



## Community Council (CC) Minutes

### Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Present: Provost Sue Best (SB), Danny Alderslowe (DA), Peter Cailey (PC), Tony Fowler (TF), Suzette Harris (SH), Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Fiona Power (FP), David Richmond (DR), PC J Brown, (JB) Councillor Jane Maitland. (JM)

Also present: Mr Ross Andrew.

1. **Apologies** were received from Councillors Dougie Campbell, Patsy Gilroy and Nigel Scott.
2. **Police Report:** JB reported damage to a car in the town Car Park and a neighbours dispute which is under potential resolution. He reported that a 20 mph limit around the school is planned. There is a County Speed Watch being set up, with volunteers being trained to identify speeding cars, with the use of a speed gun where local community councils can afford one.
3. **D&G Report:** JM had nothing in particular to report since the summer break.
4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by PC, seconded TF.
5. **Matters arising:** (i) TF reported that SCVS is in a delicate position, unable to pay the necessary staff redundancies until the premises are sold. If it closes Marie Jackson has very kindly volunteered to process PVG applications. (ii) The Bunkaroo held a very successful event in Garries Park on September 8<sup>th</sup> as their contribution to the Day of the Region and the Year of Young People. (iii) SB has contacted Robert Lowther at D&G Council, regarding grass cutting and the tree felling and maintenance of the lade valley in Garries Park but has as yet received no reply. (iv) Mossyard has been asked about their planning application (reply awaited.) SB will also follow the question of the installation of a toilet block at Newton Farm. (v) It was agreed to leave the suggested transformation of the redundant telephone boxes in the town since neither of them has a door. (vi) SH had asked about the re-installation of water at the clock tower, with no result yet. (vii) SB reported that the Knockendurrick windfarm application was turned down by the Planning Committee unanimously.
6. **Provost's Report:** (i) The repair of the lights at the zebra crossing are promised 'within the next week or two.'
7. **Dean of Guild:** (i) the application for the replacement of single-glazed windows at Knockbrix Castle had been withdrawn. (ii) the replacement of 3 timber windows with 3 UPVC windows at 22, Catherine Street has been approved. (iv) Alterations and extensions of existing outbuildings at Rocky Point, Sandgreen were approved conditionally. (v) the alteration and erection of a single storey extension at 6 Hannay Street was also granted. (vi) the application for the change of use and repainting of Woodlyn was generally considered to be a favourable alteration but concern will be expressed to the Planning Committee about the difficulties of parking around the house and in Birtwhistle Street. (vii) concerns will also be expressed about the planning application at Laggan for 8 lodges, which were considered to have a visual impact on the area, and also concern about the possible future expansion of the site.
8. **Treasurer's report:** The necessary change of signatures for cheques has been effected and we await the latest accounts' statements.
9. **SPEN:** the Galloway Without Pylons campaign to have the electricity connections in the area put underground and has asked for the Community Council's support, (agreed wholeheartedly) which will be sent to them.

10. **Road Infrastructure:** the meeting about the suggested turning the A75 into dual carriage way has been postponed.
11. **Meals on Wheels Volunteers:** it was agreed that the following volunteers should be co-opted as associate members of the CC to enable them to be covered for insurance: Pat Jacques, Sally Downs, Maryke van Drunen Littel, Josephine McCreath, Duncan Croal, Karen Fairbairn, Fiona Hesketh and Paula Hamilton. Meals on wheels will be served from the school until the end of September and then will then be very kindly provided by the Bank of Fleet.
12. **Christmas Fair:** the fair will be organised this year by the Mill on the Fleet, to take place in the Mill, from 2 to 6 pm, in conjunction with the switching on the Christmas lights on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
13. **Citizen of the Year:** after much discussion it was agreed that the community should be asked to send in nominations, with reasons for that nomination, by the end of October and a short list would then be drawn up for the final vote to be taken by December 11th. Posters will be displayed with information for this system.
14. **AOB:** DA reported that not only had the Drive-in Movie in the park been a great success but a film is in the process of being made to record residents' views on the town. It was suggested that the finished film could be shown in the Mill at the Christmas Fair.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Next meetings:

October 9<sup>th</sup> (AGM), Nov October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> December 11th

in the **Community Centre**