



Community Council (CC) Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday June 9th 2015

Present: Sue Best (SB), Mike Edwards (ME), Ron Forster (RF), Kathleen Hamblin (KH), Helen Keating (HK), Gerard Macnamara (GM) Councillor Colin Wyper (CW), Alison Veitch (AV), P.C. John Brown and John Enos (D&G Council)

1. **Apologies** were received from, Cecilia Franklin, Alan Lowden, Paula Hamilton, Councillors Patsy Gilroy and Jane Maitland.
2. **Police Report:** PC Brown had little to report. He has been asked to call at the school next week, he reported that the Drink Driving Campaign is active, and drew members' attention to the application for the Riding of the Marches and Gala parade, which now need extra permissions.
3. **D&G Report:** CW had little to report. The proposed employment of a Community Council Development Officer had been circulated to D&G Councillors but was not supported by our CC nor by CW.
4. **The minutes of the meeting** on May 12th 2015 were approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising:** (i) A Union flag has been obtained and a quotations for a new Gala flag has been received at £176 plus VAT and delivery. It was agreed that, with consultation with the Gala Committee and the Common Good Fund, it should be purchased.
(ii) SB finally had a reply concerning the garage site and it was reported that there were council staff inspecting it yesterday. She understands a letter will follow.
(iii) A D&G Council representative has inspected the bins outside the Masonic Arms in reply to the letter from the Brocks.
(iv) She has had no response concerning the Stranraer – Carlisle bus. HK reported that the bus company had told her that there are ongoing talks with the Council.
(v) SB has had a response from two local businesses about sponsoring planters on the High Street and awaits further responses.
(vi) GM was asked to chase up the two joiners' quotes for the new notice board. **Action GM**
6. **GDI Report:** (i) The Temple access path has been completed.
(ii) A selection of trees have been planted in Garries Wood, Garries Park and Port Macadam..
(iii) The Gatehouse Squirrel Group is working well, with some members having been on a trapping training course, some collecting hair samples and others trapping grey squirrels and dealing with them. (There is no truth in the rumour that squirrel pies will be on the menu at the Gatehouse Deli.)
(iv) The volunteer group continues to work at Syllodioch and they have been cutting down rhododendrons in the Murray Usher Foundation Wood.
7. **Common Good Fund.** John Enos (D&G Council) came to explain the intricacies and complications of the Common Good Fund system. CW suggested that Gatehouse Community Council should be sent a list of the town's assets and the suggested limits of moneys available. JE pointed out the two other sources of funding, the Discretionary Grant Fund and, for small applications (up to £1,000) the Small Community Grant Fund. In July the Community Empowerment Bill will be enacted and will influence what happens to resources.

8. **Provost's Report:** (i) SB reminded members that the Community Council elections would take place on October 22nd. Alan Lowden has made it known that he no longer wishes to serve (she informed members that he is at present in hospital after a further operation) .and new potential members willing to stand are invited to apply, with applications sent to Graham Wright (the Returning Officer.)
9. **Dean of Guild's report:** An application has been received for an alteration to the radio mast at Disdow and also for Retrospective planning permission for the flag poles on the front of the Bank of Fleet.
10. **Treasurer's Report:** In her absence PH has reported that the accounts are the same as last month.
11. **AOCB:** Dr Locke has expressed the desire to attend the next CC meeting in order to discuss the running iof the Health Centre in view of the difficulty of recruiting more general practitioners. SB will invite him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday July 14th at 7 pm.

Next meetings: September 8th, October 13th.

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