

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 4th December 2017
Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:	Members of the Public
CCClr Tim Collins, Chairperson	
CCClr Robert Nelson	
CCLlr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer	Alison Hadden
CCLlr Angus Carmichael	Alan Gratton
CCLlr Diane MacKenzie	
CCLlr Ben Cook	
CCLlr Lynne Smith	
CCLlr Lora Graham	
CCLlr Clare Short	
In attendance:	Apologies Submitted:
Cllr K Stewart	
	Elaine Longmuir
	Kevin Chandler Community Police
	Ian Fraser Community Police

The meeting started at 19.00 hrs with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action BY
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies	As above	
2 NTS	None	
2a. Other Group	See below	
3. Approval of Last Minute	Moved DMK Seconded LS TC to amend with the account balances	TC
4. Matters Arising from last Meeting	The improvements to the war memorial was progressing with the help of FC, GC and RMK The local bus issue was still a live issue but there is no progress to report this period. Notice board has not yet been purchased but should be in place by February 2018 It was also noted that two existing notice boards should be either replaced or refurbished. Xmas trees to be collected Wednesday 6 th TC and RN to liaise The East car park issues were aired and it was revealed that nine tickets had been issued for parking offences and that officers regularly visit the car parks in Culross. It was confirmed that officers would attend and issue tickets if summoned by local witnesses. Concern for the safety of FC officers when issuing tickets to potentially violent offenders was discussed and it was resolved that FC be asked to confirm caveats and restrictions imposed on officers issuing tickets in these circumstances. The now defunct pavilion requires to be removed and FC have been approached. The portaloo is now secured and FC have agreed that the proposed green actions are in order and CCC are free to continue to relocate and plant shrubs and trees as described. DMK advised that Garden of Gold a charity organisation are seeking areas to plant in the area. It was agreed that the area	LS

	around the pic nic area should be offered to this group.	DMK
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>RMK gave a summary of the current financial status. Confirmed that agreed funds had been transferred to the various voluntary groups.</p> <p>The general account was in credit £2,424.47 The environmental account balance was £2,666.22 A short discussion resolved that funds be held in reserve for replacement or refurbishment of the village notice boards.</p>	
6. Correspondence	<p>There was no hard copy correspondence. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members.</p>	
7. Chairperson's Report	<p>Work on the public toilets was scheduled to start after the village fete and Farmers Market in early September, however delays have resulted in a very late start. The FWF funds have been paid to FC in order to meet our deadline on the spend. Work of a kind has started but I have been unable to get a progress update from FC for some time.</p> <p>The issue of the Westward bus service from the village is still an issue and in spite of the rhetoric there seems to be little progress to date in resolving this issue.</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. It seems that the ash lagoon committee are the point of contact for all lagoon issues.</p> <p>The Village Newsletter, now in abeyance and replaced in large part by Dianas Dmail. We have still to purchase and fit the new notice board for the school area. Initial soundings indicate that advertising space on the boards would be supported by local business.</p> <p>The stables management committee have undergone some changes and, as Robin is now part of the team, I shell leave it to Robin to advise on the Stables issues.</p> <p>The next Senior Citizens event is an Xmas lunch in the Red Lion courtesy of David and Ann on the 11th December at 12:30.</p> <p>CDT became a SCIO in November and the inaugural meeting is tomorrow at 19:30 in the town House.</p> <p>The village forum meeting was well attended and proved to be a good forum for exchange of ideas and help between the village volunteers.</p> <p>The festival committee was due to have an AGM in November but I have as yet no feedback on this.</p> <p>The pub quiz was well attended again this month and the calendar for 2018 has been circulated.</p> <p>A meeting with EL of NTS proved very useful in clearing the air on a number of simmering issues and I think we can look forward to better communications going forward.</p> <p>Valleyfield Health Centre has yet to respond to the concerns expressed in the CCC letter</p> <p>The application for the street parade licence was completed by DA and insurance cover has been requested via FC. Police attendance has been assured. Congregate at the Abbey 23:30 – 45 and parade to the Town House via Mercat Cross for the bells. Torches available from the Gala committee.</p> <p>The application for the Farmers Market and Village Fete has been submitted and insurance has been requested via FC. St</p>	

