



**Meeting held on Zoom on 14 April 2020 at 7 30pm  
Minutes**

**1 Attendees**

**Councillors:** David Richmond (DR) (Chair), Danny Alderslowe (DA) (from 7 45), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Suzette Harris (SH), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), Francois Van der Zee (FZ), Councillor Jane Maitland (JM)

**Minutes Secretary:** Susan Miller (SM)

**Apologies:** Jonathan Henderson (JH)

**Not present:** Jack Pickthall (JP)

**2 Conflicts of Interest**

2.1 DR reminded members to be mindful of any potential conflicts of interest and to declare them if necessary.

**3 Police Report (Agenda item 2)**

3.1 DR reported that material received from Police Scotland was being forwarded to the Covid 19 Community Help Group (C19CHG) Facebook page.

**4 Public Forum**

4.1 DR reported an enquiry regarding stickers on lampposts in the Fleet St and Castramont Road areas and said he would report it to CCES.

**5 Dumfries and Galloway Report (Agenda item 3)**

5.1 JM said that D and G Council action was focused on Covid19 and in particular shielding and community engagement.

**6 Minutes of meeting on 10 March 2020 (Agenda item 4)**

6.1 These were approved and would be signed at the first meeting after relaxation of the Covid19 social distancing requirements.

**7 Matters Arising (Agenda item 5)**

7.1 SH asked if the draft business plan for the Tourist Information Kiosk was available. FZ said he would recirculate an email updating on GDI projects which advised that the plan had been submitted.

**8 Correspondence (Agenda item 6)**

8.1 Correspondence received largely related to Covid19 and where appropriate was being forwarded to to the C19CHG Facebook page. *(See also item 15.4)*

## **9 Planning Applications (Agenda item 7)**

9.1 FP reported as follows:

- (a) Planning permission had been granted unconditionally for:
  - (i) the erection of a porch at 4 Old Posting Stables, Horatio Square, Gatehouse of Fleet
  - (ii) alterations and erection of an extension to the side elevation of the dwelling house at Marchfield, 14 Garden Street, Gatehouse
  - (iii) the installation of 328 roof-mounted solar panels at Auchenlarie Caravan Park.
- (b) Applications had been received for:
  - (i) alterations and change of use of a shop to form an extension to the existing dwellinghouse, including the installation of a PVC window and formation of an opening and installation of a patio and PVC doors on the rear elevation; and the installation of replacement double-glazed timber windows and door on the front elevation at 27-29 High Street, Gatehouse of Fleet
  - (ii) alterations including the installation of two windows and one door on the rear elevation and sliding doors on the front elevation of the dwelling house at 41 Catherine Street, Gatehouse of Fleet.
  - (iii) the installation of playpark equipment at Sandgreen Caravan Park

9.2 FP also reported that for the duration of the Covid19 emergency temporary changes had been made to the Planning Scheme of Delegation to provide for increased delegation of powers to planning officers. So far as the Council was concerned this meant that where it submitted representations these would only be considered by officers and not by the Planning Applications Committee.

## **10 Treasurer's Report (Agenda item 8)**

10.1 PC reported that there had been no change since the last meeting. The sum of £1,425 From D&G was expected to be added to funds by 15 April 2020

## **11 Cardoness Lights Report (Agenda item 9)**

11.1 DR said that he would now finalise the submission and arrange for it to be co-signed. He understood there would be a voting procedure but that it was likely to be delayed by the Covid 19 emergency.

## **12 VE Day commemoration and Battle of Britain anniversary (Agenda item 10)**

12.1 It was agreed to cancel the VE Day event planned for May but that planning would continue for the exhibition in September.

### **13 Potholes (agenda item 11)**

13.1 DR reported that he and JP had carried out an inspection of potholes throughout the town, taken photos and submitted the results to D and G Council. Some had now been repaired. Victoria Street was in a very poor state of repair generally and was likely to need complete resurfacing.

### **14 Bank of Fleet (Agenda item 12)**

14.1 The event held on 21 March was discussed and it was agreed that DR would contact the Bank formally on behalf of the Council stating its view that a grave error of judgment had been made and expressing its disappointment on behalf of the community

### **15 AOCB (Agenda item 13)**

15.1 Following discussion of the need for a dedicated Community Council Facebook page and in particular for suitable controls and timing of its introduction RH undertook to get a page up and running which would give the Council full control of contents.

15.2 The Council recognised that Covid19 was inevitably bringing about tensions, concerns and anxiety but stressed that abuse for any reason was unacceptable and hoped that all residents would in future show respect, kindness and consideration to each other at all times.

15.3 A number of trees in Garries Park had been marked with metal tags and DR would investigate what this meant.

15.4 There was discussion of a centralised email account for correspondence but it was agreed not to pursue this option to avoid overload of members with spam.

15.5 DR and DA updated JM on community engagement initiatives in the town in particular the Volunteer helpline and the TGB/Drop In arrangements for young people.

15.6 DA said that the Drop In and Wheels of Fleet had been successful in the recent Participatory Budget process and thanked everyone for their support.

15.7 It was noted that Fleet Valley had returned to normal working very quickly after the recent fire.

15.8 DR said he would contact Community Energy Scotland to follow up progress with the proposed feasibility study. HK asked to be involved as she had some knowledge of the lades.

The meeting ended at 8 50 pm

Next meetings: 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August