



Community Council (CC) Minutes

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2017

Present: Present: Sue Best (SB), Danny Alderslowe (DA), Peter Cailey (PC), Paula Hamilton (PH)
Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Nigel Scott, (NS), Councillor Dougie Campbell , PC John Brown

1. **Apologies** were received from Councillor Patsy Gilroy. Not present Alison Veitch.
2. **Police Report:** (i) There have been a number of break-ins in Kirkcudbright, looking specifically for jewellery. Residents are asked to note number plates of suspicious vehicles and report them.
(ii) Drivers are reminded that it is an offence not to have water in wind-screen washers.
(iii) Rural Crime figures can be reviewed on www.scotland.police.uk.
3. **D&G Council report:** Councillor Dougie Campbell reported that he had attended many meetings, including Planning, Police and Fire Service, the Mill on the Fleet and the SCVS AGM. After last month's CC meeting he discussed with the appropriate Council department the state of the trees in Garries Park and work has already started on their trimming and removal of dead trees. He was asked about the possible reorganisation of the Meals on Wheels service when the RVS ceases to organise them. The present volunteers are very willing to continue serving them. To be investigated.
4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting:** the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by DA, seconded PC.
5. **Matters arising:** Mr Riddick will be thanked for the efforts to tidy up the garage site. Action SB
6. **Provost's Report:** The replies to questions to D&G Council were read out: (i) After a D&G Council site meeting about the re-siting of the 30mph limit sign at the Cardoness Castle end of the town it was decided that moving the post was not necessary but the CC felt that, since the post is inside the town boundary the matter should be discussed further with the Council. (ii) The cutting of the grass outside the Castle is apparently a matter for the Roads Department and will be discussed further with them. Action SB (iii) A request to have the weeds in the High Street and round the Clock Tower removed has been followed up but the inclement weather has prevented chemical spraying to stop further growth.
(iv) The voting forms for Citizen of the Year Awards have been distributed to all households (thanks to NS) and seem to be attracting more nominations already.
(v) A request has been received for assistance in putting in a planning application to move the Murray Centre to the grounds of the Mill and it was agreed that the CC will pay the cost of the application. (vi) JP and his son Ian were thanked for their inspection of the Town Signs and JP reported that the post of the one by the Castle really needs to be replaced. The metal sign faces will be cleaned and repaired in the summer.
(vii) Interest in Town Twinning with Gatehouse has been revived by a group of citizens of Neubokel (near Giffhorn) and they would like to visit Gatehouse next summer. It was agreed that we should make contact and welcome them.
(viii) Regret was expressed at the removal of the tin can recycling bin in spite of being well-used in the past.
7. **Dean of Guild's report:** Not available.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** The Common Good Fund stands at £1,230, the Admin Fund at £643.34 and the Footpath account will be closed.
9. **Hogmanay:** the band that DA invited to play last year is not available so he is looking for musicians elsewhere but he also has three jugglers to entertain the public.
10. **Citizen of the Year Award:** when the votes have been collected the CC will be invited to a short informal meeting to count them ready for the Hogmanay presentation.
11. **AOB:** (i) DA reported that the Stagecoach buses' unpunctuality is of considerable concern, and the lack of a telephone number in the bus shelters to contact the bus company was noted. A letter of complaint will be drafted.
(ii) JP reported that the dangerous uncapped water pipes at the entrance to Riverbank have still not been filled in. Scottish Water will have to be contacted further. He also complained that there is still a quantity of building materials and scaffolding left in the road in Victoria Street. AV is to be asked to contact the house owner to ask the builders to remove it all. Failing that the Community Safety Partnership will be contacted.
(iii) PC reported that the bollard at the Castle end of the town is still not illuminated but there has been no response to our complaint. He also reported a big dip in the pavement, on the corner opposite the Ship Inn, which fills with water and then becomes ice and dangerous to pedestrians in bad weather. The Council laid new drainage a few years ago but the problem has obviously not been solved.

It was finally agreed that we shall meet next on February 13th, with no meeting in January.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next meetings: February 13th and March 13th in the **Drop-in Centre**