

Culross Community Council

Minute of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 5th November 2018

Held in The Town House, Culross

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Cllr. Mino Manekshaw
Tom Cosgrove, Member of the Public

Apologies Submitted:

Cllr. Kate Stewart
Elaine Longmuir, NTS Culross
Jonathon Brown, NTS Culross
Benedict Bruce, Member of the Public

The meeting started at 7.10pm with Diane MacKenzie as Interim Chair.

Diane welcomed everyone to this inaugural meeting of Culross Community Council and congratulated the successful candidates on their election for the next four year term.

1. Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 31st March 2018

Introduction

The Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2018 are presented for approval. The Accounts have been prepared in the format recommended by Fife Council. The Accounts were examined by Helen Learmonth, PFS CII on 12/9/18 and found to be properly prepared and in agreement with the financial records. Once the Accounts are approved at the Annual General Meeting of Culross Community Council, a copy will be sent to Fife Council along with a completed Community Council Grant Application Form. The Annual Grant for the financial year to 31st March 2019 is £452.92 [2018 - £453.52].

I propose making a gift to the Examiner in respect of services rendered up to the value of £30.

Comments on General Bank

Newsletter - last edition was issued Spring 2017, balance on account is £533.
Senior Citizens - 3 outings held costing £873, FC grant received of £220, balance on account £271.
Village Fete - net surplus for 2017 was £169 [see Other Income below].
Other - grants made to Gala Committee in respect of Bonfire Night £339 [2016 and 2017];
Other - grant to Culross Primary School in respect of wildlife garden £180;

Other - grant to Stables in respect of refurbishment £666.

Opening Bank Balance £2,298

Net Deficit £(1,202)

Closing Bank Balance £1,096

Comments on Environmental Bank Account

Other Income:

Toilets - £9,700 [FWF grant] paid to Fife Council iro refurbishment project.

New Bench - at East Car Park installed at cost of £645 [Sustrans grant received £500].

The Stables - grant made of £1,050 iro refurbishment project.

Floral Grant - £227 spent on floral enhancement.

Paths - guide sales raised £360, £236 spent on maintenance and £125 spent on printing new guides for future sale.

- Outlander Film income was £1,500;

- Village Fete fundraiser was £430;

- donations received totalled £500;

- quiz night income was £103.

Opening Bank Balance £12,125

Net Deficit £(8,634)

Closing Bank Balance £3,491

2. Chairperson's Report

Tim Collins presented his report at the October meeting of the CCC and is detailed below -

You have all heard this before but it is well worth repeating - What a pleasure and an honour it has been for me to have worked with you all over the last 6 or 7 years.

Your commitment, dedication and unstinting generosity are a wonder to behold.

I have worked with and managed some excellent and able teams at many levels over my working life and you guys rank among the best. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all your support and efforts in all our endeavours..... Thank you.

We have achieved a lot together and I hope the new team will continue in similar vein.

The thing I am going to miss most is ... the after meeting pints!

Good luck to you all and I am not dead yet so feel free to call on me if I can help at all, I will.

The Senior Citizens Continue to enjoy the Tuesday coffee morning at the stables. The "worlds biggest coffee morning" for the McMillan charity on the 28th September went very well and raised £420.

The Farmers Market and Village Fete If CCC want to run this again in 2019, I am happy to help but someone needs to step up and help Lynne so that there will be an easy transition in 2020

The Young Boat Project The boat is now in dry dock and will be worked on over the winter months with the aim to get her sea worthy and in the water in the spring.

West Fife Village Forum EG Meeting Agreed a new constitution and will now begin inviting other voluntary groups in the area to join. The new format will carry more weight with FC and should help all the groups keep abreast of events and opportunities available to them.

Culross Development Trust (SCIO) agreed a form of words to allow the conveyancing of the property into the ownership of the CDT. This will allow a more proactive approach to the needs of this community asset.

Electric Car Charging Points We are still awaiting formal information that we have been allocated points. We will be consulted on location but this will largely depend on available power sources. Tim Collins.

3. Election of new Office Bearers

The Chair was handed over to Cllr. Mino Manekshaw to elect the new Chair Person.

Chair - Lynne Smith (prop/ sec Diane & Clare)

Vice Chair - Lora Graham (prop/ sec Sandy & Robin)

Treasurer - Robin MacKenzie (unchanged)

Minute Secretary - Diane MacKenzie (prop/ sec Lynne & Sandy)

Member - Sandy Tippett

Casual Vacancy - Clare Short (prop/ sec Diane & Lynne)

Nominated Member - Angus Carmichael - Ash Lagoons

There are currently two vacancies for casual members (full voting rights) and for nominated members representing community groups (no voting rights)

All Members have completed and returned to FC the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. [Action Robin]

4. Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business relating the AGM and the ordinary meeting followed at 7.30pm.