

Culross Community Council

Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3rd December 2018

Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:

Lora Hall Graham
Robin MacKenzie
Diane MacKenzie
Clare Short
Sandy Tippett
Angus Carmichael

In Attendance:

Cllr. Mino Manekshaw
Cllr. Kate Stewart
Elaine Longmuir, NTS Culross
Jonathon Brown, NTS Culross
Willie Ferguson, Chair, Ash Lagoons Liaison Committee
Ed Heather-Hayes, Pilgrim's Way
Calli Jones, Culross Primary School
Benedict Bruce, Member of the Public
Martin King, Member of the Public

Apologies Submitted:

Lynne Smith

The meeting started at 7.05pm with Lora Hall Graham in the Chair.

1. Guest Speakers

Ash Lagoons: Willie Ferguson, Chair, gave a comprehensive update on the meeting of the Ash Lagoons meeting of 29/11/18 -

Longannet has been short-listed as a possible location for the manufacture of the new high speed trains with the potential to deliver 1000+ jobs, could be as quick as 18months with a possible impact on the railway service from Alloa or Dunfermline.

Disposal of land at Longannet - concern re upkeep and maintenance going forward, likely to be corporate sale given size & scale of area.

Scottish Power have sold all power generating sites and Dracs have bought all SP assets and will be known as SP Generation. All current redundant sites still belong to SP.

Ash Lagoons - debate around the FC planning application not progressing as SP hoped due to objections from SNH who don't want capping as this would prevent birds being able to scrape.

However risk of mosquitoes breeding if open areas of water. Lot of money spent eradicating breeding grounds and concern this will return. Scottish Ministers will now need to determine outcome but concern re current impasse. Lagoons being maintained at present.

Planning application 18/01662/FULL - CC registered comment.

Action to be allocated - liaise with Sheila Carrabine, LV CC and Mary Emily Barker, Torryburn CC to share history and concerns re mosquito breeding.

Ramps over pipes - cyclists to dismount.

Security cabin at entrance to be removed.

Next Ash Lagoons Liaison Meeting - 21st February at 7pm at Gate House, Longannet.

NTS: Elaine advised the NTS is now closed until 1st April when it will reopen Friday - Monday's. CCC & NTS met on 29th November for a positive liaison meeting and agreed to meet on a regular basis going forward, next meeting 1/2/19.

Christmas Tree Lights - can be plugged in downstairs. **[Action PAT Test required, Diane]**

NTS are keen to support local business and has received a request to rent the Court Room for a retail outlet. The ownership of the Town House transferred to the NTS in 1975 with two conditions. NTS would like to give the CCC the right to say yes or no to this request in light of the condition of

conveyance of the title deed which states 'local organisations have the right to rent a room'; the other condition being the right to ring the bell at Hogmanay.

Lora & Sandy declared an interest in this matter and stated they are hoping to open the room to the public as a retail outlet, selling 80% Scottish made products, showcasing the history of the room and the robes, open all year round.

Lora & Sandy left the room while the CCC debated this matter. It was agreed to the Court Room being let subject to a draft memo of understanding being agreed with the NTS which will enable the CCC to hold monthly meetings in-perpetuity and at no cost, however it was recognised that holding meetings from time to time in The Stables would enable access for all and there to be more space/comfort- **[Action Robin to draft MOI]**

Pilgrim Way: Ed Heather-Hayes advised the route is due to officially open in 2019, Culross is one of two start points, North Queensferry is the other, and the route ends at St Andrews. Marker signs now erected, anticipated 120,000 visit in year one, rising to 200,000 by year four.

Seeking to erect a gateway panel in Culross giving information on route history with a map of the village and would like to use notice board location next to War Memorial. This is where the Pier History is located and it was agreed this is important to preserve and need to speak with Ken Munnoch - Action Diane.

Ed advised he did not have funding to replace the Pier History sign but would be willing to coordinate the design and manufacture of new a aluminium sign. Elaine suggested the NTS Cunningham Bequest could be used to for special projects which benefit Culross and new signage for the pier could be a worthwhile project.

