



**Meeting held on Zoom on 12 January 2021 at 7 30pm  
Approved Minutes**

**Attendees**

**Councillors:** David Richmond (DR) (Chair), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Jonathan Henderson (JH), Ruiradh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), Francois Van der Zee (FZ), Cllr Dougie Campbell (DC), (Cllr Pauline Drysdale (PD) until 8 30 pm).

**Minutes Secretary:** Susan Miller (SM)

**Apologies:** PC J Brown (JB)

**2 Conflicts of Interest**

2.1 DR reminded members to be mindful of any potential conflicts of interest and to declare them if necessary.

**3 Public Forum (Agenda item 2)**

3.1 A presentation was given by Warren Sanders (WS), Esther Tacke (ET) and Duncan McConchie (DM) on the proposed gravel cycling event planned for 4 days in October 2021. The event would be managed by Golazo Cycling who have extensive experience of running successful events and would comprise 1000 competitors racing in teams of 2 in 3 events through the Galloway Forest. The event HQ would be based in Gatehouse and would bring significant benefits in terms of the local economy, in particular, the tourism sector. Golazo were committed to sustainability and WS/ET stressed that they would work closely with the local community to minimise impacts and maximise benefits by using local suppliers and supporting local businesses and culture. Detailed planning was already taking place in liaison with D and G Council, Police Scotland and other interested parties and would take full account of the need to be Covid19 secure. DC advised that strict licensing conditions would be in place to ensure Golazo were aware of, and complied with, the obligations on them.

3.2 After discussion the Council enthusiastically agreed to support the event through the formation of a Sub-Group to work closely with the organisers and report back to the Council. Further information will be available shortly on

<http://www.gatehouse-of-fleet.co.uk/index.php/community/community-council> and <https://www.facebook.com/GatehouseCC/>

**4 Police Report (Agenda item 3)**

4.1 JB had emailed on scams relating to parcel delivery scams. Further information will be available on <http://www.gatehouse-of-fleet.co.uk/index.php/community/community-council> and <https://www.facebook.com/GatehouseCC/>

4.2 DR reported that there had been an incident of racist graffiti which he would raise with JB. The Council expressed its disappointment at this news.

**5 Dumfries and Galloway Report (Agenda item 4)**

5.1 DC reported that the Covid19 Level 4 restrictions were impacting on D and G Council staffing levels and services. He stressed the seriousness of the situation in the region and the need for full compliance with the Regulations and Guidance. There was some discussion of reinstating the road signs used in Lockdown 1 to deter visitors. Opinions on this were mixed and it was agreed that the

need for them would be kept under review.

## **6 Minutes of meeting on 11 November 2020 (Agenda item 5)**

6.1 The minutes of the meeting on 8 December November were agreed. Approval was proposed by HK and seconded by PC.

## **7 Matters Arising (Agenda item 6)**

7.1 DR had made enquiries regarding a means of commemorating the life of Hamish Macinnes and would follow these up once the Covid19 restrictions were no longer in place.

## **8 Chair's report and Correspondence (Agenda item 7)**

8.1 DR echoed DC's comments above and stressed the seriousness of the current Covid19 outbreak locally and the need for full compliance with the Regulations and Guidance. He said that the Helpline had been reactivated primarily as an advice line.

8.2 The arrangements for vaccinations were discussed noting that at present, only the Pfizer vaccine was being administered, and only at Kirkcudbright. Residents without access to a transport were likely to have difficulty getting to their appointments and, whilst the use of volunteer drivers was permitted, it carried significant risk. DC said that the NHS locally was simultaneously trying to manage the current outbreak of cases and the vaccination programme, which was increasing the practical difficulties and he would report back to DR following a briefing session on 15 January.

## **9 Planning Applications (Agenda item 8)**

9.1 FP reported as follows:

(a) permission had been granted unconditionally for the erection of an extension to the north elevation of the dwellinghouse at Mansewood, Planetree Park, Gatehouse of Fleet.

(b) there had been three new planning applications:

(i) for alterations and extension to a domestic outbuilding to form a residential annexe and installation of solar panels at Marchfield, 14 Garden Street, Gatehouse of Fleet;

(ii) for the erection of an extension to the front elevation of the dwellinghouse at Dionard, Boreland Wood, Gatehouse of Fleet; and

(iii) for the erection of a dwellinghouse (including the demolition of an existing dwellinghouse) and installation of a septic tank and soakaway at Killiegowan, Anwoth, Gatehouse of Fleet.

## **10 Treasurer's Report (Agenda item 9)**

10.1 PC reported that the Admin Account stood at £575 and the Common Good Fund at £324 and that he had make an application for further Covid19 resilience funding. DR said he would arrange a meeting of the Community Resilience Team to update the full Community Resilience Plan when time and conditions permitted.

## **11 Cardoness Lights (Agenda item 10)**

11.1 DR reported that a response was awaited from Historic Environment Scotland.

## **12 Memorial Tree (Agenda item 11)**

12.1 DR reported that the planting ceremony would take place in early Spring.

## **13.1 Town Hall Garden (Agenda Item 12)**

13.2 There was nothing further to report following the vandalism incident in December.

## **13 AOCB (Agenda item 12)**

13.1 NS reported that a light on the zebra crossing was not working and asked HK to report to CCES.

13.2 PC reported that the reflective bollard at the A75 Cardoness turn needed repair. DR asked NS to provide a photo and he would then raise with CCES.

13.3 HK said that the water leak at the garage site had been repaired and acknowledgements had been received regarding the road and kerbstones in Victoria Street.

13.4 DR reported that D and G Council were considering a solar powered motion sensor floodlight at the recycling area in the car park and he would raise possible use of the solar supply at the kiosk.

13.5 RH reported that works to deal with blocked ditches in Lauriston Road were in hand in liaison with Openreach and D and G Council

13.6 DR reported that work to deal with icy pavements would be included in D and G Council winter programme and in the meantime D and G had thanked Regan McKie and Jake Higgins for their recent work in sanding pavements. He had reported to CCES the need to re-fill the Ann Street salt bin.

13.7 DR reported that discussions were taking place with regard to a new tenancy at the kiosk. FZ confirmed that the GDI wished to maximise use of the asset and would plough back proceeds from the rental into the town. RD suggested there might be scope for the kiosk to be used during the cycle race.

The meeting ended at 9 30 pm.

Next meetings: 9 February, 9 March, 13 April