

## **Culross Community Council**

### **Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd September 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

##### **In Attendance:**

Cllr. Kate Stewart  
Cllr. Mino Manekshaw

##### **Apologies Submitted:**

Sandy Tippett, Member  
Angus Carmichael, Ash Lagoons Liaison  
Calli Jones, Culross Primary School  
Andy Elmer, NTS

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

##### 1. Guest Speakers

**Guest Speakers** - There were no guest speakers.

**Police** - There was no Police Report

**Culross Primary School** - There was no School Report.

##### 2. Approval of the Minute of the Previous Meeting

The Minute of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2019 was approved by Lynne Smith and seconded by Clare Short.

##### 3. Matters Arising from the Minute of the Previous Meeting

**Sand for Play Park:** Completed

**NTS Memo of Understanding** - Action remains ongoing and disappointing no report from NTS Manager or progress on many matters of concern including Memo of Understanding; Empty Houses; Cunningham Bequest; Funding for new notice board, pavement bollards along Sandhaven, Defibrillator for the Palace; lack of contact with resident who wished to bequeath his unique instrument collection and possessions to NTS - **[Action Diane to write to NTS Chief Executive requesting update on correspondence of 8/12/18 & 30/1/19]**

**Pilgrims Way** - new notice board installed adjacent to War Memorial. CCC to contact Ed Heather-Hayes to obtain an update on the new interpretation board for the Pier & Moat Pit. **[Action Diane to write to Ed Heather-Hayes]**

**Drinking Water** - Kate contacted **Scottish Water** and Culross has been added to their list of potential places to have a 'Top Up Tap' installed. **[Action Pending]**

**Toilet Doors** - the locking mechanism software has been failing over the summer leading to the doors being locked or left open. **[Action Lynne to send to Mino email thread with Jeff Jacobs, Fife Council]**

**Notice Board for West Fife Woodland Maps** - still seeking a carpenter to make suitable notice boards. **[Action Lynne]**

**Red Ensign Flag Day 3rd September** - Lora has been unable to source a flag in time for the commemoration day. Agreed Lora will scan and send information to Clare who will discuss with Culross Primary School as a future proposal to involve the children. **[Action Lora, Clare]**

**Car Charging Station** - pending. **[Action Mino]**

##### 4. Chairperson's Report

No report. See Matters Arising & AOCB

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Robin MacKenzie advised:

Balance on General Account at 31//19 was £1913 - receipt of Village Fete Income & Expenses; receipt of Fire Works Grant.

Environmental Account was £3,376 - receipt of Photographic Shoot from NEXT, Village Fete 'Barrow of Booze', Floral Grant & Payment of £146 for Play Park sand.

Accounts audited and agreed AGM to take place on Monday 4th November at 7pm at The Stables.

#### 6. Correspondence Received

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

See Matters Arising & AOCB

#### 7. Fife Councillors' Report

Kate advised it will be 80 years on 28th October 2019 since the Valleyfield Pit Disaster and there will be a presentation in Home Guard.

On Saturday 31st August a service was held to commemorate Lilius Adie who was accused of being a witch in 1704 and died in prison before being buried in the mud at Torryburn. Plans are underway to establish a witches memorial trail - it is known Culross had 32 'witches' burned.

**NHS GP Crisis** - Kate confirmed only Cairneyhill residents received letters advising they could move to Oakley Practice, however it is possible for patients from all areas to transfer if they wish. HV Practice telephone lines will be upgraded to accept more incoming calls and computer upgrade will enable appointments to be booked online. This matter will be raised at the next meeting of WFVF on 30th September.

**Bus Service** - Mino confirmed the bus service at 9am & 3pm is not available during term time due to bus being diverted to school run, service only available in summer holidays.

**Lochshawmoss Mine Community Benefit** - WFVF are overseeing this.

#### 8. External Meeting Reports

**Ash Lagoons Liaison Committee** - Angus circulated the minute of the last meeting held on 11th July.

No Reports beyond Matters Arising & AOCB.

#### 9. Planning

Planning application received for installation of potential wind farm at Balgownie - CCC wrote to obtain further information in June but no reply received to date.

#### 10. Any Other Competent Business

- Inner Forth Wanderings and Windings Session update 24th June 2019 - project is joining up walking routes around the River Forth and making significant progress.
- Pilgrim Way Opened and expected to attract large influx of walkers.
- Review of FC CC Scheme - CCC submitted comments on improving recruitment process.
- Dunfermline - Alloa Rail link - no update
- Ash Lagoons Liaison Attendees - enquiries made over the summer recess to ascertain if Martin Ewler is representing CCC and this has been confirmed.
- Photographic Shoots x 2 over summer - minimal disruption and donation of £300 to CDT for use of Pier and £1000 to CCC.
- Village flooding - terrible flooding in the village on 10th August is being investigated and a fact finding walkabout is taking place on Wednesday 4th September with CCC, Cllr Mino Manekshaw, Fife Council Roads Dept, Scottish Water and representation from affected residents. **[Action Lynne attending on behalf of CCC]**
- Village Fete - weather challenging but considered successful day by traders and visitors. Funds raised for CCC, Abbey Church, Saline First Responders and many other charities.

- Gala Tent Damage - the large tents were damaged in the strong winds and CCC will pay for repairs. **[Action agreed Lynne to advise Church the large tents will no longer be available]**
- Stables Storage - pending. **[Action Robin is still trying to obtain quotes]**
- Remembrance Day Wreaths - **[Action Robin to order for CCC, Young Seniors & Culross Primary School]**
- Fife Direct Website - seeking feedback on new format **[Action Mino to send link to Clare]**
- Car vandalism - there have been three reported incidents of cars being scratched. All residents advised to be vigilant and report behaviour of concern.
- New signage for Kirk Street - Fife Council are progressing. **[Action agreed Lynne to monitor]**
- Station Path Railway Crossing - gate & phone repaired.
- Polling Station - The Stables has been proposed as the new polling station for the village. **[Action Clare progressing]**
- Hanging Gardens Walkway - the walls adjoining this walkway are in a state of disrepair and are believed to be owned by the adjacent householders. **[Action agreed Diane to send Mino email thread with FC advising ownership with residents]**

11. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 7th October at 7pm in The Townhouse, Culross.**

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**