

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 1st September 2014

Held in Town House

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr Eileen Laidlaw (Correspondence Secretary)
CCC Cllr Diane MacKenzie
Ex Officio Present:
In attendance:
Cllr W Ferguson
Ben Cook
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Clare Short
Elaine Longmuir NTS
Cllr Kate Stewart

The meeting started at 7.00 with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies for Absence	Clare Short, Elaine Longmuir, Kate Stewart	
2. NTS	None	

3. Guest Speaker	None	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of 9 th June 2014 were approved: Proposed: DA Seconded: TC	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	The condition of the public toilets over the summer has been a cause for concern yet again. Visitors are calling to express concern – FC to be asked to improve cleanliness. The village clean up – items outstanding include the painting of the anchors – CCC will undertake this task	WF DA TC
6. Treasurer's Report:	RN circulated copies of his monthly report and included copies of the bank statements to add clarity. Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects The need to have the account visible on line is still pending. This to facilitate the need for on line / BACS payments to CCC for newsletter ads etc. RN will look in to this and advise account number and sort code to use on invoices	RN
7. Correspondence Received	EL gave a summary of received correspondence on the yahoo account and highlighted:- Planning applications and the correspondence with FC regarding empty houses and procedure to prosecute This to be pursued by a letter asking for an update. The empty McKenzie house was discussed as there seems to have been some movement regarding this property. The suggestion that NTS would be allowed to buy if FC enforce compulsory purchase was questioned as the property should go to auction following compulsory purchase. The issue with the chain at Station Path is still outstanding	EL WF WF
8. Chair's Report	Issues surrounding the planning application renewal for the former Dundonald car park development are still causing concern in the village. The current condition of the site is undoubtedly dangerous and building control / planning department should be urged to pursue this. Also the right of way is still blocked. The other issue bubbling away is our problem with empty housing. Eileen has been in correspondence with FC and we are currently seeking advice on the procedure to initiate a prosecution for allowing a listed building to fall into disrepair. It seems that McKenzie House has been the subject of a couple of site meetings. This has resulted in a key being given to NTS via FC for the "village". There is a hope that this issue will be resolved soon.	

9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	WF advised the main items of discussion at the forum. Also advised that the Culross Holiday Park had received a grant from FC	
10. External Meeting Reports	None	
11. Planning	The main issue is the Dun car park – it seems that by “beginning work” before the original planning approval expired renders the renewal application redundant. We are not aware if a building warrant has been approved for the site as yet. There is a proposal for a skate park in High Valleyfield. An application for an extension to the rear of a house at 7 Mid causeway, Culross.	
12. Any Other Competent Business	<p>Fund raising for the new play park was discussed – The Red Lion hosted an event on the 16th June – raised £2,000 + thanks to David and Anne for their generosity. Outlander Ltd, the film company contributed £5,000. The amount raised has reached £59,000, including £180 over the summer, and the only outstanding funding is now the common good fund contribution. Many thanks for all the donations</p> <p>Adopt a tub – this has been a great success and thanks to all who have participated. The new planters donated by Betty McDonald have been located in the square and need adopters – parents?</p> <p>Signage Project – Final stage is to fix Pole at the sawmill road end and erect the sign</p> <p>It seems that the minister will be leaving the Abbey in the not too distant future. She will be missed and has contributed much to the village during her tenure. There is no immediate plan for a replacement at the Abbey as far as CCC are aware.</p> <p>A proposal to invite Ben Cook to join the council was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ben advised that the Toddlers were in the final four for the BOS fund and are to be congratulated for a wonderful achievement.</p> <p>Concern was raised about the proposed NTS rent rises for tenants in the village. It was agreed that CCC should facilitate and assist where possible the establishment of a tenants association to ensure fair play with NTS</p> <p>Admiration was expressed for the outstanding work carried out on the pier by Ken and his team of helpers.</p> <p>The next issue of the newsletter is planned for mid October 2014</p>	<p>WF</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM / DA / TC</p> <p>DM DA TC CS</p> <p>TC DA</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting – Monday 6 th October 2014, 7pm in the Town House.	

The meeting ended at: 8.40pm