



## Community Council (CC) Minutes

### Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present: Sue Best (Provost) Alison Veitch (AV), Danny Alderslowe (DA), Peter Cailey (PC),  
Tony Fowler (TF) Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP),  
PC. Steele Johnson (SJ), Councillor Dougie Campbell DC)  
Also David Steel (GDI)

1. **Apologies** were received from Nigel Scott and Paula Hamilton.
2. **Public Forum:** David Steel gave an account of the Rutherford Monument, its history and proposed repairs. After a survey and tenders for the repair the funding is £9,000 short of its £29,000 cost. As part of the funding signs to the monument are to be provided, with an extra information board at the Mill on the Fleet. Since the item and photograph in the Galloway News of June 22<sup>nd</sup> further donations have been received and it was agreed that the Common Good Fund will provide £500. DA also offered to organise a sponsored event to raise funding and it is hoped that other members of the community would make contributions.
3. **Police Report:**
  - (a) Further attempts to pass counterfeit Ulster Bank notes have been made in the area and the pursuit of those suspected of these attempts is ongoing.
  - (b) The police are launching a new campaign against driving while using a mobile phone (which incurs a fine of £200 and 6 penalty points.)
  - (c) A message about the prevention of terrorist attacks and advice on what to do if one occurs will be circulated soon.
  - (d) DA reported speeding cars up the Lauriston Road, usually in the early evening. Residents are asked to report details of offenders to the police.
4. **D&G Council report:** DC reported on the developments regarding the Flood Prevention scheme in Dumfries and on the ongoing difficulties over the rebuilding and repair of DG1.  
He also reported on the problems over the Gatehouse Garage Site, about which he is awaiting a full briefing from D&G Council Planning Enforcement Officer.  
DA also reported to DC that Stagecoach have, thankfully, brought back a late bus from Dumfries but that the cost of the fares has risen sharply.
5. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** the minutes of the previous meeting were approved proposed by DA, seconded PC. The Provost thanked AV for chairing that meeting.
6. **Matters arising:** (i) Knockenduroch Windfarm application. HK reported that the 'Say No to Knockenduroch' campaign was disappointed that the CC did not feel able to write to protest as a full Council but only as individuals, when Gatehouse was the only local one not to do so, while it is the nearest to the proposed site.  
SB reported that it had been suggested that the money from the (now defunct) Footpath Account should be used to pay for plants etc for the Town Hall Garden. A generous donation has been received, however, from America, so the Footpath Fund money could be used towards the Rutherford Monument donation.
7. **Provost's Report:** (i) the expression of interest in the Murray Centre received from a teacher has failed to gain the necessary authority support so the Bunkeroo Group will be contacted to ask if they are in a position to finalise its removal, with a deadline of the end of July.

(ii) A meeting has been held about the Riverbank Wynd Playpark. DGHP, which owns the land will be asked for a letter to grant the lease which will probably include the requirement for maintenance funding. Advice is being sought from D&G Council about equipment and costings.

(iii) SB reported that, since D&G Council no longer cut the grass in the Town Hall garden, a non-electric lawn mower will be sought and AV offered to include an appeal on Facebook.

(iv) The Provost reported on her visit to Strathdee, the Abbeyfield House in Kirkcudbright, with which she was very impressed.

(v) AV reported on a possible new member for the CC and SB invited any possible applicant to attend the next meeting.

**8. Dean of Guild's report:** (i) 35, Fleet Street: extension.

(ii) Laggan Outdoor Centre: re-route the burn because of the wedding venue.

(iii) Pulchree Cottage: extension.

(iv) 20, Catherine Street: replacement windows.

(v) 38, Riverbank: formation of parking space off the road.

(vi) 9a, Digby Street: replacement of windows,

(vii) 18, Digby Street: replacement of windows.

**9. Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer it is assumed the accounts stand as at last month.

**10. Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils:** some members have studied this and DC reported that further drafts will be sent on to the D&G Council members, with full details available in the New Year.

**11. AOCB:** (a) HK reported the proposed road closures for Gala Week.

(b) DC reported that, in reply to NS's query about the forestry lorries last month, he has been informed that only three to four loads a day are allowed, with no articulated lorries allowed and one hour between each.

(c) PC asked if the broken steps at the Mill on the Fleet could be repaired.

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(d) AV reported that the Christmas Lights committee have asked for Common Good funding to extend the lights in the town and it was agreed that they should be given £250.

(e) DA praised the attractive planters in the High Street and volunteers will be gathered to straighten up those that have been shifted by parking car drivers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meetings:

August 8<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup> in the **Community Centre**, October 10<sup>th</sup> in the **Drop-in Centre**