

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 30th April 2012

Re-located to Red Lion Inn, due to there being no keys available for Town House

Present:
Cllr Tim Collins (Correspondence Secretary) – In Chair
Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
Cllr Diane MacKenzie (Minute Secretary)
Cllr Jeanie Carwardine
Cllr George Connelly MBE
Ex Officio Apologies:
Cllr Willie Ferguson
In attendance:
Iain Henderson, Lead Officer, FC, Traffic Management (departed mtg 8.30pm)
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Craig Renton (Chairperson)
Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chair)
Cllr Clare Short

The meeting started at 7.45pm and Cllr Tim Collins 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 as outlined at multi-disciplinary meeting held on 2 nd April in village. See attached for summary of options presented.	JC
Approval of Previous Minute	Minutes of the Council held on Monday 2 nd April 2012 were approved. Proposed: Cllr George Connelly Seconded: Cllr Tim Collins	
Matters Arising:	Minute of 2nd April 2012 Bank account change of signatory – in progress; New bench Session Green – in position, action closed; New notice board Session Green – arrived, to be erected; New Saltire flag, Sandhaven – estimates being obtained;	RN CLOSE D DA GC TC

	<p>New Chilean flag, Sandhaven – Chilean Embassy contacted;</p> <p>NTS Liaison Jo Churchill – as unable to attend meetings on a Monday, George will make contact & update of CCC matters.</p> <p>Queen's Diamond Jubilee – see AOCB</p>	<p>GC TC</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Statement of account circulated. Floral Grant received £410; Floral Grant expenditure to date £87.91 Current Account – balance of £534.47 after grant donations agreed at previous meeting. Environmental Account – Culross Tourist Assoc. donation of £10 following closure of account giving balance of £2,780.39. Entrust Annual Report submitted – Nil Return.</p>	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. Wind Turbines, West Fife Area – information event Blairhall Community Centre on 14th May from 1pm – 8pm. 2. Proposed Clean Energy Power Station proposed for Falkirk area – consultation document to be read by all Cllr's and item added to agenda of next meeting. 3. Proposed Cycle Race – confirmation received taking place next year and receiving support from individuals & groups in the village to progress. 4. Stagecoach Bus Service – 78 bus route reverting to previous route. 5. Fife Access Seminar – Working Together Forum, Fife House, Glenrothes, 12th July 2012. 6. Letter received from Enid Stewart congratulating Jeannie, Tim & Robert for planting trees East Car Park. 7. Joan Milne, FC, advising Heritage Lottery Funds available. 8. Letter received from Enid Stewart concerning size of new gas compressor next to their garden – much larger than expected & not fenced off. Agreed CCC to write to Gas Board requesting screening. 9. Queen's Diamond Jubilee - CCC agreed to commemorate Jubilee by awarding trophy & £60 to group or individual who has contributed most to improving village life – Tim has donated lovely glass trophy & award nominations to be publicised in newsletter. CCC members not eligible. Closing date for applications 21st May; winner chosen by CCC at June meeting; award to be presented by Chair of CCC at Farmer's Market 29th July 2012. 	<p>All Cllr's</p> <p>TC</p> <p>ALL</p>
Chair's Report	No Report.	

Councillor's Report	No Report	
External Meeting Reports	No Report	
Input from Member's of Public Present	None Present	
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 – Tim to offer CCC assistance with delivering next edition.</p> <p>Planting & Tubs – final two tubs in East Car Park planted with 2 x flowering cherry trees – thanks to Jeannie, Robert & Tim.</p> <p>Empty Housing – no update due to FC link off sick. On-going.</p> <p>Lighting Cycle Path – Diane very busy and so on hold.</p> <p>Common Good Fund – Salmon fishing rights – George in dialogue with FC - 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>TC</p> <p>CLOSE D</p> <p>GC</p>
Planning	<p>1) Erection of wind turbine (45.9m from ground to blade tip) and ancillary works, Land at Balgownie Farm north of Culross, Fife – application withdrawn.</p> <p>All Cllr's to attend open meeting at Blairhall Community Centre on Wind Turbines, between 1pm – 8pm Monday 14th May 2012.</p> <p>2) Erection of domestic storage outbuilding and double carport to side/ front of dwelling house, Balgownie House, West Green, Culross – application supported.</p> <p>3) Local Development Plan Exchange – response received to Tim's email and creating inter-active plan to go on-line and will update when finalised.</p> <p>4) Conversion of Garage to form two-storey dwelling house, The House at West Green, Culross – application refused.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
AOCB	<p>1. Closure of Public Toilets – Willie not in attendance – Agenda next meeting.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>2 skips filled by 17 volunteers who spent a total of 50 hours cleaning beach at Pier & Allie Rocks; Promenade & Cycle Path and various areas in village.</p> <p>3. Climate Challenge Fund Final Report – Diane advised final report had been submitted. Walked Devilla Forest section of Core Paths with Jenny</p>	<p>WF</p> <p>AGENDA</p> <p>CLOSE D</p>

