

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 4th June 2018
Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:	Members of the Public
CCClr 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	
CCClr Robert Nelson	
CCClr Ben Cook	
In attendance:	Apologies Submitted:
Cllr K Stewart	Cllr B Clelland
	Cllr Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer
	Cllr Diane MacKenzie
	Elaine Longmuir NTS
	Cllr M Manekshaw

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	Police report tabled.	
3. Approval of Last Minute	Moved CS Seconded LS	
4. Matters Arising from last Meeting	There was little of significance arising	
5. Treasurer's Report	RMK had circulated his report prior to the meeting and there were no questions on the report. Noted:- general account balance £1,687:10 and environmental account balance £2,041:82	
6. Correspondence	There was hard copy correspondence tabled. Correspondence through the yahoo email account is available to members.	
7. Chairperson's Report	The issue of the Westward bus service Seems to be reaching a compromise and it is hoped that a new service will be agreed in the near future. WK tabled a draft comment about the existing service for submission in any survey by the operator. A short discussion resolved that individuals should submit their own comments as the response would then be greater. WK was thanked for his work in putting the draft together. GP out of hours service There was an open meeting in the city chambers that CS and TC attended. CS has been asked by individuals who have started a petition for a space at the Fete to gather signatures as we did last year for the toilet upgrade.	

	<p>The Senior Citizens event A trip to The Verdant Works in Dundee. This trip was over subscribed and we ran a second visit on the 22nd of May. Both groups enjoyed the day. An event today in union with the toddlers and organised by Clare seems to have been a success also and a second event is planned.</p> <p>The Farmers Market and Village Fete Is now in full head on mode. We are sold out of Fete plots and squeezing in late comers. Current ideas for the CCC stall include a mystery wine table, a golden nail in a bale or a tombola. We intend to locate the petition table, as above, in the tent next to St Andrews First Aid table. FC will be in attendance for sure and stall holders and vendors are being asked to produce documentation in advance of the day. Robert advised on boards for the low road. LS doing great work in updating the social media information. A suggestion for a car/ tractor full of balloons was aired and well received although the question of who should inflate the balloons was a matter of some merriment.</p> <p>Culross Community Council Area 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>NTS Tenants It seems there is a general impression that some tenants lack the permissions to enhance the environment around their properties. A number of initiatives like hanging baskets, are not allowed. Given the lack of pavement space in general, opportunities for enhancements are limited. A general discussion centred around poor NTS communication with their tenants. terminology, typing errors, misunderstandings etc.</p> <p>WFVF EG Meeting Meeting note was tabled. Elected members are in favour of keeping the organisation going. It could be a valuable tool in dealing with various bodies overlapping the CC boundaries. The vote to retain the group was passed and TC was elected chair for the interim. The intention is to draft a constitution that will allow inclusion of other voluntary groups in the area which is to be ward one.</p> <p>Community Council Elections 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 broadcast in 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. A poster to be drawn up.</p> <p>Electric Car Charging Points Looks like we may, at last, be on the list for charging points. Two in each car park have been requested.</p> <p>Next CCC meeting will be after 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>TC</p> <p>LS</p> <p>TC</p> <p>BC</p>
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8. FC Cllr's Report	KS advised that there had been a heritage exhibition which had highlighted the witch trials as portrayed in the OUTLANDER film. NTS were now committed to displaying the true story of the witch trials. It appears that a feasibility study into the viability of a river taxi is to go ahead. Advised that she had attended a marine biology event where the environmental benefits of oysters was promoted. The super abundance of plastic nurdles along the Fife coast is causing some concern. Questions around the role of INEOS and SEPA in this were raised. SP are denying any legacy funding and SP Foundation remain unmoved by appeals to revisit the recent failed funding applications.	
9. External Meeting Reports	AC gave a comprehensive summary of the current status of the ALLC. Concerns centred around the recent impact of dust in the local area confirmed that some of the dust appears to emanate from the paths around the lagoons and along the rail line. Due mainly to the extended period of exceptionally hot and dry weather. It was resolved to monitor and record these incidents. The SP notified event appears to have passed without incident and a second event will take place on the 18 th June. A SEPA visit on the 24 th April had no concerns. It was noted that SP are disposing of assets among which the Kincardine power plant area is one of the items up for sale.	
10. Planning	Nothing contentious although the recent notice of change to the application for a garage at the Dun was briefly mentioned.	
11. Any Other Competent Business	DMK advised via CS that 30 new trees would be planted in the East car park in the autumn. Wild flowers in the picnic area were in progress. It was noted that there had not been a village clean up for some time and that it would be good to arrange one before the end of summer break a skip from FC will be needed. Tourist buses parking on pavements are breaking the slabs and causing stress to pedestrians. It was resolved to write to the companies involved to deter this and the names of the operators are to be noted in future incidents. The road verge along the Bon Accord park wall is infested with invasive weeds and it was resolved that it be planted with wild flowers or spring bulbs after removing the weeds.	
12. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting –Town House Culross 3 rd September 2018 19:00 hrs The Chair thanked those attending.	

The meeting ended at: 20:30 hrs