

CULROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Monday 5th March held in the Town House, Culross

Present:

CCClrs

Robert Nelson

Angus Carmichael

David Alexander

Diane Mackenzie

Claire Short

Ben Cook

Lora Graham

Lynne Smith

In Attendance:

Cllr Mino Manekshaw

Ronnie Collins

Stan Welsh

Apologies

Tim Collins

Robin Mackenzie

The meeting commenced at 19.00 hrs with David Alexander in the Chair.

Item 1. Apologies

Item 2. Ronnie and Stan outlined their plan for a West Fife walkers map covering the area from Kincardine to Blairhall. Diane offered her notes etc from her task of putting together the Culross walks booklet which had sold 1000 copies which after printing costs had raised £1000 for signage and path repairs round Culross. Angus suggested they register with <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/public-sector/mapping-agreements/one-scotland-mapping-agreement.html> for free Mapping and it was agreed that they would get in touch with Tim upon his return who has been making enquiries with Paths For All regarding funding for an updated guide.

Item 3. Moved DMK, Seconded LS

Item 4. David and Tim have still to source and erect a notice board at the primary school.

Item 5. Treasurers Report:

The General account has a closing balance of £1216.10 after a payment of £157.00 for the fete insurance and the Environmental Projects Account has a closing Balance of £2041.22 with an expected £1500 to come from the Outlander film.

Item 6. Correspondence received:

A letter was received from High Valleyfield Church asking for a letter of support for the application for funding from various sources for the £50,000 required for roof repairs and it was decided that DMK would do this.

An E-mail was received from Elaine Longmuir of the NTS.

Hi there,

The Operations Manager for this region, Jonathan Brown, and I would like to invite you to a meeting on **Monday 12th March, 7pm at the Townhouse Courtroom** to discuss ways in which the NTS and CCC can work together for the benefit of the village.

I hope you can all make it and look forward to seeing you then.

With regards,

Elaine

And another e- mail from Elaine

NTS Community Mini Talk. 15.02.2018

Any queries, please e-mail culross@nts.org.uk

1. Bennet Houses: Contractors Campbell and Smith have now completed their works and have thankfully moved all their equipment (including heras fencing) off site. NTS are now awaiting the project to be signed off by qualified architect and then the completion certificate issued by Fife Council. The long term plan would be to sell these two properties on after a settling in period of renting. The adopted land directly in front of these two houses was tarmacked over and we understand that this has caused some concern and upset. As this is adopted land, the NTS has no control over this, and so we would suggest you contact Fife Council for further information. 2. West Green: Work will begin early next week and we aim to have this property up for rental again within three months. 3. 3 Tanhouse Brae: This property has been undergoing a re-vamp and will be up for rental in March. 4. Townhouse Clock: The plan is for the works on the clock to begin spring 2018 and be complete by August/September 2018. 5. Extended opening Hours for 2018 season: It has been formalised that the Palace will be open from Friday 30th March until 31st October each day. In mid-season, the hours will be 11am until 4pm, and in high-season, the hours will be 11am until 5pm. Town Tours will continue to run. In Summary: Palace 30 Mar - 8 Apr, daily, 11.00 - 17.00. Town Tours, daily, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 9 Apr - 30 Jun, daily, 11.00 - 16.00. Town Tours, Sat & Sun, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 1 Jul - 31 Aug, daily, 11.00-17.00. Town Tours, daily, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 1 Sep - 31 Oct, daily, 11.00 - 16.00. Town Tours, Sat & Sun, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00 Last entry to Palace 45 minutes before closing time. Garden 1 Nov - 29 Mar, Mon - Fri, 10.00 - 16.00 30 Mar 31 October, daily, 11.00 - 16.00 6. Volunteers: To allow us to open 7 days throughout the season, there will be a few changes for the 2018 season in relation to staff structure and so we will be relying on volunteers, especially from Monday to Friday, to allow us to continue to open each day. If you have a few hours a week free, we would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us. 7. Outlander: Outlander has been on site for

the last week and will be filming in two rooms of the Palace and at Wee Causeway near Mercat cross next week. This is a great opportunity for the village and we are thankful to all for being so understanding and friendly to the Outlander team. Film tourism is a growing industry and it is great that we have Outlander to add to our list of productions. 8. Lime washing: The annual maintenance lime washing is taking place at the Palace over the next three weeks. This is vital to protect the soft sandstone underneath the lime wash... and also makes the Palace look pretty . Alison will also be carrying out touch up wall repairs throughout the village at this time. 9. Events for 2018 season: All NTS events can be found at <https://www.nts.org.uk/Visit/Culross/> and also on the regular Culross Events e-mail which is circulated. 10. Bessie Barr Hall Fire Alarm: A new hard wired fire alarm will be installed in the week of the 26th February. 11. Palace Fire Alarm: NTS has been working hard to push ADT (Fire Alarm Maintenance Company) to take action and this is on-going. Thank you to all for your patience in this matter. We also received a full audit by the fire service last week and were found to be doing all that we can and received no feedback for action and therefore reassured that Health and Safety management was carried out to the highest level.

Item 7.

Chairs Report: The Chairman was on holiday but the Vice Chair paid tribute to all in the Village who had helped clearing roads, ferrying health workers and carers to and from work and getting messages for those unable to do so.

Item 8: Fife Councillors' Reports:

Mino expressed his frustration that it appeared that Amey were at last to erect a sign on the A985 giving directions to Culross Abbey when they lost the contract and he will have again to push for this to be done. He also touched on the flooding Survey Meeting recently held in Culross and many of those present were unhappy that the survey was on the danger of the Forth overflowing when our experience to date is all our flooding problems come from the runoff from farmer's fields and this has been ignored.

Mino asked about progress with Sandhaven House and Lynn said she would chase up Fife Council and ask Kate Stewart if she had made any progress on the issue.

Item 9.

External Meeting Reports: In addition to the Forth flooding survey Scottish Power had held an exhibition on how they intend to cap the lagoons. The mood of the meeting was that the lack of clarity as to the long-term use and long-term maintenance of the sea wall and paths was very worrying and DMK agreed to write Fife Council expressing our concerns.

Item 10.

Planning: Nothing affecting Culross

Item 11.

Any other competent business:

In light of the recent extreme weather Diane thought we should look at the First Responder scheme.

Mino informed us that First responders required First Aid training as they were expected to attend local emergency situations until Paramedics arrived. the councillors agreed to find out more about the scheme before the next meeting.

The meeting broke up at 20.30.

