Advised on-going problem and Cllr's been working very hard on this matter, but progress slow. Scottish Government due to pass legislation doubling council tax on empty properties to incentivise owners to occupy.</p> <p>Lighting Cycle Path – Diane very busy and so on hold.</p> <p>Common Good Fund – George provided all Cllr's with compilation dossier of all research outcomes to date on disposal of Culross movable assets belonging to village prior to re-organisation in 1975. All Cllr's to read and raise questions at next meeting.</p> <p>Congratulations to George on this major undertaking. Salmon fishing rights to be clarified at next meeting.</p> <p>Additional Lighting East Car Park – Willie will make enquiries about Community Safety Fund and discuss at next meeting.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>JC & RN</p> <p>GC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AGENDA</p> <p>AGENDA</p>
Planning	1) Erection of wind turbine (45.9m from ground to blade tip) and ancillary works, Land at Balgownie Farm north of Culross, Fife. Tim declared interest as neighbour of applicant and took no further part in discussion. Questions were raised about visibility from village & Ochils; noise; impact on area; impact on right of way; possibility of	

	<p>further wind turbines in area – believe an application due to be submitted for two tall turbines at Kirkton Farm and number of other land owners in CCC area may consider this energy source in view of high energy farms demand.</p> <p>All Cllr's to research this matter and will be discussed at next meeting. Consideration to be given to community benefit.</p> <p>2) Removal of Sycamore Tree in a conservation area – Little Sandhaven, Back Street, Culross – supported.</p> <p>3) Local Development Plan Exchange – Tim wrote requesting update, no response.</p>	<p>ALL AGEN DA TC</p>
AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Cycle Sprint Race – David advised this event will take place 2013, in conjunction with Gala Week – will be a youths hill sprint from The Cross to West Lodge (Preston's). 2. Closure of Public Toilets – see Councillor's Report. 3. National Spring Clean 2012 – Diane organised Coastal Path & Village Clean Up week 2nd April – 7th April in conjunction with FC & Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean campaign. Today 9 adults + 2 toddlers cleaned beach at Pier & Allie Rocks; Promenade & Cycle Path. 4. Notice Boards East & West Car Parks – David & George will replace the Perspex and Diane has laminated suitable images to be displayed. 5. Bon Accord Park Changing Rooms – Willie advised funds available in Olympic Year to improve sporting opportunities and Cllr's interested to know if changing rooms at Bon Accord Park in need of upgrade and if FC (owners) would support application? Willie will speak with Peter Howden. 6. Flags, Sandhaven – Jeannie requested the two flags flying at Sandhaven should be replaced due to storm damage. Saltire flag - Agreed George will source replacement; Chilean flag – agreed Tim would write to Chilean Embassy to ascertain if able to source replacement. 	<p>ALL DA/ GC WF GC TC</p>
Details of Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting Monday 30th April 2012 at 7.30pm @ Town House.</p> <p>Agenda to be circulated by 23rd April & displayed by 27th April 2012.</p>	<p>DM & CR</p>

The meeting ended at: 8.50pm