

# Culross Community Council

## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### Held in Town House

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

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

| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | <b>Narrative</b>                                     | <b>Action Owner &amp;</b> |
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|                     | The Chair welcomed all present.                      |                           |
| <b>1. Apologies</b> | Clare Short, Elaine Longmuir, Kate Stewart, Ben Cook |                           |
| <b>2. NTS</b>       | None   |                           |

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| <b>3. Guest Speaker</b>                           | None  |                   |
| <b>4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting</b> | The Minutes of 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved:<br>Proposed: DM<br>Seconded: DA   |                   |
| <b>5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:</b>  | The signage poles have still to be set at Davilla<br>Painting the anchors as part of the village clean up is still to be completed  | DA TC DM<br>DA TC |
| <b>6. Treasurer's Report:</b>                     | RN circulated copies of his monthly report.<br>Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects<br>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.<br>It was agreed that responsibility for getting the account visible on line would be for CCC to action.<br>RN explained that he would be preparing annual audited accounts for the AGM meeting and needed an independent auditor to scrutinise and sign off the accounts. |                   |

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|                                   | <p>Morag was suggested and it was agreed that RN would ask her</p> <p>DM stated that she had yet to receive the invoice for signage from FC and RN stated that £4,615 of the funds in the current account were ring fenced for this.</p> <p>Cheques and cash from the newsletter advertising receipts were given to RN</p>  | RN                                  |
| <b>7. Correspondence Received</b> | <p>EL gave a summary of received correspondence on the yahoo account and highlighted:-</p> <p>That the community police officer would not be able to attend all meetings but would respond to requests for specific issues.</p> <p>Planning applications and the correspondence with FC regarding empty houses and procedure to prosecute is stalled somewhat due to holiday backlogs at FC</p> <p>The issue of the unsafe condition of the Dundonald car park is being pursued by FC</p> <p>One licence application</p> <p>Various planning applications and updates which are not contentious at this time.</p> <p>Paperwork for the CCC election process - see AOCB</p> <p>Insurance for the community garden and gala events were to be through FC – a named individual and address required to receive the forms - risk management at FC</p> <p>While these matters were under discussion RM (gala committee) was invited to contribute and there followed a discussion centred on the events organised by the gala committee on behalf of CCC.</p> <p>In summary it was agreed that CCC would match the award from last year for funding of the bonfire night. (2/11/2014)</p> <p>That the hogmanay torchlight parade would be attached to a ceilidh in the stables and be re-routed.</p> <p>Hard copy mail from the Post Office advising the proposal to consult on a mobile post office scheduled for the west car park every Thursday am 9:15 – 11:15</p> <p>It was generally agreed that most potential users would, by now, have made alternate arrangements and may be reluctant to begin a process which is not guaranteed to continue but that the PO should be encouraged to trial the proposal.</p> | <p>EL</p> <p>DA WF</p> <p>TC EL</p> |
| <b>8. Chair's Report</b>          | <p>Issues surrounding the planning application renewal for the former Dundonald car park are still a concern.</p> <p>There has been dialogue and correspondence with FC enforcement officers regarding the safety of the "site" – no action as yet – as far as we are aware.</p> <p>The other issue is our problem with empty housing.</p> <p>Eileen has been in further correspondence with FC and is pursuing this matter with vigour.</p> <p>Although there is little sign of any action being taken as yet.</p> <p>Last week saw the latest edition of the Newsletter.</p> <p>We are making a last attempt to engage the community with a village survey questionnaire circulating with the newsletter.</p> <p>Issues with the proposed refurbishment of the stables, the old folks club and tenants association are covered in the questions.</p> <p>The festival committee decided on an open letter to the community to gauge reaction and this was published in the newsletter.</p>   | EL                                  |

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| <b>9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports</b>     | <p>WF advised:<br/> that the forum had not had a full meeting<br/> that the chain at station path was now plastic.<br/> that he was still seeking to get some community benefit from SP<br/> that the press reports regarding Longannet whilst largely accurate were exaggerated to a degree and that proposals to extend the life of the station were under consideration<br/> confirmed that he would write a letter of support to FET for the play park project<br/> that he was trying to ensure the CGF would meet the current shortfall for the project<br/> that a grant of £2,000 had been awarded for a sign to the abbey from the main road.</p>  |  |
| <b>10. External Meeting Reports</b>     | None  |  |
| <b>11. Planning</b>                     | <p>The main issue is the Dun car park – ongoing pressure on FC to action safety at the site.<br/> The Culross Holiday Park seems to have a new lease of life with a proposal for a number of holiday cabins being considered.<br/> The Erskine Brae holiday cabin proposal – refused consent - has been amended and is up for local review.<br/> Fife Plan for the area is to be open for consultation at the end of October</p>  |  |
| <b>12. Any Other Competent Business</b> | <p>Fund raising for the new play park was discussed – CGF is the only outstanding funder having exhausted their 2014 buget<br/> It was agreed that FC should be asked to seek tenders</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 and soil</p> <p>Signage Project – Final stage is to fix Pole at the sawmill road end and erect the sign</p> <p>The proposed NTS rent rise for tenants in the village is causing concern. It was agreed that CCC would await the outcome of the questionnaire before assuming the tenants wanted CCC to take any action</p> <p>It was agreed that this year the remembrance Sunday CCC wreath should be laid by a female on behalf of CCC</p> <p>The newsletter is planned for three issues per annum. These to be in March, June and October.<br/> These dates chosen to allow the dates of seasonal activities to be widely publicised<br/> An attempt should be made in the newsletter to gather email addresses for villagers to facilitate easy communication</p> <p>CCC election papers were completed by those present for return to FC.<br/> Electoral role identities for the applicants, proposers and seconders are required</p> | <p>DM</p> <p>RN</p> <p>DA TC DM</p> <p>EL</p> <p>DA TC</p> <p>WF</p> |
| <b>13. Date of Next Meeting</b>         | Next Meeting – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2014, 7pm in the Town House to be preceded by the AGM  |  |

**The meeting ended at: 8.50pm**