

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 2nd March 2015

Held in Town House

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Eileen Laidlaw (Correspondence Secretary)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr Diane MacKenzie
CCC Cllr Ben Cook
In attendance:
Cllr K Stewart
Paul Foley NTS Property Manager
Simon Hill Fife Coast & Countryside Trust
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr W Ferguson
PC Chandler

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	David Alexander, Cllr Willie Ferguson, PC Chandler	
2. NTS	<p>The NTS are hosting an Open Day on Saturday 21st March from 12noon – 4pm to launch the new information and shop in the Town House. There will be free guided tours of the Palace, members of the needlework group showing examples of their work, members of SCART (Culross Abbey Regeneration Trust) who are seeking new volunteers and Trustees, as well as information on the new Fife Pilgrim Way (see below).</p> <p>Purchase of McKenzie House (abandoned house across from the Palace with the outside stairs) is progressing and hope is to create a 'study house' where members of the public/ school groups etc can see restoration in progress including archaeological digs etc.</p> <p>Paul is hoping to meet Clanranald along with Ryan Nelson representing the Farmer's Market/ Abbey Church Fete to ascertain whether the proposed Pirates Event will work being combined with the Annual Farmer's Market & Fete.</p>	
3. Guest Speaker	<p>Simon Hill from Fife Coast & Countryside Trust gave an informative update on the Fife Pilgrim Way – the exciting new long distance walk under development following in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims through the heart of Fife from Culross – St Andrews.</p> <p>The project welcomes the input of local communities to shape the project and is hosting a consultation event in The Town House on Saturday 21st March from 12noon – 4pm - all are welcome to go along and see the route</p>	

	<p>maps, ascertain interest and share concerns.</p> <p>The project is seeking Heritage Lottery Funding of around £800,000 for upgrading the route, interpretation information and signage etc. The majority of the route uses Core Paths and only 5% of new paths will require to be created.</p> <p>This online survey may be completed by anyone interested -</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FifePilgrimWay</p> <p>Further information can be found at the Consultation Event or by contacting Simon on simon.hill@fifecountryside.co.uk</p>	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	<p>The Minutes of 2nd February 2015 were approved: Proposed: TC Seconded: DMack</p>	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	<p>The signage poles have still to be set at Devilla. Painting the anchors as part of the village clean up is still to be completed.</p>	<p>DA TC DM</p> <p>DA TC</p>
6. Treasurer's Report:	<p>RN circulated copies of his monthly report. Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects. Consideration to be given to opening another bank account for the newsletter income/ expenditure in order to enable online banking option for advertisers and to enable clarity of funding required. Winter 2014 edition cost approx £783 to print less advertising income and this amount will be confirmed at next meeting.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>TC</p>
7. Correspondence Received	<p>Eileen gave a summary of the correspondence received including –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of funding application to FC for newly created Seniors Club • Feedback request on Fifeplan Consultation • Electric Blanket Testing dates (on notice boards) • DigiCC day survey & outcomes • Flood Risk Management Scotland • Play Park updates • Consultation on closure of right of way through former Dundonald Car Park – letters of objection continue to be received. FC Committee date not known • Email of concern received re wall at Hanging Garden – see below. • Letter of concern received regarding the threat of closure of the railway crossings. CCC to confirm routes along sea wall registered as rights of way. • Emails of concern re the Unconventional Coal Gas extraction under the sea bed not being covered by current moratorium – see below. 	<p>TC</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>TC</p> <p>DM</p>
8. Chair's Report	<p>The village voluntary groups are showing great co-operation and the resurrection of the quiz nights kicked off with a great attendance in the Red Lion in aid of funds for the Gala. The next event March 26th in the Biscuit Café will be in aid of the seniors group. The following event will be on April 30th in the Red Lion in aid of the Culross Burns society.</p> <p>The senior citizens bus trip is set for the 15th April and bookings are coming in now. The grant application to FC is to be considered at the March meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>CCC does not qualify for "recurring" grants so setting up the Digital awareness sessions is proving a bit of a problem as the broadband will be an ongoing cost. There is a move in FC to connect public halls and meeting</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p>places in West Fife so we have asked to be given some priority but nothing is assured.</p> <p>The Spring issue of the newsletter is circulating and seems to have been well received by the community. Financially still not covering the printing costs and once the Low Valleyfield Community Council get their FC grant, we intend to insist on a regular contribution from them. At this point I should thank Enid whos tremendous efforts selling advertising space have helped to keep the Newsletter alive.</p> <p>The works on the Kincardine Bridge should have little impact on traffic flow through the village but will affect residents travelling West. Diversions are in place but delays are inevitable. Copies of the planned works were given to us and will be posted on the notice boards for public information.</p> <p>There is to be a poetry event in the Biscuit Café on the evening of saturday April 18th and we have been asked to publicise the event. Poster for the notice boards.</p> <p>A 'Christmas Carol' film is to be shot in Culross on Sunday March 8th The company have promised a contribution to the community. They intend to involve the school, the Opus Choir, Robert's granddaughters horse and a few locals. They have promised some screen shots for the next Newsletter and we hope the residents at The Cross will not be too inconvenienced by the filming.</p> <p>Concerns have again been raised around the issue of fracking. It seems that the estuary is considered "offshore" and Coal Gasification thus NOT included in the moratorium on fracking – there is a Facebook page set up called FAUG – Forth Valley Against Unconventional Gas and there is believed to be a public meeting being held in Kincardine Community Centre later this month.</p> <p>The wall along the Hanging Gardens wall was highlighted by a resident as looking like it was deteriorating – have had a look and it seems not to have changed since the last time but maybe we should have an engineer from FC take a look?</p> <p>The Right of Way through the Dun is an ongoing issue and every effort is being made to restore this through route.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>DM/ DA</p> <p>DM/ DA</p> <p>DM</p> <p>KS/ TC</p> <p>TC</p>
9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	<p>Advised attended conference on 'Fracking for Women' and there is a meeting in Kincardine Community Centre later this month covering what fracking is and what unconventional gas is. Date to be confirmed and agreed to publicise this meeting. Recent press coverage on this matter has highlighted currently moratorium on fracking but not on UCG.</p>	<p>KS/ TC</p>
10. External Meeting Reports	<p>Diane attended recent School Parent Council meeting and was hugely impressed with the amount of planned activities, opportunities and awards on offer – to many to mention! March is Eco School week and the school is benefiting from the staff of Lloyds Bank spending the day upgrading, repairing, maintaining grounds and equipment.</p>	
11. Planning	<p>The consultation to formally close the right of way through the former Dundonald Arms Car Park has seen extensive community objection ongoing. Expected to be considered at February meeting of s/w Area Committee but was not on the agenda..</p> <p>Planning review online of application to be build 4 log houses on land to the east of West Kirk</p>	<p>DM</p>

<p>12. Any Other Competent Business</p>	<p>Planters at Blackadder Haven and elsewhere in the village have reached end of life and need to be removed/ replaced – Tim may have a source for a dozen barrels.</p> <p>Spring Clean Up – date to be decided at the next meeting and to incorporate removal/ replacement of planters.</p> <p>New play park –awaiting the outcome of the Common Good Fund application being considered at the next meeting on 8/4/15.</p> <p>Signage Project – Final stage is to fix Pole at the sawmill road end and erect the sign.</p> <p>Concerns raised about maintaining the rights of way as they are becoming overgrown in places and agreed a flail cutter is required. Tim & Robert to price.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>DM</p> <p>TC/ DA/ DM</p> <p>TC & RN</p>
<p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting – Monday 13th April 2015, 7pm in the Town House</p>	

The meeting ended at: 9.00pm