

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 29th January 2018
Held in The Town House, Culross

| Present: | Members of the Public |
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| CCClr Tim Collins, Chairperson | |
| CCClr Robert Nelson | Jan |
| CCLlr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer | |
| CCLlr Angus Carmichael | |
| CCLlr Diane MacKenzie | |
| CCLlr Lynne Smith | |
| Ccllr Lora Graham | |
| CCLlr Clare Short | |
| In attendance: | Apologies Submitted: |
| Cllr K Stewart | |
| | Ben Cook |
| Elaine Longmuir NTS | |
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The meeting started at 19.00 hrs with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

| Agenda Item | Narrative | Action BY |
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| | The Chair welcomed all present. | |
| 1. Apologies | As above | |
| 2 NTS | <p>There are again issues with the fire alarm system constantly giving alarms on false signals. EL explained that the fire service and the supplier are aware of the problem but that there seems to be no simple solution other than to rip the whole system out. There were 4 false alarms over the festive period leading to local disturbance, stress, worries and anxiety in the local residents. It was resolved that CCC should write to NTS expressing concern and seeking a speedy resolution.</p> <p>EL confirmed that she has made repeated requests for the contractor to tidy the area around Bennet House, so far with little effect. LS confirmed that she had discussed the issue with NTS who appeared to be unperturbed by the situation. It was resolved that CCC include this issue in the letter noted above.</p> <p>EL advised that NTS expected to have a new surveyor in place by March 2018 and that there were still two vacant posts. Brian Dickinson and Simon Skinner were identified as senior officers of NTS who should be able to assist CCC in resolving issues.</p> <p>There followed a short discussion about the reinstatement of the road surface outside Bennet House. It seems that this is an FC responsibility.</p> <p>EL said she would produce a paragraph of information / news for the next dmail.</p> <p>The imminent repairs to the Town House clock were discussed around the general feeling that the bill was a little large for the task in hand. It was decided that CCC would obtain a competitive quote and pass this to NTS for consideration.</p> <p>EL advised that NTS would welcome a number of volunteer guides to help in the busy months from Monday through Friday 11:00 to 17:00 hrs.</p> <p>EL advised that she was unable to disclose the value of the</p> | TC |

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| | Cunningham Fund but advised that the fund was available for "worthwhile" projects. CCC advised that the stables committee should apply for assistance from this source. The other reserve – the Stephenson Fund was targeted at wild life projects and would not be a suitable funder for the stables projects. | |
| 2a. Other Group | None | |
| 3. Approval of Last Minute | Moved DMK Seconded AC | |
| 4. Matters Arising from last Meeting | There was little of significance arising | |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | <p>RMK had circulated the report prior and noted that the current account was in credit to £1343 and the environmental account was in credit to £2041</p> <p>A short discussion centred around the CDT and the SCIO status followed.</p> <p>It was generally felt that CDT could adopt many of the current CCC projects and the funding reserve for these projects.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be discussed with CDT at a later date.</p> <p>It was revealed that FC are asking CCC to pay for the removal of the Bon Accord park pavilion in the sum of £15k.</p> <p>The discussion determined that CCC should ask FC to disconnect all services to the structure and confirm that no asbestos is contained in the structure. FC to provide skips as required to the site and thereafter CCC will demolish and remove the structure in to the skips.</p> <p>FC have quoted £450 to install road safety features in the area of the stables access. CCC agreed that this should go ahead.</p> | |
| 6. Correspondence | <p>There was one hard copy correspondence, a sales brochure which was tabled.</p> <p>Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members.</p> | |
| 7. Chairperson's Report | <p>Work on the public toilets has begun and expected to finish early February.</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>KS advised that a new timetable would be in place by April and that schemes for a shuttle service were becoming available in certain areas. KS advised making contact with FC Bob Bailey transport services to discuss Smart Choices.</p> <p>Jen addressed the meeting and described her harrowing travel experiences to and from Glasgow.</p> <p>Winter weather issues. A number of incidents arose due to the icy wintery conditions over the previous three to four weeks. The meeting thanked community councillors on the ground who worked tirelessly to alleviate the travails of the community over this period.</p> <p>A short discussion followed on the gritting policy of FC and the availability of grit bins. All agreed that in the worst conditions only emergency travel should be attempted and that FC should be asked to place grit bins for next winter. Locations to be determined.</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</p> | |

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| | <p>have yet to take place. CCC contacted SEPA to ascertain the current status. The SEPA report is due out shortly and CCC will be kept informed and assisted in any approach to SP.</p> <p>The Village Newsletter, 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 next Senior Citizens event is still to be decided but discussions are underway with members of the PTA with a view to a joint event.</p> <p>The pub quiz was well attended again this month and the calendar for 2018 has been circulated.</p> <p>Valleyfield Health Centre responded to the CCC letter and a subsequent meeting proved very informative. A full and frank discussion with the practice partners and the practice manager identified a number of areas where improvements could be made. Improvements in community behaviour and health centre practices and procedures.</p> <p>Some issues require input from government ministers and CCC have written to all concerned in an effort to help the centre resolve some of the issues.</p> <p>The application for the Farmers Market and Village Fete has been submitted and FC are insisting on 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. It was noted that new banners were needed for the low road. RN stated that his preference was for sign boards rather than banners. TC and RN to look in to this.</p> <p>Erskine Brae There have been a number of issues in this area recently. Mainly centred around access and flooding. A number of residents have determined to attend the March CCC meeting to air their concerns. KS advised that residents either tenants or owners can be helped and represented by forming groups. She identified Andy Neil as a point of contact.</p> | |
| 8. FC Cllr's Report | <p>KS advised that she has pursued FC empty housing officers on the matter of Sandhaven House.</p> <p>It was agreed by all that the property has been empty for over 18 years during which time it has deteriorated in to its now dilapidated state. The building can still be saved if swift action is taken. It was determined that CCC ask FC planning enforcement to take more serious action to save this building.</p> <p>KS expanded on the current state of the WFVF and its imminent demise. The meeting determined that WFVF should be maintained if at all possible.</p> <p>Efforts to improve the bus links were hard but a constant item.</p> | |
| 9. External Meeting Reports | <p>AC explained that, due to the CCC meeting date the ash lagoon meeting would follow and so summarised the main points of concern for the meeting.</p> | |
| 10. Planning | <p>An application for an extension to Park House Steading was still live</p> | |
| 11. Any Other Competent Business | <p>The imminent arrival of the Outlander film crew and the inevitable disruption was discussed and in particular the current closure of Tanhouse Brae due to end only the week before the film crew are due to arrive. Saltire, the contractor seems to be immune to any criticism or advice from residents and it was decided that TC would try to contact the supervisor to try to give them a better understanding of the village issues.</p> <p>The application by the Den for Leader Funding was discussed. It was noted that there would be three similar projects within a mile of each other. TC resiled as a neighbour and the discussion resolved to support by letter the funding application.</p> <p>The Abbey roof funding application was also discussed and it was agreed that CCC would meet with the Abbey team to discuss with</p> | |

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| | <p>a view to supporting their application for funding to an appropriate body.</p> <p>The perennial problem of dog fouling was raised and KS advised that FC officers would visit and help with this issue if requested and it will shortly be an offence to walk a dog in public spaces without the walker carrying "poo bags"</p> | |
| 12. Date of Next Meeting | <p>Next Meeting – March 1st Town House Culross 19:00 hrs</p> <p>TC lodged apologies for this date.</p> <p>The Chair thanked those attending.</p> | |

The meeting ended at: 21:00 hrs