



**Meeting held on Zoom on 12 May 2020 at 7 30pm  
Approved Minutes**

**1 Attendees**

**Councillors:** David Richmond (DR) (Chair), Danny Alderslowe (DA), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Suzette Harris (SH), Jonathan Henderson (JH), Helen Keating (HK), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), Francois Van der Zee (FZ), Councillor Pauline Drysdale (PD)

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

**Apologies:** Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Jack Pickthall (JP), PC J Brown, Police Scotland (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 Members noted the issues raised by SH on behalf of residents and agreed as follows

- (a) **HK** to contact Ken Smyth regarding timely posting of minutes on the Gatehouse website
- (b) **DR** to provide HK with full list of benches provided by D and G Council and **HK** to contact CCES to enquire as to the whereabouts of the missing benches.
- (c) **JH** to weed area around Fleet Bridge; **DA** to continue weeding area around War Memorial and Clock Tower
- (d) DR mentioned that Mandi Houfe, who has volunteered to sweep the local streets, was working her way down the High St when the lockdown “kicked in”. DR also mentioned that Mandi has advertised for other volunteers to help

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

4.1 JB was unable to attend the meeting but had asked that all residents be reminded of the ongoing risks of online fraud. DA said that there were risks for young people spending more time online and parental monitoring was important. **DR** said he would ask **RH** to post an item on the Facebook on the 2 issues.

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

5.1 PD reported as follows

- (a) concerns about people occupying holiday accommodation should be raised with Trading Standards
- (b) issues around duplication of food parcels for the vulnerable had been resolved. HK said she had a poster to display with information/contact details.
- (c) information for businesses on funds available and guidelines for working was available
- (d) action to manage the presence of travellers at the Dhoon was in progress

5.2 PD thanked everyone involved throughout the town in providing support for fellow residents and congratulated the CC on being the 1<sup>st</sup>, so far, to have adopted Zoom to allow meetings to continue

**6 Minutes of meeting on 10 March and 14 April 2020 (Agenda item 5)**

6.1 The minutes of the meetings on 10 March and 14 April were agreed. The formal proposal was made by FZ and seconded by PC (10 March) and HK and NS (14 April).

6.2 After discussion of the ongoing use of Zoom it was agreed that members would host the meetings in rotation with **DA** hosting on 9 June.

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

7.1 See items 11, 13 and 14.

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

8.1 DR said that public information received from local representatives including MSPs would be placed on the Gatehouse of Fleet website and F/b page. *See also item 14.1 below*

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

9.1 FP reported as follows:

(a) planning permission had been granted:

(i) unconditionally for alterations including the installation of two windows and one door on the rear elevation and French doors on the front elevation at 41 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet.

(ii) unconditionally for the installation of playpark equipment at Sandgreen Caravan Park

(iii) conditionally for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Mossyard, .

(b) there had been no new planning applications.

9.2 Scottish Community Councils have asked all Community Councils for feedback on how they are functioning in terms of fulfilling their role as statutory consultees in the planning process – particularly in light of recent streamlining of planning procedures in response to the Covid-19 crisis. **Action: FP**

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

10.1 PC reported that the Admin Account stood at £698, the Common Good Fund at £1644 and the Covid19 fund at £562. It was noted that the latter could only be used for essential transport costs and purchase of PPE and not for IT etc to support home learning.

10.2 It was agreed to try and provide face masks for volunteers and **FZ** undertook to procure a supply.

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

11.1 To meet additional information requirements requested by D and G Council, enquiries had been made to determine all anticipated costs including legal costs. **FZ** said he would check that quoted legal costs were all inclusive, **DR** said he would approach the GDI to ask if the scheme could be covered by its Public Liability Insurance.

## **12 Community Council website (Agenda item 11)**

12.1 *See item 3.1 (a) above*

## **13 Tree Survey (Agenda item 12)**

13.1 DR reported that it had been confirmed by D and G Council that a survey was in progress but no further information was available at this time.

## **14 Covid19 (Agenda item 13)**

14.1 DR said that a number of instances of breach of the Coronavirus Regulations had been brought to his attention largely relating to use of 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and holiday accommodation. Following consultation with relevant authorities the advice was as follows:

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*People cannot be deprived of the use of a family home and thus if they moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> homes in the area on or before 23 March they were entitled to stay but if anyone in the household became ill they should return to their main home address unless there were extenuating medical reasons for them to remain. Rentals of accommodation including holiday accommodation, 2<sup>nd</sup> homes and other accommodation after 23 March were not allowed.*

*The relevant authorities responsible for establishing the facts of individual circumstances and taking action where appropriate were D and G Trading Standards (rentals of holiday and other accommodation) and Police Scotland (other breaches of the Regulations) .*

*The CC was **not** responsible for the enforcement of the Regulations or for reporting alleged*

*contraventions. Thus, should residents consider they had evidence of any contraventions they should*  
*(a) in the case of short-term visitors to the area, contact Police Scotland on 101*  
*(b) in the case of suspected rental of holiday accommodation, second homes or other*  
*accommodation, Trading Standards*

*Under both the above scenarios, all cases should be treated equally.*

14.2 DR reported that the Volunteer Helpline was working well although the volume of calls remained low.

**15 AOCB (Agenda item 14)**

15.1 Members congratulated residents of Fleet Street for holding a socially distant VE Day celebration and thanked Margaret and Graham Wright for their work on WW2, and VE day in particular, on the Gatehouse Folk website.

The meeting ended at 8 50pm

Next meetings: 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September