

## Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Held in The Town House, Culross

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
CCllr Tim Collins, Chairperson	
Cllr David Alexander, Vice Chair	William Kennet
Cllr Angus Carmichael	Sandy Tippet
Cllr Lynne Smith	
Cllr Lora Graham	
Cllr Clare Short, Secretary	
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr M Manekshaw	CCllr Robert Nelson
Cllr B Clelland	Cllr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer
Elaine Longmuir NTS	Cllr Diane MacKenzie
	Cllr K Stewart

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

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action BY
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	As above	
<b>2 NTS</b>	<p>EL advised that work on the Town House clock was imminent and should be completed within three weeks of commencement. Also thanked LHG for her help in recruiting volunteers who were all turning out to be superb in every respect. Confirmed that Bennet House was scheduled for sale within two years also that three Tanhouse Brae would be occupied shortly. As this was an existing NTS tenant LS asked whether the newly vacated property would be available for a new occupant. EL advised that the property would be surveyed and any essential work if any were identified would be done before re letting.</p> <p>EL advised that the Duke of Buccleuch is scheduled to visit on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and other events were contained in a poster which she would forward to CCC for local information.</p>	
<b>2a. Other Group</b>	<p>Questions from the public concerning the local bus service were fielded by FC cllrs who advised that £300,000 funding had been secured for public transport projects. This would fund an hourly bus service through Culross to Falkirk and Dunfermline for a three year period. After the three year period the service should be self funding or will be stopped. A use it or lose it scenario. The service was out to tender.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion followed which highlighted the fact that all the surveys on bus use did not reach the actual bus users.</p> <p>Questions on the High Valleyfield Health Centre were raised. CS described the actions that CCC had taken to assist VFHC to improve the service and advised that there was a general shortage of clinicians in the health service which was the root cause of many of the current issues. It was resolved that TC and CS would try to arrange a follow up meeting with the practice to see what further help we could offer.</p> <p>The absence of a police report was noted and it was determined that CCC should write to the community officers</p>	CS/TC

	asking that they make a monthly report as promised on many occasions in the past.	TC
<b>3. Approval of Last Minute</b>	Moved CS Secoded AC	
<b>4. Matters Arising from last Meeting</b>	There was little of significance arising	
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	RMK had circulated the report prior to the meeting and there were no questions on the report	
<b>6. Correspondence</b>	There was no hard copy correspondence. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members.	
<b>7. Chairperson's Report</b>	<p><b>The issue of the Westward bus service</b> Seems to be reaching a compromise and it is hoped that a new service will be agreed in the near future. See above</p> <p><b>The ash lagoons</b> the promised copy report from SEPA has still not materialised and I will chase them for a response this month. CllrMM advised that there was an imminent meeting with SP on this matter.</p> <p><b>The next Senior Citizens event</b> is tomorrow. A trip to The Verdant Works in Dundee. This trip was over subscribed and we intend to run a second visit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.</p> <p><b>The Farmers Market and Village Fete</b> Is now in full head on mode. We have around 8 plots still to let. CS introduced a mini steam engine in to the scenario and we have booked that for the day. It should prove a big attraction and should generate some revenue. CCC need ideas for the CCC stall. We need to know a cost for the exFestival Tents as the church group are pushing for a cost. Sandy D has agreed to collect tables as before. FC will be in attendance for sure and stall holders and vendors will be asked to produce documentation. If we get the weather again this year we should break even on the costs. I had intended to buy 2 new banners for the low road but opinion was that boards would be better. LS doing great work in getting the stalls let and updating the social media.</p> <p><b>Culross Community Council Area</b> I have not actioned this yet as there were other more pressing matters. Hope to initiate something in the next couple of months. This will be a slow process.</p> <p><b>NTS Tenants</b> Following our discussions with NTS we made further efforts to get the NTS tenants to respond to our offer of help. However, to date we have only one response and it was agreed that we should drop this effort. LG said she would like one last attempt and it was agreed that six potential participants would suffice to resurrect the effort.</p> <p><b>The LISP meeting</b> was again not well attended and the entire discussion focussed on the press release critical of SP Foundation. The meeting felt they had triggered a response from SP. I was and still am sceptical.</p> <p><b>WFVF EG Meeting</b> scheduled for the end of this month. Elected members are in favour of keeping the organisation going and I agree it could be a valuable tool in dealing with various bodies overlapping the CC boundaries. If anybody wants to come along, let me know. CllrMM and CllrBC expanded on the current status of the Forum and its future.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p> <p>RN</p> <p>TC</p> <p>LG</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p><b>Community Council Elections</b> This year is the end of the four year cycle and councillors have to be re-elected. It was agreed to post a notice and enter it into the village dmail to try and attract some younger people to take part. We should aim for getting at least one under 25yo on to the council.</p> <p><b>Electric Car Charging Points</b> I have been chasing FC to commit to installing a couple of points in the West Car park, but without any success as yet.</p> <p>CLLR MM and BC agreed to pursue this on our behalf.</p> <p><b>The Stables.</b> Now under the CDT banner and moving ahead with their plans with a renewed vigour in the management team. Keep an eye on social media for upcoming events.</p>	
<b>8. FC Cllr's Report</b>	<p>See above</p> <p>Also not the cessation of out of hours services at QMH was the subject of an open meeting in the city chambers and as many as can should attend.</p>	
<b>9. External Meeting Reports</b>	None	
<b>10. Planning</b>	CCC have no statutory consultee rights over a feasibility study on the solar farm to the North of the village.	
<b>11. Any Other Competent Business</b>	<p>RN asked in absentia about the blocked drain culvert under the Longannet pipes to the West end of the field to the West of his house. Would Angus raise at the next liaison meeting please.?</p> <p>The sad passing of "Ginger" Robertson was noted and condolences were expressed by all to the family.</p>	AC
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next CCC meeting will be the last before the summer break. Planning applications by nefarious developers tend to get submitted in the period. We need to be extra diligent over the summer months.</p> <p>Next Meeting –Town House Culross 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 19:00 hrs</p> <p>The Chair thanked those attending.</p>	

The meeting ended at: 20:30 hrs