

## Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
Held in The Town House, Culross

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
CCCLr Tim Collins, Chairperson	
CCCLr David Alexander, Vice Chairperson	Lynne Smith
CCCLr Robert Nelson	Lorna Graham
CCCLr Ben Cook	Martin King
CCLr Clare Short	
CCLr Angus Carmichael	
<b>In attendance:</b>	
Cllr Kate Stewart	
<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>	
CCLr Robin MacKenzie Cllr Diane MacKenzie Elaine Longmuire NTS Community Police Officers Kevin Chandler Graeme McLaren	

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

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Action BY</b>
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	As above	
<b>2 NTS</b>	None see apologies	
<b>2a. Other Group</b>	Village Fete and Farmers Market advised the current position with the event. See below for more. AC gave a synopsis of the latest ash lagoon liaison committee meeting. Information about the on going remedial action on the dust cloud. The current chair is to remain in place. There are currently 32 workers engaged in decommissioning. A quantity of scrap has been removed from site with no discernible complaints. Water is being pumped on to the lagoons from the Forth, the old mine workings and the Bluther Burn. There are as yet no plans to import material for capping the lagoons.	
<b>3. Approval of Last Minute</b>	Moved BC Seconded DA	
<b>4. Matters Arising from last Meeting</b>	The issue of bus routes Westward through the village is still a major concern. KS advised negotiations with the operator were on going with FC. AC advised KS speak to a more senior officer for a better view of the likely outcome.	KS
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	RMK email report circulated in the absence of RMK. Account balances as at 30/04/17: Current A/c: £2,479 Environmental A/c: £12,074	
<b>6. Correspondence</b>	There was hard copy correspondence in the form of a police report which was circulated and a letter from FC regarding the East car park. See below Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to	

	members.	
<b>7. Chairperson's Report</b>	<p>The extra step on the toddler slide has been installed. The unit is now more accessible but not entirely satisfactory.</p> <p>There is still no news on the outcome of the public inquiry. We are not able to hurry this along and we must just be patient.</p> <p>Officers from FC visited the public toilet block c/w a drawing and some trades people to talk over and schedule the work. This should now all be in hand although I have no confirmation as yet.</p> <p>The Community Payback team have, once again, been doing some work in the village, including painting the picnic area fence – 30 litres of paint to date.</p> <p>CDT / KM has secured some funding for the proposed filming on the pier.</p> <p>GC has very kindly agreed to take on the administration and organisation of the war memorial repairs.</p> <p>The issue of the Westward bus service from the village needs further effort. KS advised that discussion between FC and the operator were on going and the solution seemed to be centred around the 28 service. AC advised KS of an alternate path to resolution. See above</p> <p>The village fete and farmers market scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> needs a little help in selling the stalls. There are a number still to go and LS advised that many from the existing list had still to respond. TC advised that the position with the festival tents should be resolved tonight. AC</p> <p>The Culross Senior Citizens group are having their next trip on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to the Glenturret distillery Crief. A tour has been booked and lunch in the cafe to follow. The minibus from the Miners Welfare Home is booked for the day.</p> <p>The stables management committee are in need of our support to complete some essential work on the building. They have secured £10,000 for re-wiring work, a further £2,000 from FC to help with the additional work. I would like a show of hands for the resolution that CCC donate £1,000 to the project. We will, of course, expect an account from them post project as to where the money has been spent for our jurisprudence. NB I have proxy agreements from DMK and RMK for this donation from the environmental fund</p> <p>All agreed that a donation of £1,000 should be made.</p> <p>The East Car Park once again played large on the issue rating scale. The social inclusion officer from FC attended a meeting along with FC officers in the car park where possible practical and legal solutions were discussed. The officers promised to revert within 14 days – they had not. The Social Inclusion officer Lesley Corio has turned out to subsequent incidents and seems to be having the desired effect as the visitors have left quickly on recent occasions. It seems that the police are taking action on unlicensed vehicles in the car park. The response noted above arrived in correspondence received</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>KS</p> <p>RMK</p>

	<p>today by email.  TC advised that FC had been told the response was unacceptable and that further communication would follow.  There followed a heated discussion on the possible solutions and the continuing incursions.  It became clear that if FC met its obligation to provide stop over sites for travellers then the visitors could be moved on immediately to the stop over site. There were a number of location options for such a site including land now not needed by SP. Such a solution would take time to organise and implement. A temporary barrier or similar device to deter overnight parking should be put in place immediately.  CCC to write to FC along these lines.</p> <p>The ash lagoons and the ash clouds have been a major cause of concern for all of the coastal villages this month. The responses from SP do not seem to have fully appreciated the serious nature of the dust.  SEPA, SP, FC, local politicians, concerned groups and individuals have all taken part in various actions. There has been a degree of confusion surrounding the cause and remedy for the dust clouds and a public meeting has been organised by the West Fife Forum. This is to be in the Valleyfield Community Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with time to be advised.  This incident is a major environmental disaster and deserves to be treated as such. Long term effects of this dust may not become apparent for years when all the protagonists will be long gone and unaccountable. Some provision for the future care of those affected must be established today for draw down tomorrow. The initial clean up costs must also be laid at the SP door.</p> <p>There followed another lengthy and heated discussion. Which resulted in the decision to treat the West Fife Forum as the credible vehicle to move the issue forward. CCC to encourage the public to attend the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May and to send a delegate with the specific brief to seek an immediate payment from SP into a clean up fund. This fund to be administered by the Community Councils who will be expected to use the fund to improve local facilities that contribute to the health and wellbeing of residents.  The second more long term fund, possibly in the form of an interest earning insurance bond, would be administered by FC acting as trustees and should be of sufficient size to ensure the treatment of the long term effects of inhalation of this dust. The details to be agreed between the communities, SP and FC.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
<p><b>8. FC Cllr's Report</b></p>	<p>KS gave a brief outline of the work she and our local MSP were currently doing to secure a solution to the dust problem. KS agreed that this is a very serious incident and should not be taken lightly. Also advised that she had been working to try and gain some kind of legacy project for the area similar to other areas where major employers had moved out. The Task Force were targeted more with regeneration projects but are engaged. Summarised the travellers situation in terms of what FC can do within the law as it stands. Assure the meeting that the Social Inclusion officer has over 40 years experience dealing with travellers and has a great deal of expertise in this area.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p><b>9. External Meeting Reports</b></p>	<p>See above AC</p>	
<p><b>10. Planning</b></p>	<p>Tree topping near the abbey – no issues</p>	

<b>11. Any Other Competent Business</b>	RN asked KS about the heritage meetings and KS gave an update of the current situation. Advised that there is a pot of money available for heritage related projects. It was agreed that WF and KS would try to have the area cleared more frequently.	
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7:00pm in the Town House. The Chair thanked those attending.	

The meeting ended at: 8.20pm