	<p>Ventham, FCS Ranger & Alistair Lawson, Scotways where it was agreed to look at opening pathway on south side of A985 opposite Car Park to link with Blair Mains Drive; and sign posting core paths 750, 751, 752. Alistair approaching FC re funding support; FSC to provide volunteers to clean bracken & wind fall trees.</p> <p>4. Balgownie Card Company Account – Diane requested CCC open account for ease of printing etc. Agreed.</p> <p>5. Link Horticulture Event, Blair Castle – Diane attended event, viewed proposals to create nursery within walled garden for horticulture project for residents of Link Housing initially; establishment of nursery business for trade supply only initially; open up promenade walkway for cyclists/ walkers to divert from coastal path; creation of office space, work rooms etc. Exciting and ambitious.</p> <p>6. Repair of Railings Promenade – George to advise Railtrack.</p> <p>7. New Bench Boathouse, Coastal Path – Agreed to site new bench on the seaside of old boathouse.</p> <p>8. Notice Boards East & West Car Parks – David & George will replace the Perspex and Diane has laminated suitable images to be displayed.</p> <p>9. Bon Accord Park Changing Rooms – on-going.</p>	<p>ON-GOING</p> <p>TC</p> <p>GC</p> <p>DA</p> <p>DA/ GC WF</p>
Details of Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting Monday 11th June 2012 at 7.30pm @ Town House.</p> <p>Agenda to be circulated by 4th June & displayed by 8th June 2012.</p>	<p>DM & CR</p>

The meeting ended at: 9.30pm
PRIORITY PROJECT 2012 – PARKING

GUEST SPEAKER Iain Henderson, Lead officer Fife Council, Traffic Management, South Fife, invited by Jeannie to discuss further the parking issues within the village as outlined at multi-disciplinary meeting held on 5th March 2012 in village.

Following the meeting early April, Iain advised he had considered various options to reduce the parking issues within the village and presented CCC with drawings and an overview of all the options. These potential options have been outlined below:

1. Sandhaven Area – to reduce the parking on the footpath opposite January House – 7 wooden oak posts will be installed from the drop kerb heading west towards garden wall, to protect access for pedestrians and in particular those with prams & wheelchairs. These could be installed next to roadway hopefully prior to the summer. If this option works, could be extended further. (Note: ownership of pavement to north side of main road to be clarified as Iain thought owned by NTS? CCC believes this is not the case.) CCC unanimously agreed to the posts being installed.

2. Sandhaven Area – prevention of parking on the road could only be enforced with double yellow lines, primrose yellow 50mm wide for conservation area. Similar to Falkland. If used on both sides of road, advised would result in speed of traffic increasing. Therefore could have interrupted yellow lines or one side of road only. Would need a Traffic Regulation Order to be approved which would take approx. 6 months and thereafter, no parking can only be enforced by police & traffic wardens however FC looking at seeking enforcement of this and then fines due would go to local authority and fund other parking improvements, rather than go to Central Gov. CCC agreed to consider this option further and seek resident's opinions.
3. Mercat Cross Area – Iain confirmed no by-laws in force; only option would be yellow lines. CCC concerned about where residents would then park.
4. Tanhouse Brae/ Kirk Street Area – again no by-laws in force and only option would be yellow lines. CCC concerned about where residents would then park.
5. Signs Advising 'No Parking' in Sandhaven Area – advised would require 14 signs as displayed on plan presented – CCC agreed to consider this in detail at next meeting.
6. Signs advising 'No Parking on Footpath' in Sandhaven Area – advised signs would need to be 2.1m high as displayed on plan presented and won't address parking on roadway. CCC agreed to consider this in detail at next meeting.
7. Signage for Car Parks – FC to review location and clarity of these signs.
8. Common Good Land – clarified with FC Solicitor that CG Land could only be used if able to justify fulfils criteria for use of CG Assets. Approx cost would be in the region of £100,000 to create car park suited to conservation area and not an option with two car parks already in village and in current economic climate.
9. Lighting for West Car Park – as this car park falls within conservation area any lighting would have to be suited to conservation area and would be in region of £60,000 and not an option when only had two minor crimes reported in last five years and given current economic climate.
10. Solar Lighting Option – raised by CCC and Iain will consult on FC approved solar lighting & costings.
11. CCTV Cameras for West Car Park - again would not be an option when only had two minor crimes reported in last five years and in current economic climate.
12. Replacement of Lock-ups Removed by FC – Iain confirmed removed due to lack of use, cost of maintenance and no longer viable for FC to provide. Will not be replaced.
13. Speed Survey Results – analysis confirmed no concerns with speed limit being exceeded and no plans to traffic calm village. Results to be displayed on notice board.

Iain further advised FC Transportation capital expenditure for 2012/13 already allocated for transportation matters and the only budget with available funds would be for yellow lines or signage if under £5,000/ 10,000.

CCC mindful there is no 'quick fix' to the parking issues and there is a need to consider residents needs before making any decisions. CCC will therefore consider carefully drawings and information provided by Iain, seeking resident's views if appropriate.

Matter to be placed on agenda of June Meeting.

Thanks were given to Iain for the time he has committed to answering the questions posed.