



**Meeting held on Zoom on 9 March 2021 at 7 30pm
Approved Minutes**

Attendees

Councillors: David Richmond (DR) (Chair), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Helen Keating (HK), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), Francois Van der Zee (FZ), Ruairidh Hesketh (RH)

Minutes Secretary: Susan Miller (SM)

Apologies: Jonathan Henderson (JH), Jack Pickthall (JP), Cllr P Drysdale (PD), 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 DR reported the death of Patsy Gilroy, former Lord Lieutenant and ward councillor and sent the Council's condolences to her family and friends at this time.

4 Police Report (Agenda item 3) (Report provided in advance).

4.1 JB said that action continued to deal with breaches of the Coronavirus Regulations. The shooting party incident reported to the meeting on 9 February had been investigated with no further action being taken. **DR** said he would contact JB to clarify one aspect of the latter.

5 Dumfries and Galloway Report (Agenda item 4)

5.1 No report.

6 Minutes of meeting on 9 February 2021 (Agenda item 5)

6.1 The minutes of the meeting on 9 February were agreed. Approval was proposed by NS and seconded by FZ.

7 Matters Arising (Agenda item 6)

7.1 DR said that the information on financial scams (<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk>) had been posted on the Council's website and Facebook pages and he hoped awareness had been raised.

7.2 DR reported back from the Forestry and Land Scotland/GDI meeting on 10 February. It was unlikely that the works would begin in Cally Woods before 2022 or that any new cycle routes would be included. The minutes of the meeting were due to be placed on the GDI noticeboard.

7.3 FP said that the fallen tree in Memory Lane was the responsibility of the housing association and had now been dealt with.

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

8.1 DR reported that:

(a) the Covid 19 data showed a decreasing trend for the Stewartry.

(b) a request for funding for paint for repainting the Town Hall Garden gates had been met by the GDI and bedding plants would be donated by D and G Council.

(c) work was now in progress to repair the potholes on the B796 Dromore road between the Anwoth Road junction and Gatehouse Station and the CC thanked individuals and groups who had taken the time to report the matter to D and G Roads, along with the CC.

(d) D and G Council had replied on the matter of dog fouling to say marking the pavement was inappropriate and that, as CSOs were not a permanent presence in the town, it was for local people to speak with dog owners/walkers at the they see occurrences of fouling, reporting the matter to CSO's as appropriate following further discussions with the Gala Committee on plans to commemorate the War Memorial centenary it was suggested that descendants of people commemorated still living in the town be contacted regarding a suitable ceremony. DR asked **HK** to follow this up with Margaret Wright. DR added that the railings could be repainted if there was any paint left over from repainting the Town Hall Garden railings.

Planning Applications (Agenda item 8)

9.1 FP reported as follows: permission had been granted

(a) there had been four decisions made since the last meeting: permission had been granted

(i) unconditionally for the erection of an extension to south-east elevation of Stables Cottage, Ann Street, Gatehouse;

(ii) unconditionally for the erection of an extension to the front elevation of the dwelling house at Dionard, Boreland Wood, Gatehouse;

(iii) unconditionally for the construction of an earth-banked silage pit at Mossyard Farm; and

(iv) unconditionally for demolition of the function room at the Murray Arms Hotel, Gatehouse.

(b) there had been two new planning in principle (PIN) applications, for:

(i) the erection of two dwelling houses including formation of new vehicular access and installation of two septic tanks and soakaways at The Old Sheep Pens Site, Clachan Of Anwoth, Gatehouse; and

(ii) the erection of a 1- to 1.5-storey dwelling house on land to the rear of the Murray Arms Hotel, Clermiston, High Street and the Masonic Arms Hotel, Ann Street, Gatehouse.

(c) there had been two new full planning applications, for:

(i) alterations and erection of a single-storey extension to the rear elevation of a dwelling house at Inglewood, High Street, Gatehouse;

(ii) the erection of a dwelling house and detached domestic garage at Plot 11 Bracken Wood, Gatehouse.

(d) there had been one proposal of application notice (PAN) in respect of extension to two agricultural buildings at

- Littleton Farm, Gatehouse.
- (e) the application for permission to erect two dwelling houses at Bardristane Farm, Gatehouse, had been withdrawn. The meeting briefly discussed the Murray Arms application ((c) (i)) above given its location within the conservation area but saw no planning grounds on which to base any comments.
- 10 Treasurer's Report (Agenda item 9)**
- 10.1 PC reported that the Admin Account stood at £1038, the Common Good Fund at £424. The Covid19 resilience grant of £1124 had been received and now stood at £624 following a contribution of £500 for Take a Deep Breath (See item 12 below). Following a discussion of options for use of the balance of the grant DR asked PC to contact D and G Council to determine if the conditions attaching to it would allow donations to local organisations supporting young people.
- 11 Cardoness Lights (Agenda item 10)**
- 11.1 Following discussion it was agreed, in principle, to commission Machars Eco to carry out a Stage 1 survey subject funding being available to meet the costs (£750 incl VAT). DR said that JH had reported that Golazo, organisers of the Gravel Bike event, had no funds available at this stage to support a donation and he would therefore explore funding options with the GDI.
- 12 'Take a Deep Breath' (Agenda item 11)**
- 12.1 DR reported that following a request for a donation to the TGB organised Take a Deep Breath initiative, funding of £500 to be met from the Covid 19 resilience grant had been approved on 23 February following email consultation with Council members.
- 13 Gravel Bike Event (Agenda item 12)**
- 13.1 FZ said that liaison was ongoing and work was progressing with the local event organisers now in post and a website for local use would be up and running shortly. <https://raidersgravel.com/>.
- 14 A75/A77 (Agenda item 13)**
- 14.1 DR said he would recirculate the draft response and asked for any comments by 12 March to enable HK to make a formal response.
- 15 Waste recycling (Agenda item 14)**
15. DR reported that the new arrangements would begin shortly and that D and G Council had confirmed that a motion sensor floodlight would be installed at the recycling area in the car park. Recent instances of fly-tipping at the recycling area had been highlighted on the local Covid19 Facebook page. The rubbish has now been removed.
- 16 AOCB (Agenda item 15)**
- 16.1 DR referred to the email on 'Connecting Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway'. It was agreed not to participate in the pilot but to retain arrangements for online attendance (by e.g. local councillors and the minutes secretary) at meetings once in-person meetings were allowed.
- 16.2 In respect of CCES requests DR reported that:
- (a) the flooding problem in the Lauriston Road had recurred so the issue had been reactivated. No notification yet of the work having been done.
- (b) the pothole at Cally Lodge had been acknowledged but not yet actioned.
- (c) a raised kerbstone in Victoria Street had been reported

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

Next meetings: 13 April, 11 May, 13 July