

## Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> September 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	
CCClr Ben Cook	
CClr Robin MacKenzie	
CClr Angus Carmichael	
CClr Diane MacKenzie	
CClr Clare Short	
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
	Cllr K Stewart
Cllr Mino Menekshaw	Elaine Longmuir
	Kevin Chandler Community Police
	Martin King

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>	<p>To update you all on the Townhouse Clock. I am very aware that we have a duty of care to it.. and I have therefore decided on the following actions to ensure the clock receives the attention it needs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We have an auto winding steeple clock in our Townhouse here at Culross which dates from 1793. It has now stopped working and requires a complete overhaul.</li> <li>2. I have received two quotes from professional, qualified and well renowned clock masters; Smith of Derby Ltd and the Cumbria Clock Company. Both have given me very similar quotes and notes to action.</li> <li>3. Both recommended that we keep clock as is (stopped) to prevent any damage.. and they would carry out the overhaul on our instruction.</li> <li>4. We unfortunately do not have the large sum that is required to carry out this work right now... and the plan is to run a national large scale fundraising appeal to raise funds for this at the beginning on 2018. This therefore means that the clock will not be running until 2018.</li> <li>5. I have checked with both clock masters and they both reassured me it was fine for the CCC to pull the rope cord in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway to make the bell chime on Hogmanay.</li> </ol> <p>I really do understand that this is a disappointment as it is always lovely to see the clock running... but I hope you can understand that I want the best for the clock itself so ensure its longevity. Please do let me know if you have any concerns or comments.</p>	
<b>2a. Other Group</b>	Community Police report by email a short discussion around car scratching ensued. Incidents can be reported on the FB page or by calling 101	
<b>3. Approval of Last</b>	Moved RMK Seconded BC	

