



Community Council (CC) Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday October 13th 2015

Present: Sue Best (SB), Mike Edwards (ME), Ron Forster (RF), Paula Hamilton (PH), Gerard McNamara (GM), Helen Keating (HK), Alison Veitch (AV), PCs Jennifer Ross and Nicky Robinson.
Also Peter Cailey

1. **Apologies** were received from Cecilia Franklin, Kathleen Hamblin, and Alan Lowden.
2. **Police Report:** PC Ross reported that the disputes continue between neighbours at Market Hill, with a Breach of the Peace, and the appropriate official departments are being kept informed. A male has been charged with the theft of a handbag in the Park and there has been a spate of thefts around the Dalry/Carsfairn area and the public are asked to be vigilant.
ME has been asked to find out why there are no flashing warning lights around the school but it was pointed out that this had been discussed before and that they would cause a problem for the access by the fire engine,
3. **D&G Report:** no Councillor present to report.
4. **The minutes of the meeting** on September 8th 2015 were approved, proposed by PH and seconded by AV and signed.
5. **Matters arising:** SB reported that the President of the Golf Club was not too concerned about the Cally course being available to the general public. In fact the Cally staff often point residents on their five-day golf packages in the direction of other courses. D&G Council had been approached to verify the terms of permission to the Cally for its course but no details could be found. KB Swimming Pool have expressed concern at the Cally pool being available to non-residents but it was pointed out that the public had to pay to swim there, while it is understood that Auchenlarie pool is free.
SB has lodged an application for funding for the Resilience Fund and that a cheque for the replacement map at Gatehouse Station road has been sent, which map is expected within 7 to 10 days.
6. **GDI and Community Response Team Report:** (i) A grey squirrel has been sighted in Digby and Catherine Streets, a trap set but nothing caught.
(ii) Volunteers have been clearing the rhododendrons in the Murray Usher Foundation wood and cleaning the boardwalk in the brickworks nature reserve.
(iii) The Temple: the Wigtown Book Festival held an event at the Mill on the Fleet, to celebrate the launch of 'Cally Voices', a book of poems composed with the Temple in mind.
(iv) A WW1 memorial has been found listing all those who lived in the Parish of Anwoth and fell in the war. It is a copper sheet which has suffered slight damage, Investigations are in hand about its restoration. SB will write to thank the two men from Halliday's Skip Hire who rescued it and returned it to the town. A home for it will be found, possibly in the Parish Church.
(v) The grass behind the town Kiosk is now a very wet area and looks a mess. We are looking for ideas as to what we can do to improve it and make it visually attractive. It is known locally as Campell's field and was once part of the tannery. A bog garden was suggested.
(vi) The GDI treasurer reports an income from the turbine of £729 for the past three months.
(vii) Gatehouse of Fleet Community Resilience Plan has been approved by D&G Council and will shortly be emailed to all Community Councillors for comment and approval. A decision on our

application for funding will be made in January 2016 after which printing and delivery will be organised.

7. **Provost's Report:** The Chairman's annual report will be appended to the Minutes.
8. **Dean of Guild's report:** Two applications have been received for the plot on the Chain Road and for a small extension to a house in Baker's Dozen.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** Our Main Account stands at £1,942.34 and the Common Good Fund at £609.16. Since the Footpath Fund has been dormant for a long time the bank has frozen it so we authorize the treasurer to ask the bank to release it and to transfer the £613.72 in it to the Main Account. **Action PH and RF.** The annual accounts will be presented at the next meeting.
10. **AOCB:** (i) GM reported dangerous slates falling off the roof of the Posting Stables row; **SB** will contact the selling agents.
(ii) HK suggested a possible decoration of the garage site fence with painted panels to be done by the children at the school to screen the site but it was felt that the owner would not be in favour. Her suggestion of the restoration of the Town Hall fountain again did not find favour.
(iii) ME was assured that the photos taken of CCs are on the Gatehouse web-site. He repeated his request for chippings to cover the mud at the entrance to Garries Park. **RF** to ask the Council. ME reported that the replacement cattle grid by Gatehouse Station has **still** not been installed.
(iv) GM reported that the repairs to the woodwork of the Clock Tower are almost completed. He reminded members that the Remembrance Day Service will be on November 8th at 10 am and attendance is requested. He still awaits a quote for the new notice board from Sam Hannah.
(v) RF expressed his exasperation that requests from D&G Council for comments on surveys etc have initially given two days' notice for returns. It was agreed that members should reply to surveys individually but joint response feedback should be sent to the secretary within a week of receipt for a collected reply.
(vi) SB reported that Gatehouse News is inviting short articles about the town and around. She also has flower tubs waiting to be assembled and positioned around the town. ME and GM will help with this and RF has offered compost to fill them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Next meetings: December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 15th.