Ed shared images of the signage and proposed options for a seal which walkers can have stamped on their route map - Ed keen for the CCC to decide what the seal should feature and suggested an image of the Abbey Church window with a Robin in the corner to represent St Serf. The Royal Burgh of Culross seal was also suggested.

There will be a cast metal iron disc symbolising 'in the footsteps' to go in the ground opposite the entrance to the Abbey Monastery and Ed was advised this is Historic Scotland, not within the CCC remit.

CCC to advise on preferences by 10/12/18. **[Action All]**

Police - There was no Police Report

2. Approval of Minute of the Previous Meeting

The Minute of the Meeting held on 5th November 2018 was approved by Clare Short and seconded by Robin MacKenzie.

3. Matters Arising from Minute of the Previous Meeting

Public Access Defibrillator: Complete

Fete: Tim Collins/ Lynne purchased snow plough to be kept in the village to clear the village pavements. **Complete**

Sand for Play Park: Clare purchased sand but more is required. **[Action Clare]**

Orienteering: Graham Gristwood was unable to attend this evening's meeting re hosting an orienteering event in Culross on 23rd March 2019. **[Action Lynne to contact]**

Road, Parking & Signage: Scott Blyth, FC previous emails to be forwarded to Mino for action. **[Action Angus/Mino]**

Electric Car Charging Point, Car Parks: Charging point to be installed in East Car Park early New Year.

Public Toilets: Robin liaising with Sandy White, FC re repairs to roof/ gutters/ public access drinking water. **[Action Robin]**

The Stables: FET Funding application for c.£50,000 looking positive. **[Action Robin]**

4. Chairperson's Report

No Report beyond matters arising & AOCB.

5. Treasurer's Report

Robin MacKenzie advised: transferred the boat funds to CDT; paid £666 out of Fete funds for the new snow plough; and paid £100 towards new planters for Culross Primary School.

6. Correspondence Received

Cunninghame House - concern about the safety of the bell tower reported to FC Environmental Services.

Dundonald Car Park - CCC have asked FC for clarification on the current status of the planning application to build a dwelling there in view of the successful appeal to cancel the stopping up order for the closure of the right of way. **[Mino/ On-going]**

All CCCllrs to read the Yahoo mailbox/ share correspondence of note.

7. Fife Councillors' Report

Kate discussed Visioning Workshop on Heritage & Tourism and meeting with Lesley Riddoch on Witchcraft.

Mino advised out of hours still running from Victoria Hospital and public meeting being held on 20/12. Travel expenses for those in need unlikely to be covered.

Community Resilience newsletter - Culross has no formal plan and relies on local contacts, social media and village email. Note if help is provided using own vehicles, will be on own insurance.

8. External Meeting Reports

Gala: Gala hosting Hogmanay torchlight procession - departing from the Abbey at 11.30pm. Street closure license to be applied for. **[Action Complete]**

West Fife Village Forum: AGM Tuesday 4th December at 7pm at Oakley Community Centre. **[Action All]**

9. Planning

Planning applications received in respect of external alteration to McDonald's House, Parleyhill, Culross and neutral comment to be submitted. **[Action Robin]**

10. Any Other Competent Business

Benches repaired at the playpark, thanks to Ken Munnoch.

Daffodils x 500 have been delivered and to be planted. **[Action Lynne]**

Trees x 21 have been delivered and to be planted at the East Car Park. **[Action Robin/ Diane]**

Community Payback - list of tasks for tackling early 2019 - please note areas in need of attention. **[Action All]**

Calli asked if the School railings could be added to the work list and will advise what the lead report states before writing to Alastair Mutch. **[Action Calli]**

Watch night service reading: Culross Abbey Church invited a member of the CCC to give a reading at the Watch Night Service. **[Action Sandy has volunteered]**

Rabbie's Coach Tour Funding - outstanding, **Action to be allocated**

Stephen Memorial Hall: FC Area Committee have agreed can be disposed of and now the Common Good Committee need to agree as it is a CGC Asset. **[Pending]**

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th February at 7pm in The Townhouse, Culross.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.