

## Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Held in The Town House, Culross

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b>
CCCLr Tim Collins, Chairperson	
CCCLr Robert Nelson	
CCLr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer	
CCLr Angus Carmichael	
CCLr Diane MacKenzie	
Ccll Ben Cook	
CCLr Lynne Smith	
Ccll Lora Graham	
CCLr Clare Short	
<b>In attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies Submitted:</b>
Cllr M Manekshaw	
	CCLr David Alexander
Linda Whiteford NTS	
	Elaine Longmuir NTS

The meeting started at 19.00 hrs 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>	LW advised that the Easter events had gone well. Expressed thanks to AC for his help in ensuring the clock repair was within a reasonable cost. The work is expected to be complete by September 2018. Also expressed thanks to LG and DMK for their help in recruiting local volunteer guides. Reminded CCC that the village tour was planned for Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> April and said that children would be welcome.	
<b>2a. Other Group</b>	None	
<b>3. Approval of Last Minute</b>	Moved BC Seconded CS	
<b>4. Matters Arising from last Meeting</b>	There was little of significance arising LS to be added to attenders	TC
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	RMK had circulated the report prior and noted that the current account was in credit to £1096 and the environmental account was in credit to £3491. Reserved funds include £450 for the safety measures at the stables road crossing. No official word yet on the CG application. Floral grant now under local community funding up to £249 max. Application to describe use of funds. LS agreed to put a list together and recruit adopters for the tubs. DMK to provide a list of tub locations. There still remain to be located three tubs donated by DA The "Roy" fund was wound up with 50% residue to the stables and the balance to the pier fund. There was some discussion around the cost of the road safety measures at the stables. The funds received from the Outlander filming was agreed to be put to the stables project. TC, RMK, CS, LG all abstained	LS DMK

<p><b>6. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>There was hard copy correspondence which was tabled. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members. Outgoing included a letter in support of The Den another in support of the Bunkhouse and a third asking support from NTS in resolving the Sandhaven House issue.</p>	
<p><b>7. Chairperson's Report</b></p>	<p><b>Work on the public toilets</b> has been somewhat delayed due to the fire at Cairneyhill PS. However, the toilets are open but some work still to be done.</p> <p><b>The issue of the Westward bus service</b> The new timetable has been published and although I have not had time to ask for feedback, there seems to be a general resignation that this is the best we are going to get. MM advised that the contractor was very intransigent in this matter.</p> <p><b>The ash lagoons</b> the promised copy report from SEPA has not materialised and SEPA seem to be adopting a more hands off approach to us now that some time has elapsed since the event and they seem to be having difficulty in finishing the report. We should push this with all the main bodies SP, SEPA, FC etc.</p> <p><b>The Village Newsletter,</b> The new notice board has been bought and fixed in place. The keys are in the care of Sara and the school.</p> <p><b>The next Senior Citizens event</b> is still to be decided but discussions are underway with members of the PTA with a view to a joint event. DA has offered a room for IT teaching for the seniors group. TC advised that he had tried to do this in the past and received no interest but would try again and ask DMK to include the offer in the next dmail. CS advised that the facilities at High Valleyfield may also be suitable.</p> <p><b>Valleyfield Health Centre</b> CS continues to press on this matter as there are still issues that could be improved. The practice users have not all got the message yet and more effort is needed to get information circulated more widely that is currently the case. CS advised that a repeat letter had been sent to NHS Fife but has no reply as yet. A short discussion followed which agreed that fewer complaints were being generated. It was highlighted that some health centres were closing due to lack of clinicians and that the current incumbents at VFHC were approaching retirement age.</p> <p><b>The application for the Farmers Market and Village Fete</b> has been approved with conditions and we have a MO licence. CCC have paid this under protest and will seek a rebate. In order to help ameliorate this financial blow, CCC will ask the church to pay for their tents this year. Bookings are already coming in and LS is continuing the marketing effort.</p> <p><b>Culross Community Council Area</b> It came to light recently that Shiresmill, Balgownie, Middle and West Grange are outwith the CCC area. CCC can apply to FC to have the boundary moved but we would need to demonstrate that the neighbouring Ccs and the residents have no objection to the change. A short discussion agreed that CCC should follow procedure and ask FC to move the border to include the above and the caverns on the low road.</p> <p><b>Road Closures and related matters</b> Culross was once again cut in half by inconsiderate simultaneous road closures of both middle and back causeways where the backfilling was less than satisfactory with the cobbles not being reset properly. Some residents had their telephony links broken by vandals, more than once. BT seem to have resolved the problem but it was very worrying for people doing work or studying on line who were off line for a number of days.</p> <p><b>NTS Tenants</b> Following our discussions with NTS we endeavoured to get the NTS tenants to respond to our offer of help. However, to date we have only one response and if no</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>