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<p><b>4. Matters Arising from last Meeting</b></p>	<p>SP maintenance of the coastal path in some areas is ineffective and a serious cut back of shrubbery is require to keep the path viable.</p> <p>The issue of bus routes Westward through the village is still a major concern. KS previously advised negotiations with the operator were on going with FC. The group resolved that MM be advised of the state of the current service or lack thereof whereupon he would pursue a resolution.</p> <p>The matter of the ash cloud and consequent air pollution was again raised. It was noted that the promised community council involvement had not taken place and that from the community aspect, little appears to be happening to hold SP to account. MM gave a resume of the proposed plan to cap the lagoons and the demolition on the main site. CCC insisted that the situation was unacceptable and require some long term assurances for the area after SP depart possibly in the form of an insurance bond of sufficient size to mitigate the worst case scenario. MM to advise when consultation / information becomes available.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>TC MM</p> <p>MM</p>
<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>RMK gave a brief synopsis of the finances. Both accounts are in credit GA – 2,968.07 EA – 12,132.40 (Includes comfort corner funds) It was noted that the bench for the coastal path was further delayed but that funds were ring fenced for that. CCC had donated £1,000 to the stables to aid in the repairs. It was further noted that CCC have a commitment to pay CDT £90 for work done. This from sales of the paths guide. It was also noted that CCC should make a contribution to the volunteers who manned the car parks during the fete. A furthe sum to be held in reserve as a contribution to the fireworks display on the 5<sup>th</sup></p>	
<p><b>6. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>There was no hard copy correspondence. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members. Matters of note were planning notifications (see below)</p>	
<p><b>7. Chairperson's Report</b></p>	<p>Good news on the outcome of the public inquiry. We understand that the Dun has been sold to another developer, Mr Tanner. It has been suggested that CCC make contact with Mr Tanner and encourage him to progress the Dun development as soon as possible.</p> <p>Work on the public toilets is scheduled to start in early September.</p> <p>GC continues to progress the administration and organisation of the war memorial repairs. (a short discussion followed centred on the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony RN to revert after the church meeting)</p> <p>The issue of the Westward bus service from the village still needs to be addressed. Now that local elections and the general election are out of the way we should be able to get some progress.</p> <p>The stables management committee have now completed the strengthening work and the Stables are, once again available as a venue.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>RN</p> <p>KS MM</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p>(book on the FB page or email Justin)</p> <p>The ash lagoons and the ash clouds which were a major cause of concern for all of the coastal villages and the subsequent public meeting chaired by the local MSP did little to assuage the fears of the local residents at the time and seem to have done little since. Follow up meetings with community councils to keep us informed have yet to take place. SEPA did return some monitoring kit to the area following the meeting but probably too late to record any significant pollution. (a heated discussion ensued when members expressed frustration at the lack of any significant progress towards redress for those affected by the dust. MM summarised the proposed capping plans)</p> <p>CCC have signed up to LISP and LISP took a stall at the fete to disseminate information to the general public. That seems to have gone well.</p> <p>The retirement presentation to Willie at the Fete went off well and GC presented a well researched endorsement for the gifts.</p> <p>The flag from Chile was well received by Ken who did a well received and off the cuff spot with Anya.</p> <p>The Village Fete and Farmers Market team did a sterling job and in particular Lynne Smith and Sara Cook did an outstanding marketing job. Robin kept a close eye on the income and expenditure keeping the team apprised of progress at all times, many thanks to Robin.</p> <p>The volunteers who all turned out to erect and dismantle the tents, to marshal the stall holders and the car parks, all helped to make the day. The boys who expected to fund raise in the car park were thwarted in their efforts and it would be good if CCC made a contribution in recognition of their initiative and efforts. The raft race was the best entry for a number of years and a video shot by Andrew MK with a drone is floating around the ether, thanks to Andrew for that, it all adds to the publicity and marketing material for next year.</p> <p>The on line crowd funding, my first attempt at this form of funding, was not a great success.</p> <p>The event had an overall financial surplus and I feel CCC should repeat the exercise next year. (All concurred so next year the fete continues!)</p> <p>I attended an information session on Community Asset Transfer with Lora Graham and Jo Darnley and hosted by FC. Very useful pieces of information although transferring a private asset is more complicated than one owned by a public body. There was little information on this aspect but I have contact information to get guidance. I will pass this on to CDT at the next meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>The Village Newsletter, a new team is needed to continue the good work done by Sara and Ben. (All agreed that a new form of communicating with the community should be adopted. Currently the Dmail is filling a need for the on-line community but a conduit is also needed to the not on line folk.)</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>RMK</p>
<p><b>8. FC Cllr's Report</b></p>	<p>MM spoke about a workshop organised by Harbour Flood and Coast which examined the resilience of the sea wall defences. MM stated that it was his understanding that Network Rail are committed to maintaining the sea wall along the length of the</p>	

	track in to the foreseeable future. The draft report indicates that Culross faces a lesser threat than Kincardine. He expected that community involvement in the study / report would follow at some juncture.	MM
<b>9. External Meeting Reports</b>	See above	
<b>10. Planning</b>	Replacement windows and the like - minor works nothing contentious.	
<b>11. Any Other Competent Business</b>	<p>Fireworks money and the newsletter status outlined above. The flood defence also outline above.</p> <p>There followed a lengthy and contentious discussion around the village parking problems. Exacerbated at this time of year by inconsiderate tour buses. A recent meeting with FC offered a part solution to replace the broken timber bollards and to replace the P 100yds sign at Sandhaven.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that this issue was extremely contentious and volatile and that no solution would be found without community involvement.</p> <p>There was general agreement that the Play Park contractor did not supply quality materials for the tunnel element and that FC should be asked to pursue urgently a satisfactory resolution to the failing element.</p>	<p>DMK</p> <p>TC DMK</p>
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Next Meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, 7:00pm in the Town House.</p> <p>The AGM would take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 19:00 hrs in the Town House to be followed by an ordinary meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked those attending.</p>	

The meeting ended at: 8.30pm