

## Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
Held in The Stables, Culross

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
CCClr Tim Collins, Chairperson	Lora Graham
CCClr David Alexander, Vice Chairperson	
CCClr Robert Nelson	Alison Hadden
CCLr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer	Judy Jackson
CCLr Angus Carmichael	Martin Jackson
CCLr Diane MacKenzie	Martin King
CCLr Angus Carmichael	Alan Gratton
CCLr Ben Cook	
CCLr Lynne Smith	
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr K Stewart	
Cllr Mino Makenshaw	Elaine Longmuir
Kevin Chandler Community Police	
Ian Fraser Community Police	CCLr Clare Short

The meeting started at 7.25pm 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	
<b>2a. Other Group</b>	<p>The members of the public present were identified as a group and allowed to present as such at this point on the agenda. This group expressed deep concerns about the years events surrounding the east car park. In particular the manner and methods used to deal with the illegal incursions of overnight parking.</p> <p>The feeling was that the solution of a height restriction barrier at the car park would be an effective deterrent.</p> <p>The group outlined a catalogue of antisocial behaviour that caused distress to both local residents and tourists alike.</p> <p>There followed a lengthy and heated discussion about the repeated incursions and seeming lack of official response. Community police officers present explained the restrictions in terms of the legal position and what action had been taken against offenders this year.</p> <p>CCC explained the history and reason for the East car park and stated that the CCC preferred long term solution was to pressure FC to meet their legal liability and provide overnight parking facilities for travelling people. If such facilities were available, the move on orders would be immediate and enforceable.</p> <p>The discussion then went over all the possible options for mechanical prevention which were each ineffective in the implementation.</p> <p>It was agreed that all present would direct their energies towards pressing FC to meet their obligations to travelling people and that the group would put together ideas and options for consideration as options. The group agreed to feed these ideas back to CCC for discussion.</p>	TC

<b>3. Approval of Last Minute</b>	Moved RMK Seconded BC	
<b>4. Matters Arising from last Meeting</b>	<p>A short discussion centred around the evolution of the dust cloud from the ash lagoons determined that the issue was still live and being actively engaged by FC, SEPA and SP. SP have not yet indicated that they will be liable for any form of compensation to the victims. KS and MM agreed to feed back to the next CCC meeting on this matter.</p> <p>A short summary of the war memorial restoration followed. CCC thanked GC for his unstinting efforts on this matter. The current status is that WMT and FC together are able to action the required work. There are a number of practical steps and hurdles that have to be crossed before work can commence and CCC agreed to pursue this.</p> <p>The location of additional bench on the coastal path was agreed. The Westward bus service from the village was still a live and heated issue. MM and KS outlined the current status of the service and the actions taken to improve the service. CCC requested that FC employ some lateral thought to the problem and consider alternative solutions. Mobility is a social necessity not a commercial enterprise and the social aspect was not getting any priority in the matter. The matter stays live. The reported gas leak at the stables appears to be resolved.</p>	<p>KS MM</p> <p>RMK</p> <p>KS MM</p>
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>RMK gave a brief synopsis of the finances, having presented examined annual accounts at the preceding AGM Both accounts are in credit (General Acc. £2,312 Environmental Acc. £2,586)</p> <p>The proposed budget for next year showed a deficit over the FC grant. It was agreed that local fund raising would cover the deficit and the budget was approved unanimously as presented. CCC agreed that funds would be given to PTA for the school garden, to the gala committee for the fireworks display, to the stables for sundry items. Agreed that a notice board be purchased for the school area. It was agreed that the funds in the newsletter account should, in part, be used to meet some of the commitments above but also to fund an A5 flyer with a 2018 calendar of village events. The paths guide is nearing its end and it was agreed to seek funding for a revised edition.</p>	<p>DA TC</p> <p>DMK</p> <p>TC</p>
<b>6. Correspondence</b>	<p>There was no hard copy correspondence. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members.</p>	
<b>7. Chairperson's Report</b>	Presented at the AGM and not repeated here.	
<b>8. FC Cllr's Report</b>	<p>KS gave a summary of recent activities including the community payback team work around the village, the current status of the SP situation and the current projects she is involved with. MM gave a resume of the bus issue and his actions to reach a satisfactory outcome for the village problems. CCC asked what committees KS and MM were serving this term. KS and MM gave a list of the committee places.</p>	
<b>9. External Meeting Reports</b>	<p>Ash lagoon committee meeting due, report next meeting. Pilgrims way meeting. Culross is one of the gateways for this project and as such should get some enhancements. It was suggested that the boathouse would serve as a "shelter" with a number of enhancements and features like route maps, benches, interactive information for walkers and so on. CCC was broadly accepting of these ideas.</p>	

	The Heritage group is now well established and planning an event in Oakley focussed on the history of mining in the area. The Mote Pit and the ancient monk activity in and around Culross will feature.	RN
<b>10. Planning</b>	The current status of the Dun and the new planning application. Change from public house to residential two houses with associated car parking. CCC agreed that this development should be encouraged but expressed concern about the clause 75 contract with the previous developer. It was agreed after a short discussion that CCC would write to FC to determine the status of that contract. While there was a will to express support for the new application, it was decided to await the response to the query on the contract.	TC
<b>11. Any Other Competent Business</b>	Concern was expressed about the current state of the High Valleyfield Health Centre. A short discussion revealed a deep level of dissatisfaction with the service level. It was agreed that CCC write in the first instance to the centre manager and thereafter to elected representatives at all levels. Culross Primary School Xmas fair will be on the 9 <sup>th</sup> December and support from the whole community would be good to keep the school viable. Xmas trees for the Town House and Community Garden are to be purchased. There will be a choral concert at the Abbey on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> December It was proposed that CCC make the Stables a priority project for 2018. A short discussion on the parameters of this commitment resulted in a unanimous decision to lend every support to the current management team. It was agreed that the torchlight parade was a worthwhile event and should be supported. Status to be determined after the Village Forum meeting next Monday when the intention of the gala committee will be known. LG was invited to join the council as a co-opted member responsible for CDT liaison. LG agreed to this appointment. There was expressed a high level of concern regarding the lack of attendance at meetings by NTS staff. It was agreed after discussion that CCC write and ask that a representative or a written information sheet be presented at the next meeting. A short discussion centred around the town house clock and the cost of repair resulted in a determination to see a resolution and repairs as a matter of urgency. It was confirmed that a representative of the village youth would lay the community wreath on the 11 <sup>th</sup> . BC agreed to lay the FC wreath as the elected members had committed to other village ceremonies.	TC  RN        TC  BC
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 19:00 in the Town House. The Chair thanked those attending.	

The meeting ended at: 21:00 hrs