	<p>further interest is expressed, we should drop this effort. It was agreed that one further hard copy effort would be made to get the tenants to respond.</p> <p><b>The LISP meeting</b> was not well attended and the entire discussion focussed on a proposed press release critical of SP Foundation. The reason to be a member of LISP was questioned and it was decided that the LISP constitution would be circulated to members for discussion at a later date.</p> <p><b>WFVF EG Meeting</b> Meeting was equally not well attended and the only agenda item was a motion to wind up the group and donate the remaining cash funds to a charity. The main reasons given were the lack of official recognition/authority accorded to the Forum which had then led to the gradual decline in interest and attendance. I could not wait until the end but voted in absentia to maintain the group. MM also argued strongly for the Forum to be retained and so the decision was taken to wind-up the Forum but with no action taken until June to allow MM time to address the fundamental issues raised. MM has since confirmed that the other ward councillors were in favour of retaining the forum as is FC's Area Manager and a joint-letter of support is in the pipeline. In the interim, the chair has resigned (without replacement) and given renewed Community Council support in West Fife, the next meeting will be at the end of May. One impact of the winding-down is that currently the 'Common Good' income from a wind turbine is routed through the Forum and this would have to be routed elsewhere in future.</p>	TC
<b>8. FC Cllr's Report</b>	<p>MM contributed to all of the foregoing discussions and added Transportation has estimated that a demand-survey, covering West Fife, would cost in the region of £35k and the action is currently with FC Officers to identify potential sources of funding. In parallel with that and to a large extent flowing from the Charette, Kincardine are pushing for the rail link, initially to Alloa but potentially also the route to the east and Inverkeithing. This is at an early stage and the next meeting is scheduled for the 27th of April when Network Rail and Transport Scotland are also expected to attend. The feeling was that the money could be better spent in other areas. AC pointed out the missing link would cost millions to construct and the estimates so far available were way under the actual anticipated costs. Projects that would provide employment and draw visitors to the area and help the next generation to move on. It was also a cause for concern that it seems that neither the defunct Task Force, FC or any other body had actually asked SP to leave a legacy project after the final demolition is completed.</p>	
<b>9. External Meeting Reports</b>	<p>AC tabled the minute of the last ALLC meeting which no CCC member had been available to attend. He outlined the planned capping of the lagoons regime which, on the face of it, appear to be inadequate in the opinion of the meeting. The leverage that the community now has to ensure SP cooperation is fast diminishing. There seemed to be some concern that LISP was conflicting with the cmmttee and clarity should be sought. It was noted that the LISP constitution was to be circulated and the matter discussed at a later date.</p> <p>AC tabled an SP notification of a Minor Event for the 12<sup>th</sup> April for circulation to the community.</p>	
<b>10. Planning</b>	<p>The objections to the "water tank development" were confirmed and it was generally accepted that the application was speculative and not a feasible project. An EIA was apparently needed to move this forward.</p>	
<b>11. Any Other Competent</b>	<p>DMK advised that the Golden Borders charity scheme was going ahead.</p> <p>It was noted that a coping stone on a wall above Haggs Wynd was</p>	

<b>Business</b>	in a dangerous state and it was agreed that AC would investigate and initiate any required action. DMK advised that the demolition of the pavilion at Bon Accord Park was stalled due to a colony of bats. DMK advised also that the flood pod from FC was only available for recurring floods and not the occasional event.	AC
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	Next Meeting –Town House Culross 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 19:00 hrs  The Chair thanked those attending.	

The meeting ended at: 21:00 hrs