	<p>Andrews will again provide the First Aid cover on the day. FC have new procedures in place for these events and it seems we may need a license for this event. There will of course be a fee of around £150 for this.</p> <p>I attended a workshop hosted by CRT in the Kincardine Community Centre. The event was aimed at groups interested in CAT with a specific project in mind. I have a follow up meeting tomorrow with the chap from CRT who was responsible for the event.</p> <p>Bin collection calendar available at https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/env_bins/index.cfm Enter your post code to get the dates for your area. LG and DMK have kindly agreed to post the schedule.</p> <p>A wee note to finish, even though I know you do not need to be reminded. We are in the depths of winter now and it would be good if we could keep an eye on our more senior citizens to ensure that they are managing to keep warm and well fed. A social knock on the door and a friendly smile goes a long way to cheer up an otherwise solitary person.</p>	
8. FC Cllr's Report	<p>KS gave a summary of recent activities including a visit to Blair Castle currently hosting the refugees from the Kincardine nursing home. She advised that visitors were always welcome and that gifts and the like were always welcome at this time of year. A lengthy and heartwarming discussion resolved to ask a local choir to visit and perform a choral session for the residents. On the Longanet demolition, KS advised that ideas were being sought for a legacy project. One idea was that an oyster farm be established along the coast to assist in the environmental clean up. There has been no progress on the ash cloud issue and it seems that the affects of this disaster are destined to be buried in the pages of history and that victims will not be compensated in any way.</p>	DMK
9. External Meeting Reports	<p>RN gave a summary of the ash lagoon committee meeting revealed that the power disconnect was on going and 62 personnel were engaged in decommissioning, the lagoon pumps are being monitored by CCTV to ensure competence. Current thinking is that 150mm of aggregate capping will be sufficient to ensure the safety of the lagoons. CCC determined that a plan for the future use of the lagoons was critical in deciding the integrity of any capping proposal. RN advised that a consultation was to take place on the future of the lagoons at which time it may be appropriate to raise concerns. A discussion determined that CCC had little confidence that SP would fully meet their obligations to the environment or the community unless strictly monitored by authority.</p>	
10. Planning	<p>An application for an extension to Park House Steading had no objectors and no discussion took place on the application. An application for change of use at Dunimarle was discussed at length. A majority of councillors were in favour of endorsing the proposed change of use and it was resolved that CCC should support this application. There followed a short but heated discussion on the former Dundonald Arms status. It was resolved that, although CCC want this development to progress speedily, there was no desire to endorse the application and it was resolved to simply not comment. A number of councillors felt that CCC should always express an opinion to the planners rather than simply not commenting on applications that were uncontentious as local input and opinion should be paramount in planning decisions. This was noted but no immediate action was determined on this</p>	DMK

	issue. The development at Blair castle stables was noted and no objections were raised and no discussion took place.	
11. Any Other Competent Business	<p>The residents at the South end of Newgate had been contacted to advise of the proposed Pilgrims Way plans. To date there were no objections to the proposals and the community payback team are to be asked to progress the clearing of the Newgate.</p> <p>The proposed notice board for the school area may have to be post mounted as the school railings appear to be somewhat degraded.</p> <p>The condition of two notice boards was discussed. The board at the West of the war memorial and the board in the East car park. It was determined that these would be replaced or refurbished along with the installation of the new school board.</p> <p>The proposal to initiate a CCC facebook page was declined due mainly to a multiplicity of sites of local information and the future developments of this social media platform.</p> <p>The deer signage for the low road has been rejected by FC and it was decided that a school project to design and erect a save our deer or dear deer sign might be a good solution.</p>	CS
12. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Next Meeting – To be determined</p> <p>The Chair thanked those attending.</p> <p><i>I wish you all a very merry Xmas and a good New Year</i></p>	

The meeting ended at: 20:45 hrs