

MINUTES of GATEHOUSE OF FLEET COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Of Meeting 9th July 2013 at 7pm in Community Centre

Present: Pat Jacques, Chair (PJ), Mike Edwards (ME), David Hawker (DH), Sue Best (SB), Ron Forster (RF),
In Attendance: Councillor Colin Wyper, PC Steele Johnson, Trisha Lewis

1. Apologies: Cecilia Franklin, Ian Carson, Councillors Jane Maitland and Patsy Gilroy
Resignation: Cara Gillespie – members thanked Cara for her input to date and were sorry to read of her resignation
Absent: Alan Lowden, Mick Fairnie

2. Public Forum: No members of the public present

3. Election of Secretary: Due to the resignation of Josephine King a new minute secretary is required- No volunteers for the post therefore PJ said she would minute the meeting.

4. Police report:

29th June – Fraud with forged £50 note presented at Keystore also at Twynholm, Newton Stewart and Springholm

4th July – drunk male put out of Masonic, signage was knocked over resulting in damage to a car. Male is known to police.

22nd June – Male suffered broken jaw outside the Bank of Fleet but no crime committed

29th June – Neighbour dispute in Riverbank Court

Kirkclaugh Stables – owner charged with sexual offences and bailed with more charges liabled. Not allowed to teach under 21yr olds. SSPCA also involved with matters relating to the horses there.

PC Johnson left the meeting to attend Tongland CC.

5. Minutes of Previous meeting: Proposed by ME and seconded by RF

6. Matters Arising: Knochendurich Wind Turbines – discussion took place regarding the way forward. ME reported that the CCForum is presenting the various facts relating to the turbines in a subjective way. Gatehouse CC is keen to address the issue as all others ie. on its own merits. Existing Community Partnering Schemes mean 50% to D and G council and the remainder would require an application for funds, even from non host communities. The general opinion was one of lack of full understanding for financial options therefore agreement to hold meeting on 14th August and invite Peter Roberts (negotiating with Banks on behalf of CC's), Robert Dodds and Lesley Cumliff to attend.

7. GDI Environmental Projects Report: Coronation seats are starting to rust therefore will be returned to be re done as it appears they were not originally galvanised.

The car park will now be resurfaced sometime after Gala Week.

8. Dumfries and Galloway Report: Council now working on budget setting for next year. The next meeting of the Area Committee will sign off the Local Development Plan. Telegraph poles throughout the town are being changed as old ones rotten

9. Provost Report and Correspondence: The CC stall in the park on Gala day was confirmed and various games / quizzes were arranged.

Correspondence: previously e-mailed –

Marcus Barrat – Military Exercises in the area

Alison Johnstone – South of Scotland Broadband

Alison Johnstone – D and G Council Budget Savings

Janet Gibson – Covenanters Walk

Alison Waugh – Recruitment to NHS D and G Infection Control

Marcus Barrett – Funding News 2013

Correspondence received by mail – Waste Services Changes 2013 – rather than attend training

Council offered to come to meetings and this was agreed.

Police Scotland – Intention to review provision of Traffic Wardens plus provision of public desks and opening hours within Police Stations.

Community Resilience Plan – due to amount of work involved in completion and lack of members to do this plus negligible likelihood of major disaster this was put on hold meantime.

10. Planning Applications:

No.7 Ramsey Wood – single storey extension – no objection

Craigmhor, Boreland Wood – single storey extension to north and south end of house – no objection

Craignesket, Mossyard – single storey extension to dwelling house – no objection

Replacement cricket clubhouse – SB declared an interest and made no comment – no objection as would be a “proper pavilion”

Clauchan at Girthon – previous application to build 4 houses has been turned down

11. Treasurer’s Report : After being sent the wrong form from D and G council, the correct one has now been completed and returned.

Administration Grant is awaiting additional paragraph to be added to Constitution

Bank forms have been completed (again!) and will be sent off.

12. A.O.C.B.: ME raised the lack of progress on the repairs to the road leading to Dromore Visitor Centre. Cllr Wyper would be looking into this.

AGM: arranged for September

Meeting closed 8.34pm

E.G.M.

(following the above meeting)

Present, Apologies and in attendance as above

1. The purpose of the meeting is to insert a further paragraph into our Constitution, which although is not in the previous Constitution, D and G council have insisted this must be inserted to comply with the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway.

The paragraph reads – “Term of office for Chairperson – No one person may hold the office of Chairperson for more than six consecutive years”

All in agreement that this would be altered

Meeting closed 8.45pm