

Culross Community Council

Minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 1st October 2018

Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:
Lora Hall Graham
Diane MacKenzie
Robin MacKenzie
Clare Short
Lynne Smith
Sandy Tippett
In Attendance:
Cllr. Bobby Clelland
Linda Whitehouse, NTS Culross
Louise Arnot, Member of the Public
William Kennet, Member of the Public
Caroline Gallacher, Member of the Public
Benedict Bruce, Member of the Public
Apologies Submitted:
Cllr. Kate Stewart
Cllr. Mino Manekshaw
Angus Carmichael
Elaine Longmuir, NTS Culross

The meeting started at 7.30pm with Cllr. Bobby Clelland in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action
Appointment of new Office Bearers	<p>Cllr. Clelland thanked the retiring members of the CCC and welcomed all present.</p> <p>As this is an election year it was agreed to appoint Interim Office Bearers until the Inaugural Meeting of the new CCC is held in one months time.</p> <p>Interim Chair - Diane MacKenzie (prop/ sec Lora & Lynne) Interim Vice Chair - Lynne Smith (prop/ sec Lora & Diane) Treasurer - Robin MacKenzie (unchanged) Interim Secretary - Sandy Tippett (prop/ sec Lora & Lynne) Vacancy Co-opted Member - Clare Short (prop/ sec Diane & Lynne) Nominated Member - Angus Carmichael - Ash Lagoons.</p> <p>It was agreed Benedict Bruce will attend meetings as a young member until he reaches the age of 16 when he can become a Co-opted Member.</p> <p>Diane MacKenzie thanked Bobby for his assistance and assumed the Chair.</p>	

1. Apologies	Cllr. Kate Stewart, Cllr. Mino Manekshaw, Angus Carmichael, Elaine Longmuir.	
2. Community	<p>NTS - Linda advised Bennett House is to be completed soon. West Green House will also soon be ready for marketing and 16 Sandhaven has been offered to a tenant.</p> <p>Stoat's Porridge Oats are sponsoring the Halloween event at the Palace on 27th & 28th October and Clare advised the Gala children will be attending as their Gala event thanks to NTS offering a reduced rate.</p> <p>NTS Shop Christmas opening on 16th - 18th November & 23rd & 24th November with 20% off.</p> <p>William Kennet suggested NTS upgrade lighting to LED to improve brightness and reduce electricity costs.</p> <p>There was no Police Report.</p>	NTS
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September were approved by Robin MacKenzie and seconded by Diane MacKenzie. There were no matters arising.	
4. Treasurer's Report	<p>Robin MacKenzie advised:</p> <p>Current Account Balance £2,043 being £491 General; £184 Newsletter surplus; £310 Seniors; £1,058 Fete surplus ex insurance premium.</p> <p>Environmental Account Balance £2,228 being £1,305 General; £51 Floral; £133 Path Guide surplus; £263 Boat Building; £476 Fete surplus.</p> <p>Agreed to donate £100 towards planters for Culross Primary School.</p> <p>Agreed the CCC Priority Project for 2019 will be The Stables Community Centre Refurbishment.</p>	
5. Correspondence	Nothing of note received.	
6. Chair's Report	<p>Interim Chair Diane MacKenzie thanked the interim office bearers and advised the positions will need to be reapplied for at the next meeting due to this meeting being held before the FC accepted timeframe for newly elected CC's to hold their inaugural meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to identify areas of interest within the CC and this is as follows:</p> <p>Diane - Environmental, Village Email Lynne - Environmental, Fete, Seniors, Community Garden Robin - The Stables, CDT, Pier, Planning Lora - Housing, NTS, Tourism, CDT Sandy - Abbey Church Clare - Political Matters, CCC Email, Toddlers, School, Gala Angus - Ash Lagoons Liaison Benedict - History</p>	
7. Fife Councillor's Report	Cllr. Bobby Clelland advised a number of local community councils had received insufficient nominations to reform and it was acknowledge the election system was in need of review to make it as easy as possible for interest members of a community to be elected.	
8. External Meeting Reports	Lynne advised the date of the 2019 Fete will be 18th August 2019 and will be meeting with Tim to decide how to spend the funds raised (£1,534 ex. Insurance) and how it the event should be resourced going forward. It was recognised this is a huge event to organise and the needs of the residents and tourists needs to be balanced.	
9. Planning	No planning applications of note.	

<p>12. Any Other Competent Business</p>	<p>Public Access Defibrillator - A letter of thanks has been sent to John Stirling, Chairperson of The Rotary Club of West Fife, Hilary Warnock of Saline First Responder's, along with Martin King and Keith Davison for nominating the village to receive this potentially life saving gift. The preferred location is outside the front of the Red Lion and Clare offered to find out if this would be acceptable to David & Ann. Hilary Warnock has offered to host training courses in the village and Lynne will liaise with her to ascertain dates/ venue.</p> <p>Beach Clean - took place on 15/9, great turn out and a huge amount of rubbish collected from the foreshore and railway line.</p> <p>MacMillan Coffee Morning - the Young Seniors organised a brilliant Coffee morning, an excellent turn out of all ages, including the school children. £420 raised.</p> <p>Sand for Play Park - agreed to purchase more sand.</p> <p>Daffodil Planting - agreed to order daffodils for planting at the village entrance gateways.</p> <p>Orienteering - an initial contact has been received from Graham Gristwood from Master Plan Adventure to hold an orienteering day in the village. More information is to be ascertained.</p> <p>Road, Parking & Signage Pot holes - the pot holes up at the Abbey have now been filled. Signs West Car Park - the Car Park sign for the west car park (opposite west end of Balgownie West) has fallen over and needs repaired. The issue of tourist and resident parking at the Sandhaven was discussed and it was recognised this is a long standing and challenging issue to find a resolution that works for everyone. Thus far the cones are deterring tourists from parking and the direct emailing of the tour companies has seen a significant decrease in the number parking on the pavements. This item needs ongoing discussion. William Kennet asked for consideration to be given to a disabled drop off sign outside the Town House but it was felt the village offered options for disabled drivers in both car parks and the cobbled area of the Sandhaven wasn't best suited to the infirm. William also requested cars been restricted from parking along the Sandhaven when snow was forecasted to enable the snow plough to clear the main road and keep the buses running. This item needs ongoing discussion.</p> <p>Pavilion removal - FC to be contacted to see when this will be taking place now the bat nesting season is passed.</p> <p>Japanese Knotweed - Louise Arnot advised this is growing opposite the entrance to the Carlow Home and Diane agreed to let Robert Nelson and the authorities know.</p> <p>Electric Car Charging Point, Car Parks - this matter is ongoing and needs further action.</p> <p>Public Toilets - Roof and gutter repairs outstanding.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>LS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>LS</p> <p>DM</p> <p>LS</p> <p>Agenda next mtg</p> <p>Agenda next mtg</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>Agenda next mtg</p> <p>RM</p>
<p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday 5th November at 7pm in the Town House</p>	

Meeting ended at: 9.00pm