

Culross Community Council

Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st April 2019

Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:

Lynne Smith, Chair
Lora Hall Graham, Vice-Chair
Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer
Diane MacKenzie, Minute Secretary
Clare Short, Member
Sandy Tippett, Member

In Attendance:

Cllr. Kate Stewart
Jonathon Brown, NTS
Jo Darnley, Resident
Tom Gosgrove, Resident

Apologies Submitted:

Angus Carmichael, Ash Lagoons Liaison
Cllr. Mino Manekshaw
Calli Jones, Culross Primary School

The meeting started at 7.00pm with Lynne Smith in the Chair.

1. Guest Speakers

NTS - Jon Brown advised the Palace opened today 10am - 5pm and will be open each day until October when it will be open winter hours.

- Elaine Longmuir's replacement - Andy Elmer - is due to start on 24th April
- Easter Events at the Palace - see website for more information
- Bennett Houses - NTS to sue previous contractors and now hoping they will be ready to let within 2 weeks
- Vacant properties - there are currently three properties vacant and currently working through a list of works before being advertised
- 1st May introducing a Lego Tour of the Palace
- Free entry once per year for local residents
- Jo raised subject of Lindsey Porteous instrument collection and potential for his house to become a living museum in the future and Jon advised the NTS Curator will be in touch.
- NTS setting up an oral history project to record memories from village residents.

Police - There was no Police Report

Culross Primary School - Clare advised the daffodils that were planted at the entrance to the East Car Park are now growing. Spring beach clean up planned for Friday 17th May at 10am at the Pier.

2. Approval of the Minute of the Previous Meeting

The Minute of the Meeting held on 4th March 2019 was approved by Robin MacKenzie and seconded by Lynne Smith.

3. Matters Arising from the Minute of the Previous Meeting

Sand for Play Park: Clare purchased sand but more is required and agreed to fund cost of £220. Noted the bucket & chain missing and to ask FC if they are aware **[Action Clare]**

Road, Parking & Signage: Pot holes have not been repaired on Kirk Street or Erskine Brae. **[Action Robin to report]**

The Stables: Applied to LEADER for additional funds for internal refurbishment and extension. Big Lottery visited the building for the first stage of that application assessment [**Action Robin**]

Harbour Master (Job Share temporary) - Flags were raised for summer on 31/3/19. [**Action Complete**]

Parking on Pavements - At the February meeting the NTS offered to fund new bollards to prevent cars from parking on the pavement and further damaging to the flagstones/ causing issues for pedestrians & bus users. The bollards would permit roadway parking as per the rest of the village. This generous offer was acknowledged and appreciated however it was agreed further consultation and information would need to be sought. [**Action Lynne to contact Scott Blyth, FC for info for next mtg**]

NTS Memo of Understanding - NTS reviewing as not legally binding enough. Agreed the CCC and other constituted village groups can use the Town House for meeting with sufficient notice being given. ***A new lease is to be issued on an annual basis - not sure if this is to tenants or village groups and requires clarifying.***

NTS agreed to support lighting for Christmas Tree and occasional other events but this needs to be as sustainable as possible.

The ringing of the Bell at Hogmanay will continue and Education Room above Bessie's will be available for village groups and community events should the Town House ever not be available. progressing and we should receive copy for approval in early course. [**Action Pending**]

Tourist liaison Meeting - it was agreed businesses in the village might find it useful to co-ordinate a village wide strategy - [**Action Sandy to progress**]

Pilgrims Way - Lynne contacted Douglas Spiers to discuss the new interpretation board for the Pier & Moat Pit and he is progressing with Ed Heather-Hayes & Dilys Livingston. Lynne to contact Ed to ascertain if the new notice board needs to be produced at the same time as the Pilgrim Way ones or if there's not a time pressure. [**Action Lynne to progress with Ed Heather-Hayes**]

4. Chairperson's Report

Lynne met with Jon Brown of NTS and had a positive meeting. Further to Jon's earlier report, Lynne advised NTS are having a defibrillator and are progressing training with Saline First Responders.

Public toilets - complaints received about them not having soap, toilet paper or hand towels. [**Action Lynne to progress with Jeff from FC**]

Pet water - there is a low level tap outside the toilets with water suitable for pets/ watering plants. [**Action Lynne to progress purchasing a sign to advertise**]

Drinking Water - Further to our previous discussion on the provision of drinking water it appears there is a water fountain in Dunfermline and it was agreed to find out more about whether there can be one in the village. [**Action Kate to progress with FC Environmental Health**]

Orienteering - there has been good feedback from the recent event held in the village and no negative comments.

5. Treasurer's Report

Robin MacKenzie advised: Balance on General Account at 31/3/19 was £1076.23 & Environmental Account was £2,031.26. Receipt of Village Fete income & Senior's Quiz income. Annual account prepared and due to be audited.

6. Correspondence Received

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

Culross Primary School requested a reference and this was submitted.

The Stables requested a reference for LEADER Funding and this was submitted.

Ken is now overseas but has advised Sepa and Scottish Water are looking at the amount of wipes and sanitary waste that washes ashore on both sides of the Forth. Sepa (Liam McRae and Jill Gillard on [01786 457700](tel:01786457700)) and Scottish Water ([0800 0778778](tel:08000778778)) should be notified if anyone has concerns. It may be from a Waste Water Treatment Works but SEPA are not sure as there are other potential sources.

Lynne finding out more about the pick up 3 pieces of plastic scheme **[Action Lynne]**

7. Fife Councillors' Report

Kate advises there is a Fife wide conference on 'Remembering Scotland's Accused Witches' being held on 19th May at the Glen Pavillion, Dunfermline - more information can be found on Facebook and eventbrite.

to be held No Report beyond Matters Arising & AOCB.

8. External Meeting Reports

Ash Lagoons Liaison Committee - next meeting due to take place on 25th April [Action Angus & Martin Ewler]

No Report beyond Matters Arising & AOCB.

9. Planning

Planning application received for installation of ground source heat pumps at Kirkton Farm, Culross

10. Any Other Competent Business

Ash Lagoons Liaison Committee - The second Community Consultation event on a proposed 'Major Development' at Longannet is due to take place on 29th April at Kincardine Community Centre from 3.30pm - 7.30pm. **[Action All]**

Community Payback - list of tasks to be emailed to Kimberly McIntyre:

- Repair the rotten slats on the two benches at the Abbey Church & repaint in blue
- Paint the new bare oak slats on the two benches at the War Memorial
- Cut down and remove overgrown vegetation along Strynd Vennel - this is located to the west of Barbara Stock's Lane, Low Causeway
- Cut down overgrown vegetation at the western entrance to the village beside the Culross sign
- Remove moss, leaves and vegetation from the cobbles up Wee Causeway & around rear of Stephen Memorial Hall
- Clean Haggs Wynd, Hanging Gardens, Haggs Steps & Bessie Bar steps of leaves and overgrown vegetation; reduce height of hedge alongside wall of Session Green to improve view from bench; remove ivy from wall above McDonalds Lands. **[Action Diane]**

Village Fete Update - there are now 15 stall holders booked.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th May at 7pm in The Townhouse, Culross.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.