

## **Culross Community Council**

### **Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7th October 2019**

#### **Held in The Town House, Culross**

#### **Present:**

Lynne Smith, Chair  
Lora Hall Graham, Vice-Chair  
Robin MacKenzie, Treasurer  
Diane MacKenzie, Minute Secretary  
Angus Carmichael, Ash Lagoons Liaison

#### **In Attendance:**

Cllr. Kate Stewart  
Cllr. Mino Manekshaw  
Niall Campbell, Admiral Cafe  
Conner Findlay, Admiral Cafe  
Lindsey Marchant, Greengate Gallery  
Lindsey Porteous, resident

#### **Apologies Submitted:**

Clare Short, CCC Member  
Sandy Tippett, CCC Member  
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.

**Sandhaven Flooding** - Lindsey Porteous advised his home had been flooded during the heavy downpour in August and for the third time recently, believed to be caused by blocked drains. Also raised concerns Fire Hydrants inaccessible.

Agreed Lindsey will advise which drains blocked and CCC will request Fire Service to inspect fire hydrants. **[Action Lynne]**

**Use of Cafe toilets** - Lindsey highlighted an on-going issue with residents directing public to use Cafe toilets - agreed this has been a recurring problem and there is a need to improve visibility of public toilets. **[Action Lindsey agreed to research 'decorating' exterior of toilets & CCC will investigate improving signage and removing hedging to aid access]**

**Impact of Tourism** - agreed there are pros & cons to tourism in the village and it would be helpful to discuss how to better manage the impact on the local residents. **[Action Mino to contact Alastair Mutch, FC to arrange meet with CCC]**

**A neighbour dispute** was raised by a member of the public. They were advised that this matter was not within the scope of CCC and Kate offered to arrange meeting and agreed parties should contact her directly if they wished to progress.

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

The Minute of the Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 was approved by Lynne Smith and seconded by Lora Graham.

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

**NTS** - Lynne & Lora met new area manager, Cara Stuart, shared issues of concern and agreed to meet regularly to look at matters can be resolved. In the meantime, Lynne will reply to CEO of NTS expressing disappointment of CCC that the Cunningham Bequest Fund Grants for the new notice board and parking bollards has been withdrawn **[Action on-going & Lynne]**

**Pilgrims Way** - CCC to contacted Ed Heather-Hayes to progress the new interpretation board for the Pier & Moat Pit however the withdrawal of funding by the NTS means this project is now in

need of funding to progress. **[Action Pending]**

**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 Lora]**

**Car Charging Station** - Mino has been chasing for a year but FC Councillors have just voted for Culross to receive two intermediate stations and Alastair Mutch is progressing. **[Action pending]**

**Dunfermline - Alloa Rail link** - no update

**Gala Tent Damage** - pending. **[Action Lynne & Tim]**

**Stables Storage** - pending. **[Action Robin has finally obtained quotes, now applying for funds]**

**Remembrance Day Wreaths** - **[Action Robin to order for CCC, Young Seniors & Culross Primary School]**

**Fife Direct Website** - **[Action completed]**

**New signage for Kirk Street** - Fife Council installed today. **[Action completed]**

**Polling Station** - The Stables has been proposed as the new polling station for the village. **[Action Clare progressing]**

**Hanging Gardens Walkway** - Community safety concern and agreed CCC need to advise residents to look after their boundary wall to reduce damage and avoid greater costs in the future. **[Action agreed Diane to advise]**

**Sale of the Stephen Memorial Hall** - Lynne agreed to write to FC to ascertain what the proposed future commercial use might be. **[Action Lynne]**

#### 4. Chairperson's Report

No report. See Matters Arising & AOCB

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Robin MacKenzie advised:

Balance on General Account at 30/9/19 was £1743.

Environmental Account was £3,276 - agreed to disperse funds received from the NEXT photographic shoot between Young Seniors, PTA, Community Garden & donate towards improvements at Session Green.

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

#### 6. Correspondence Received

Tim Collins, Chair WFVF, wrote to advise CCC attendance at the Forum would be welcome and attendance at the next meeting in December would be appreciated. **[Action All]**

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

See Matters Arising & AOCB

#### 7. Fife Councillors' Report

Kate advised there is to be a bronze disc along the coastal path to commemorate the 32 'witches' burned in Culross.

Mino shared for comments a draft specification of proposal to create a memorial for those prosecuted, recommended joining Facebook pages - Fife Witches Remembered & A Memorial to Scottish Accused Witches. **[Action All]**

Sale of the Manse - Mino advised he has been liaising with Andrew Ferguson, FC Legal, and has been informed there is no legal basis to recover the Common Good Fund Grant paid to the Abbey Church to convert the garage into a Tearoom. Agreed CCC will write to Helen Law, Chair of Common Good Fund to express disappointment that Common Good Funds have been lost due to this private sale. **[Action Lynne]**

#### 8. External Meeting Reports

**Ash Lagoons Liaison Committee** - Angus circulated minute of last meeting and advised the next major event will be on 31st October around 11am. For information the Longannet Power Station chimney is the second tallest in the U.K. and tallest in Scotland.

No Reports beyond Matters Arising & AOCB.

9. Planning

Planning application received for Fife Council improvements to Abbey Cemetery Walls

10. Any Other Competent Business

- **Floral Grant** - Lynne advised four new tubs purchased, tubs tidied, Lindsey offered to look after another one. £200 remaining.
- **Community Payback** - list of areas to be tackled required for next meeting. **[Action All]**
- **VE Day 2020** - Lynne advised keen to commemorate the 75th Anniversary and will provide further details when known. Meantime booked Glenbervie Duo to play. **[Action Lynne]**
- **Village flooding** - investigations into the terrible flooding in the village on 10th August are ongoing and to date there has been a fact finding walkabout with CCC, Cllr Mino Manekshaw, Fife Council Roads Dept, Scottish Water and representation from affected residents; Scottish Water camera investigations however more remains to be done. Mino offered to obtain missing information via FOI request and wanted to meet to discuss further the key issues. **[Action Diane to arrange meeting]**.

11. Date of Next Meeting & AGM

**Monday 4th November at 7pm in The Stables, Culross.**

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**