

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 20th June 2016
Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Robin MacKenzie (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson
CCC Cllr Clare Short (Secretary)
CCC Cllr Angus Carmichael
In Attendance:
Cllr Willie Ferguson
Elyse Kirkham Dunfermline Advocacy
Cllr Kate Stewart
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Ben Cook
Elaine Longmuir (NTS)

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

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies	Elaine Longmuir (NTS), Ben Cook	
2 NTS	None	
2a. Other Group	Elyse Kirkham gave a detailed description of the advocacy activities and programe in Dunfermline and environs. A worthy set of objectives, and seeking volunteers in the area to assist vulnerable individuals. CCC agreed to promote this organisation.	
3. Approval of Last Minute	Moved RMK Seconded CS	
4. Matters Arising from last Meeting	It was agreed that following further consultation, a cherry tree would be planted in the west green. There being no demonstrable objectors. Action on the deteriorating listed buildings to be continued. The common ground boundaries have been agreed by all parties. FC to put in place all necessary legal records and documentation. The project for allotments at Blair Castle has shown poor response and will be dropped. The purchase of replacement oak tubs has used all of the remaining floral grant. The planning application for the garage at west green has been approved. All the identified rotten tubs have now been removed.	TC / RMK TC TC
5. Treasurer's Report	RM presented the Treasurer's Report. Current A/c balance: £21,552 Environmental A/c balance: £11,117 The funding for the play park has been received and displenished. The signage project will be completed with the addition of	TC/ RMK

	<p>a few signs. Approval to spend the remaining funds was agreed. The purchase of a cherry tree for the west green was agreed and will be planted in the next few weeks.</p>	
Correspondence	<p>Hard copy correspondence was limited to FC confirming the common ground boundary limits. Emails Tourist complaint about the public toilets. It was agreed that CCC write to FC and MSP in a further attempt to acquire funding for an upgrade to the toilets. Notice of consultation on the sale of the Stephen Memorial Hall. It was generally felt that the hall could be let go if there were agreed a quid pro-quo for the village. Eg Funding to upgrade the toilets or the Stables Consultation on the change of bus routes. More a declaration of intent by the operator. Most assuredly not in the public interest to allow these changes to pass. It was felt that these proposed changes to bus routes would have a severe detrimental effect on the community and should be opposed by every means possible. A letter to this effect should be sent to FC, the MSP and the operator in an attempt to get a rethink. Planning applications. The garage has approval. The replacement sky lights at Cunninghame House was cause for concern for local residents and it was determined that CCC should ask FC to impose access restrictions on the contractors.</p>	<p>TC TC CS TC</p>
7. Chairperson's Report	<p>The offer to host allotments at Blair Castle has received only limited response. It was determined that this project be dropped. Still seeking funds to refurbish the public toilets, with no success as yet. Listed buildings action: Letters to FC on this matter have resulted in no discernible action. WF offered to assist and all agreed this would be beneficial. The change to the bus routes is a big concern to the community and, after lengthy discussion, it was agreed that CCC should write to FC, MSP and the operator in an effort to achieve a change of mind on the proposals all as discussed under correspondence above. After much praise for the festival committee, it was agreed that a superb event had been executed in efficient style and that the organisers should be congratulated for a superb event.</p>	<p>TC WF TC</p>
8. FC Cllr's Report	<p>WF gave a summary of pending actions on the proposed bus route changes. Although vigorous action is being taken there is no guarantee of any change to the proposals. The impending sale of the Stephen Memorial Hall is forced by the imminent repairs required to the building roof. CCC felt that any disposal of the hall should have an element of pay back to the Culross community and that the offered sale price should reflect the real value of the building. KS advised that she was attending a number of meetings across West Fife with a view to mitigating the effects of the bus route changes. She agreed that CCC should write to the agreed bodies to express concern. Advised that she was in communication with Alastair Mutch (FC) on the issue of the Toilets</p>	

9. External Meeting Reports	AC gave a detailed report on the ash lagoon meeting. In summary there is very little that has been determined since the last meeting. Various ideas for future use of the lagoon area were discussed including a solar energy farm, a leisure area, a wind farm, bird and wild life sanctuary CCC agreed to continue to monitor this situation.	
10. Planning	CCC has continued its appeal against the closure of the Dundonald Right of Way. The application for the garage at West Green has been approved. Replacement skylights at Cunninghame House were a concern for immediate neighbours and it was suggested that CCC ask FC to impose access restrictions on the applicant in order to minimise disruption in the immediate vicinity.	TC
12. Any Other Competent Business	CCC stall at the Farmers Market / Fete was discussed with a view to deciding what should be done. The dates for the gala and associated events were discussed. The condition of the security fence around the lagoons was a cause for concern. Posters for the next quiz night and associated event were passed for posting.	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting – Monday 5 th September 2016, 7pm in the Town House	

The meeting ended at: 8.45pm