



Community Council (CC) Minutes

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018

Present: Danny Alderslowe (DA), Provost Sue Best (SB), Suzette Harris (SH), Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Fiona Power (FP), David Richmond (DR), Nigel Scott (NS), Councillor Dougie Campbell.

Also present: PC John Brown (JB), Mrs P Jacques, Mrs R Paul, Mrs and Mrs Kirkpatrick, Francois Van der Zee, and Howard MacLean.

1. **Apologies** were received from Peter Cailey (PC), Tony Fowler (TF) and Stephen Norris
2. **Co-option:** It was proposed by SB and seconded by DR and agreed nem con that Suzette Harris should be co-opted as a member of the Community Council.
3. **D&G Council Report:** (i) DG reported that there is to be the AGM of SCVS, (which is in some financial difficulties.) TF was to have spoken to the topic but was delayed. (ii) DC was pleased to report that there has been a reprieve of teacher numbers for one year. (iii) He has had a complaint about the state of the area around the recycling bins and has submitted an enquiry to D&G Council, asking for more regular collections. (iv) There has been some concern expressed about private water supplies in this dry season. These are not Scottish Water's responsibility but D&G Council is responsible for the provision of water to the public and, in the event of shortage, contact should be made to them. (v) The Community Council Scheme has been approved and will be circulated. (vi) He reported that he has been invited to the opening of the new Kirkcudbright Galleries (by the Princess Royal) on July 12th. (vii) The Riverbank Playpark held a very successful fund-raising event and DG has suggested that they meet Ingrid Gemmell for advice on the next steps. (viii) The Drive-in –Movie Day plans are going ahead, with the support of the police and services. (ix) DC's next Surgery will be on 15th August, 2.30 – 3.30 in the Community Centre. (x) After the Community event 'Street Scenes' Community Councils will be invited to suggest what services they could take over (grass cutting etc) either as organisations or individuals, for which equipment, insurance and training would be provided. DC suggested that Robert Lowther could be consulted for advice.

Questions to DC: (i) SB asked DC if there was any news about free school meals during the holidays. Apparently a scheme is to be trialled elsewhere but nothing provided in the Stewartry at the moment.

(ii) PJ asked if the ownership of the heated boxes used by RVS Meals on Wheels Service could be discovered, for when the current organisation ceases. She reported that the Bank of Fleet is prepared to cook the necessary meals and the present team of ladies would continue to deliver them – though more volunteers are needed, The CC would make the team associate members of the CC, with insurance provided, though new members would have to have the necessary checks (which the CC would pay for.) HK will put up a notice on the CC board to ask for volunteers and it was suggested that something could be included in the next Gatehouse News. DC agreed to see if he could find out the ownership of the boxes and flasks. (iii) A resident has asked if there was any chance of having a 20 mph limit in the High Street, in view of the speed of some drivers. JB thought it was very unlikely unless there is a material change of circumstances (new building developments, accidents etc.)

4. **Police Report:** (i) The driver who had parked at the zebra crossing (new to the job) will avoid parking there again. (ii) There has been a counterfeit £20 in circulation. (iii) There has been some bad behaviour around the car park and the police are trying to balance reprimands with

discouragement. (iv) The summer Drink-Driving campaign is still running. (v) A new campaign, 'I am Me, Keep me Safe' is under way to help those with mental health problems, with more details to follow.

5. **Public Forum:** Mr Francois Van der Zee asked that there should be a correction to the last meeting's minutes, since an ATM at Gatehouse Store was not decided. Since money may be withdrawn in the shop from 7am to 6 pm and with the ramifications of the expense of servicing an ATM it was felt that, at the moment, it was not feasible. The alterations planned for the shop were finding physical snags and would take some time. The possibility of using one of the empty telephone kiosks for an ATM was mentioned but thought difficult to provide and maintain.
6. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** after two minor corrections (an incorrect date and DDI AGM instead of EGM) the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by FP, seconded NS.
7. **Matters arising:** (i) It was agreed that the Bunkeroo Group organising the Drive-in Movie event should be given £334 from CC funds to cover the cost of the film hire. (ii) HK reported that a photograph of the RAF flower bed has been sent to the RAF officer who had contacted us about providing it, and today the Galloway News has taken a photograph of it with Squadron Leader Jack Jarmy by it (of Ann Street) who was awarded the DFC for his service in the 1940s. This photograph will also be sent to the RAF.
8. **Provost's Report:** (i) There has been a request from the Merchant Navy to fly the Red Ensign on Ensign Day 3rd September. Enquiries will be made about obtaining a flag. (ii) An email from a High Street resident has complained about dog fouling in the street. It was generally felt that the problem has reduced in Garries Park and in parts of the town but dog-owners will be reminded of the £80 penalty by a notice on the CC notice board. (iii) The gym equipment given to the town is now stored temporarily in the Provost's garage until a more permanent storage site can be found.
9. **Dean of Guild:** permission has been granted to Cream o' Galloway for change of use to form a cheese factory and erect a shed, and also new doors and replacement windows and roof lights at 2, Posting Stables. Applications have been received for the erection of 2 holiday chalets at Drumwall Farm, the erection of a 2-storey extension (replacement) at the rear of 30 Fleet Street, and replacement doors (back) and windows (front and back) at 3, Posting Stables.
10. **Treasurer's report:** in the absence of the new treasurer the figures are the same as the last two months. The necessary forms for the change of signatures are in hand.
11. **Empty phone box:** It was suggested that, like the idea taken up elsewhere in the Stewartry, the Drop-in Centre youngsters might like to consider what they could do with it. Since DA has had to leave the meeting early it can be discussed with him next month. SH also suggested that Scottish Water might consider putting in it a standpipe so that residents could refill their own plastic bottles. She will investigate.
12. **AOB:** (i) HK reported that a request has been received from Scottish Water that, in the current very dry season, residents should use water sparingly, which request is displayed in the window of our notice board. (ii) She also reported an apology from Anna Johnson (D&G Council) since moving offices has delayed the sending of notices to High Street residents about the tipping of garden waste in Garries Park. JP and HK will inspect the area again. (iii) It was reported that the Monument has been repointed and the lightning conductor is being installed so the scaffolding will come down very soon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm. Next meetings: August 14th, September 11th in the **Community Centre**, October 9th, November 13th in the **Drop-in Centre**