

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7th November 2016
Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:	Members of the Public
CCClr Tim Collins, Chairperson	
CCClr David Alexander, Vice Chairperson	Lindsey Merchant
CCClr Robert Nelson	William Kennett
CCClr Diane MacKenzie	Terry Webster
CCClr Clare Short, Secretary	Joanna Darnley
CCClr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer	Lora Graham
CCClr Ben Cook	Graham Graham
In attendance:	Kylie Drysdale
Cllr. Willie Ferguson	
Cllr. Kate Stewart	
Apologies Submitted:	
Elaine Longmuir	

The meeting started at 7.15pm with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies	Elaine Longmuir	
2 NTS	None	
2a. Other Group	None	
3. Approval of Last Minute	Moved CS Seconded DA	
4. Matters Arising from last Meeting	<p>FC action on Sandhaven House to be kept under pressure SMH / FC situation still unresolved due to a lack of information from FC on the valuation and estimates for repairs. Restated CCC position that the common good assets were given free to FC to maintain in perpetuity. If FC want to terminate this agreement then CCC should be offered the asset gratis together with a sum sufficient to restore the asset to its original state prior to adoption by FC. A brief discussion on the flexibility of this approach ensued and a number of possible outcomes were envisaged. FC to be asked again for the requisite information.</p> <p>It was confirmed that CS would lay the CCC wreath on the 13th and that Robin Arnott would officiate for the abbey.</p> <p>The noxious smell experienced in the village from time to time is still an issue. The recent discovery of dead marine life on the sea wall around the lagoons were discussed in this connection.</p> <p>The proposed info board for the pic nic area was still pending. Both the metal plinths seem to have disappeared from the area. There is a third plinth which will suffice for the mounting of a board. The school are to be asked if they would like to design the board as a project.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>DA</p> <p>BC</p>
5.	RMK presented the financial report for the period. A floral grant of £335 has been sought from FC.	

Treasurer's Report	The annual grant to CCC from FC will be £455. There followed a brief discussion on expenditure options.	
6. Correspondence	There was no hard copy correspondence. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members and there is nothing of note at this time.	
7. Chairperson's Report	<p>The sale of the Stephen Memorial Hall is still in prospect and there is as yet no sign of the documentation that we were promised. CCC has, as yet, no official communication from FC An asset transfer is supposed to be the preferred option for FC but we are still awaiting confirmation of this. CAT form if we want to go ahead.</p> <p>The residual issue around the play park would appear to be the inaccessible toddler slide. CCC wrote to FC asking them as contract managers to take the matter up with the supplier. FC responded that they would take the matter in hand and we have had no feedback since.</p> <p>MT properties – FC assure us that correct levels of charges are being levied on empty properties in Culross. Unable to give specifics due to data Protection rules.</p> <p>CCC wrote to FC asking if the conditions of the order on Sandhaven House owners had been met. There has been no response as yet.</p> <p>Stopping up appeal The date of the Public Inquiry is Tuesday 29th November 2016 The time & venue has still to be advised DMK gave a synopsis of the situation for the benefit of the members of the public present.</p> <p>It had been suggested that a register of office holders of the various active voluntary groups and trusts be established and maintained. To this end a document was circulated. To date only the gala, the stables, CCC and the school acting head have responded. CDT to be pressed for information</p> <p>Coalfields Regeneration Trust held a meeting in the Carlow Home and outlined the way they were moving forward in partnership with other stake holders. AL and RN attended. Out of this came the information that money was available to assist local communities in various endeavours. Our public toilet block refurbishment would come into an eligible category for grant. We need to get our hands on this money before it goes elsewhere.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
8. FC Cllr's Report	<p>WF took note of the recent and past observations of a noxious smell in the village. WF to investigate further. WF had discussed the work carried out on Sandhaven House with the enforcement officers and will pursue this on behalf of CCC again. WF gave a summary of the CRT activities and confirmed that Culross falls within the area to be aided by the participatory budget of £60K WF advised that the signage and info boards around the lagoons and Preston Island are now ready.</p>	<p>WF</p> <p>WF</p>

	<p>KS agreed with WF comments and described more fully the source of the new funds. Fife to have £2.7m for regeneration. Some industrial units are being considered.</p> <p>KS agreed that the Culross toilet block would be eligible for a portion of the £60k participatory budget - £30k from FC and £30k from Hollyrood</p> <p>KS stressed the need for prompt action by CCC to secure a portion of this fund.</p> <p>Other ideas around regeneration are on the table and decisions have still to be taken.</p>	TC
9. External Meeting Reports	The CRT meeting has been covered above.	
10. Planning	No contentious issues notified at this time	
11. Any Other Competent Business	<p>Hogmanay function followed by the torch lit parade will take place. The parade licence should be sought from FC</p> <p>The signage project is now complete and a vote of thanks was proposed for DMK for all the hard work and effort she had expended in this project. She asked that Scott Blyth of FC be thanked also as he had helped enormously in seeing the project through.</p> <p>A short discussion on the failed and failing ancient walls concluded that CCC should write to FC asking them to pursue land owners to ensure the upkeep and safety of the adjacent rights of way.</p> <p>The recent spate of fire alarm incidents was discussed and it was agreed that CCC write to NTS. It is now possible that fines can be applied for false automatic alarms. There have anecdotally been 23 false alarms logged recently.</p> <p>The chair thanked the members of the public who had attended.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
12. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meetings – Monday 5 th December 2016, 7:00pm in the Town House.	

The meeting ended at: 8.35pm