

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 9th June 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:
Elain Longmuir NTS
Enid Stewart
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Clare Short
CCC Cllr Sine Russell

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, Sine Russell	
1. a)	ES gave a short summary of the newsletter advertising revenue and passed cheques and cash to RN. Suggested to reduce costs we could reduce the print run by 20 – 30 copies. DA & TC to take this under advisement. The council thanked ES for her most valuable efforts	DA TC
2. NTS	EL gave a summary of the NTS activities in the village. No. 6 & 7 the cross should be available for let in July Beechwood has been let and there is a couple moving in shortly. There followed a discussion on the level of NTS rents in the village. The NTS believe that they let some of the properties well below the market value and are content with their valuations at present. Tenants who feel their rents have risen excessively have a procedure to follow which is detailed in their letter from NTS NTS Culross overall (Palace, Gardens and rental properties) ran at a £62,000 loss last year mainly due to building conservation costs The condition of McKenzie House AKA West Green Cottage is causing concern and the Estates Manager for The Trust is currently in discussions with Fife Council. TC highlighted the CCC efforts to begin a procedure to prosecute the owner for allowing a listed building to deteriorate – carries a potential 6 month prison	

3. Guest Speaker	None	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of 12 th May 2014 were approved: Proposed: RN Seconded: TC	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	The date of the meeting was wrong and needs to be corrected before publishing	TC
6. Treasurer's Report:	RN circulated copies of his monthly report: And advised of outgoings pending. Both accounts are in credit and holding funds ring-fenced for various projects There followed a brief discussion on the need to have the account visible on line. 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:- Letter from SR resigning due to pressure of work and travel now that she is no longer resident in the village. A thank you card to be sent to Sine Russell The renewal of the planning application for the Dun car park The correspondence with FC regarding empty houses and procedure to prosecute This to be pursued with vigour The issue with the chain at Station Path is still outstanding	EL EL WF
8. Chair's Report	Issues surrounding the planning application renewal for the former Dundonald car park development took on an urgency that has yet to subside. What written comments I have have been uploaded to the FifeDirect web site. So far all have been objectors. 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. Carries a sentence of 6 months goal time.	
9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	None	
10. External Meeting Reports	None	

11. Planning	The main issue is the Dun car park renewal application. There have been no favourable comments and many objectors all that we have are now on line	
12. Any Other Competent Business	<p>Village clean up set for 7pm for 1 hour 25th June Community Services to be asked to Paint the "new" sign above the abbey and also the anchors and to clean up Hags steps. It was suggested that we ask for the return of the daily sweeper</p> <p>The wall at Newgate has fallen over and seems to be as a result of tree root growth – safety issues</p> <p>Fund raising for the new play park was discussed – The Red Lion has offered to host an event on the 16th June – the offer has been gratefully accepted and the meeting expressed thanks to David and Anne for their generosity. Tickets are now all sold DA confirmed that the film company would make a contribution</p> <p>The condition of the public toilets was discussed and all agreed that an upgrade is required – it was generally agreed that funding for this would be best obtained once the play park funding has been assured and the matter is on hold In the mean time they seem to be closed far too often and in a poor state - FC</p> <p>Adopt a tub – all on song with 2 minor matters pending. The 2 planters in the east car park to be topped up with earth / compost</p> <p>Poles to be set at the sawmill road end ready for the sign</p> <p>The farmers market on the 29th is to be opened by Taff the Post 11 am Helpers are needed for the morning set up Contact Robert 880284 David 880495</p> <p>Abbey tea rooms also looking for help 2- 5 hrs a week / training given: Jon Laird 01259731431 Rev J Scott 880231</p> <p>In light of recent crimes in the village the community police officer should be invited to meetings in the future.</p> <p>A member of the community has expressed a will to help CCC – agreed to invite him along to the September meeting</p>	<p>DM TC WF KS</p> <p>WF KS</p> <p>DM / DA</p> <p>WF KS</p> <p>DM DA TC RN</p> <p>DA TC RN</p> <p>EL</p> <p>TC</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting – Monday 1 st September, 7pm in the Town House.	

The meeting ended at: 8.40pm