

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 6th October 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
CCC Cllr Ben Cook
In attendance:
Cllr W Ferguson
Keith Davidson
Duncan Wood
John Charge
Colin Watson, Architect
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Clare Short

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	Clare Short	
2. NTS	None	

3a. Guest Speaker	<p>John Charge and Colin Watson architect presented an outline plan for the Garage at West Green. They are proposing a small domicile designed to maintain as far as possible the current building aspect. The general feeling was that the proposal was a good use of a deteriorating building and worthy of promotion. The current layout of the proposed play area was placed beside the proposal and synergies were acknowledged.</p>	
3b.	<p>DW gave a brief summary of the Festival Committee status and the meeting of the 27th October. In summary the will to continue the festival in a slimmed down version was accepted and it was generally agreed that the gala committee, the festival committee, CDT and other disparate bodies would be strengthened by coming together to share ideas, plan events and share resources. DW advised that the festival committee would be holding an AGM and thereafter a clearer picture would emerge. A brief discussion agreed that a member of each committee should be invited to sit on CCC as it was acknowledged that a coalition of all the voluntary groups would get best value for the community from all the effort put in by the volunteers. The various events managed by the groups could be held in close proximity and publicised well in advance to ensure attendance targets and a valued and enjoyable</p>	

	customer experience. It was resolved that an open community meeting involving all the currently active voluntary groups, be held in early February 2015 with the aim of stabilising and coordinating activities	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of the 6 th October 2014 were approved: Proposed: DA Seconded: RN	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	The signage poles have still to be set at Devilla Agreed to defer until the junction works are completed. A short discussion followed on the future of Callander Park saw mills and their Falkirk operations possibly leading to extended hour working in Devilla. Painting the anchors as part of the village clean up is still to be completed	WF DA TC
6. Treasurer's Report:	RN circulated copies of his monthly report. Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects and that £200 had been paid to the gala committee for fireworks 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 then presented the audited accounts for 2014 and briefly explained the figures. Income from the newsletter advertising receipts were given to RN It was noted that the insurance costs for the bonfire in 2013 was some £90 while this year that cost has risen to £132:50 – TC to query this with FC The annual accounts were signed off as accurate there being no AGM as the inaugural meeting in December would over-ride the need. The auditors fee was approved at £30	TC
7. Correspondence Received	EL gave a summary of received correspondence on the yahoo account and highlighted:- Some planning matters and the FIFE Plan There followed a discussion on the plan as there appeared to be some anomalies. Viz. areas designated "green" on the plans were not so designated on other "live" documents. It was agreed that DM would raise the matter with FC officers at an open session on Tuesday 4 th November.	DM
8. Chair's Report	Issues surrounding the planning application renewal for the former Dundonald car park are still a concern. The prior dialogue and correspondence with FC enforcement officers regarding the safety of the "site" has generated no action as yet – as far as we are aware. EL to write The village survey questionnaire circulated with the newsletter elicited a very poor response and insufficient numbers to convince the funding body that the community are engaged. Consequently we will not be in a position to access the CCF for the Stables project this year. The survey did indicate an interest in the old folks club revival but little enthusiasm for a tenants association. TC DA to discuss Eileen and I met with two members of the festival committee. The outcome is as Item 3b above. I attended the commemoration of the Valleyfield Pit Disaster which was well attended and covered in the press. I had a communication from the presbytery indicating that the current locum would officiate at the Sunday Memorial Service. I have yet to have this confirmed. RN confirmed that the matter was in hand. The Gala Committee ran an excellent bonfire night on Sunday – congratulations to them – the insurance	EL TC DA TC

	<p>premium for the event was approx £132:50 TC to query this – see above I could not attend the last meeting of the Community Council Forum. Thursday evenings are always a problem for me.</p>	
9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	<p>WF advised: that he had not managed to attend the forum and gave a brief summary of relevant FC business</p>	
10. External Meeting Reports	<p>None</p>	
11. Planning	<p>The main issue is the Dundonald car park – ongoing pressure on FC to action safety at the site. EL to write again to the enforcement officer A follow up letter to FC Access Officer regarding the closure of the rights of way was also suggested as that seem like a good pressure point to elicit some action</p>	EL
12. Any Other Competent Business	<p>A local resident had expressed grave concern about the traffic on the low road to Kincardine. During the recent night time closure of the main road, the low road was extensively used by through traffic. This resulted in a number of near miss incidents which, to those involved, was very frightening and the impending sense of an accident waiting to happen prevailed throughout the period and beyond. WF advised that he was constantly lobbying for safety measures to be put in place on the low road but to little effect as yet. It was suggested that, as a matter of procedure, limits should be imposed automatically on the low road when closures, part closures or other impediments to free flowing traffic were in force on the high road. WF will pursue this with FC along with other appropriate safety measures. It was agreed that the community garden Christmas tree would be in place by the first week in December The floral grant form was tabled and the onerous task of completing the form was allotted. The trees and shrubbery around the ash lagoon paths were discussed and WF confirmed there had been a tidy up recently and any concerns should now be put to rest. Arrangements for Hogmanay were discussed and it was agreed that the proposed new format was an improvement that should engage more of the community. The parade license has to be applied for It was noted that the toddlers group had been very successful in their HBOS bid and have been awarded £2,000:00 – congratulations It was also noted that the Primary School Great British Bake Off was visited by Pudsey much to the delight of the children – congratulations!</p>	<p>WF RN TC DA</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Next Meeting – Monday 1st December 2014, 7pm in the Town House to be preceded by an inaugural meeting of the new community council</p>	

The meeting ended at: 8.55pm