



Community Council (CC) Minutes

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018

Present: Provost Sue Best (SB) Peter Cailey (PC), Tony Fowler (TF), Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall, (JP), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), PC J Brown (JB) Francois Van der Zee (FZ), PC Chloe Ellis., Councillor Jane Maitland.

Also present: Mr Murray McConchie, Stephen Norris (SN), (Galloway News), Francois vander Zee

1. **Apologies** were received from Danny Alderslowe, Suzette Harris, David Richmond and Councillor Dougie Campbell..
2. **Police Report:** (i) JB reported mysterious and irritating door-knocking around Brewery Brae and a great deal of on-line, telephone and personal scamming in the area (losses to the tune of at least £13,000. (ii) The neighbours in dispute have been invited but, since no criminal offence has been committed, the problem is now considered closed by the police. (iii) JB reminded councillors that they are invited to drop in at Kirkcudbright \Police Station on Thursday November 1st, 10 – 11.30 am to discuss any problems.
TF reported a problem with boy racers doing the circuit of Castramont Road, Honey Lane and Laurieston Road during the evenings. Will be investigated.
3. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by FP, seconded Pc.
4. **Matters arising:** (i) SB and SN reported that SCVS has been given a private donation of £10,000 to help the new arrangements.
5. **Provosts Report** (i) On November 1st SB and HK will be meeting Robert Lowther and Imogen Gemmell, regarding grass cutting and the tree felling and maintenance of the lade valley in Garries Park. (ii) Mossyard has been visited by SB and HK. They were re-assured that no future applications would be made for cabins after the present one and any replacement of present buildings would be tastefully built and with minimal visual impact. They also hope to build an energy neutral dwelling for the wedding couple. It was confirmed that providers of accommodation are benefitting from the large number of guests attending the weddings. There is now a local taxi/minibus service to transport guests into town. Duncan McConchie was complimented (in absentia) on the quality of the venue. With the agreement of councillors FP will write to the Planning Officer to inform them of our support for the application, which will be heard at the Planning Committee meeting on October 11th. (iii) SB will follow up the question of the installation of a toilet block at Newton Farm, which has still not been built. (iv) NS asked if there was any news of the implementation of the zero waste collection; SB will contact D&G Council. (v) SH had asked about the re-installation of water at the clock tower, with no result yet, though it had been announced in the press that such a free water supply is to be provided in Dumfries. (vi) The plant troughs in the High Street need refurbishment so SB will ask SH to help when she returns. (vii) The provision of Meals on Wheels by the Bank of Fleet is into its second week with grateful approval being expressed by recipients! The cost of the foil dishes (at present provided by the Bank of Fleet) is minimal and will be kept under review. (viii) SB asked for Councillors' support by attendance at the Church service and War Memorial for Remembrance Day on November 11th.
6. **Dean of Guild:** (i) Application has been made by the new owners of 8, Bridge Terrace for the enlargement of a window and a minor internal alteration. (ii) The application of the siting of the

Smart Meter pole has now been received and our support already registered. (vi) the application for the change of use of Woodlyn has generally been considered favourably and the concerns about the difficulties of parking around the house and in Birtwhistle Street have been looked into by D&C Council officers. The owner has offered to create two spaces at the side of the property and would also like a disabled space. He has suggested that guests might be asked to park in the town car park. The matter is ongoing.

7. **Co-option:** it was agreed unanimously that Francois van der Zee should be co-opted onto the Community Council and he was welcomed.
8. **Treasurer's report:** with arrangements with the Bank about signatories still not settled, the accounts remain as at last month.
9. **Road Infrastructure:** the meeting about the A75 was been postponed and still deferred.
10. **Christmas Fair:** the organisation is still developing and members will receive requests for help by email from the Provost!
11. **Citizen of the Year:** a poster has been circulated and will be displayed throughout the town, and the cards and registration boxes will be put in local shops and the library for nominations to be received by November 10th. A short list will then be drawn up for voting by December 9th.
12. **AOB:** (i) FP reported that her report of the poor state of the pavement along the High Street resulted in almost immediate inspection by D&G Council, with the promise of attention very soon. (ii) JP asked if there is any police presence in the town to investigate the speeding lorry up Lauriston Road. (iii) TF reported that, when out walking the dog, he had been asked by the Community Safety Officers if he had dog bags with him and was told that failure to carry such bags could incur a fine! (iv) NS reported that there is no road sign on Dromore Road, leading to confusion for delivery drivers. This will be reported. (v) FZ reported that banks are actively promoting with fliers the banking service provided at the Post Office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Next meetings:

November 13th December 11th
in the **Community Centre**