

Culross Community Council

Minute of the Ordinary 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.

Appointment of new Office Bearers

Diane welcomed everyone to this inaugural meeting of the CCC following the recent elections before handing over the Chair 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]

1. Guest Speakers - NTS Report & Others

NTS - Jonathon Brown had been expected to attend, apologies were received after the meeting.

Police - There was no Police Report

2. Approval of Minute of the Previous Meeting

The Minute of the Meeting held on 1st October 2018 was approved by Robin MacKenzie and seconded by Clare Short.

3. Matters Arising from Minute of the Previous Meeting

Public Access Defibrillator: Now fixed to wall outside the Red Lion, thanks to David & Ann for agreeing to this location. Lynne has the spare battery and is organising Saline First Responders to provide training, likely early 2019. School will be contacted by Hilary directly. The Rotary organised a press release and have purchased a plaque for the wall. **[Action Lynne]**

Fete: Tim Collins/ Lynne discussed how best to use the funds raised, agreed to keep portion for working capital and investigate purchasing a snow plough to clear the village pavements. **[Action Lynne]**

Sand for Play Park: Clare has purchased sand and will arrange for this to be spread at the play park. **[Action Clare]**

Orienteering: Graham Gristwood has been in discussion with the CCC, Stables & School re hosting an orienteering event in Culross on 23rd March 2019. Agreed to invite Graham to next CC meeting to find out more about what will be involved/ required. **[Action Diane]**

Road, Parking & Signage: Scott Blyth, FC emailed on 2/11, 2/9 & 17/8 no reply received to date. **[Action Diane]**

Pavilion Removal: The derelict pavilion at Bon Accord Park has now been removed and the area will be planted with wild flowers/ bulbs. **[Action Complete]**

Japanese Knotweed: Robert Nelson is keeping an eye on this and taking action as required. **[Action Complete]**

Electric Car Charging Point, Car Parks: Mino will find out update for next meeting. **[Action Mino]**

Public Toilets: Robin liaising with Sandy White, FC re repairs to roof/ gutters. David Alexander suggested public access drinking water at the play park and this idea is to be progressed. **[Action Robin]**

4. Chairperson's Report

No Report beyond matters arising & AOCB.

5. Treasurer's Report

Robin MacKenzie advised:

Current Account Balance £1,846 being £512 General; £276 Seniors; £1,058 Fete surplus ex insurance premium.

Environmental Account Balance £2,455 being £1,666 General; £50 Floral; £263 Boat Building; £476 Fete surplus.

Agreed to transfer the boat funds to CDT; wreaths purchased; paid electrical cost re defibrillator; purchase oak slats £60 from Inzievar for Ken Munnoch to repair benches at War memorial; £100 towards planters for Culross Primary School outstanding, Clare to provide PTA Bank Account details. **[Action Clare]**

Agreed to ask Robert Nelson if he will source Christmas Trees as in previous years. **[Action Lynne]**

6. Correspondence Received

Nothing of note received. All CCCllrs to read the Yahoo mailbox/ share correspondence of note.

7. Fife Councillors' Report

Mino advised not a great deal to report. Working with Tim Collins & West Fife Village's Forum to reconstitute and will advise on progress.

8. External Meeting Reports

NTS: Jonathon Brown was expected to attend in Elaine's absence to discuss the proposed letting of the Court Room for retail space; the letting of Bennet House; review of this year's visitor numbers/ tourist experience/ plans for 2019. Agreed to write to NTS to arrange a meeting. **[Action Diane]**

Gala: Clare reported the Gala Bonfire was a great success and over £400 collected. Thanks to the NTS for hosting 40 children & parents for the Halloween event at the Palace, a superb time had by all.

Gala requested the power supply at Bon Accord Park be maintained following the removal of the Pavilion however the cost of £4,000 to achieve this is not viable.

Gala hosting Hogmanay torchlight procession - departing from the Abbey at 11.30pm. Street closure license to be applied for. **[Action Clare]**

PTA: Clare advised the School Christmas Fair is to be held on 1st December from 11am - 1pm and all welcome. Pat Rambaut has helped to plant up four new planters to improve the entrance to the school. **[Action ALL]**

The Stables/ CDT: FET Funding application for £47,000 submitted towards cost of repairs to external fabric of building - adding to £15,000 currently raised. Co-op Community Fund will give 1% of customers spend on Co-op branded products during the next twelve months if they elect to support the Stables - this is to be promoted on FB, email, notice boards and directly to Young Seniors. Clare will collect membership cards. Stables building now has Fire Safety certificate & insurance. Hoping to build a large shed in the courtyard to store Toddler Group toys & tents. **[Action Robin, Lynne, Lora, Clare, Diane]**

Ash Lagoons: next meeting 29/11/18 at 7pm at Longannet Gate House. Angus on holiday, Lynne to attend meantime and new nominated member to be sought. **[Action Lynne]**

LISP: Angus attended on behalf of Ash Lagoons. No matters to report.

West Fife Village Forum: Mino update the CCC on the history and restructuring on this area wide umbrella organisation which is in the process of broadening out its constitution to cover all community groups, not just CC's. Tim is chair and Mino will update us when Group reconstituted. **[Action Mino]**

9. Planning

No planning applications of note received however CCC have written to Planning Department to request an update on the status of the previous planning consent iro the Dundonald Car Park.

10. Any Other Competent Business

A Nation's Tribute: A day of events has been arranged for Sunday 11th November and the programme publicised on village notice boards, village email, social media. CCC wreath to be laid by Lynne Smith. War Memorial has been repointed and replanted with flowers.

Help required at 5.30pm to build the brazier on the pier prior to the Tribute commencing at 6.45pm. **[Action ALL]**

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7pm in The Townhouse, Culross.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.