



Meeting held on 9 May 2023 at 7 pm

Attendees

Councillors: Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Amy McCreath (AM), Fiona Power (FP)

Dumfries and Galloway Council: John Denerley (JD) and signers

Associate Member: Susan Miller (SM)

Police Scotland: PC Chloe Ellis (CE)

In attendance:

Item 3.1 Kaighley Cruickshanks (KC)

Item 3.2 Howard McLean (HM) and 24 local residents

Item 3.5 Alison Fowler (AF)

1 Apologies

1.1 Nigel Scott (NS), Francois Van der Zee (FZ)

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 None

3 Public Forum

3.1 KC said that DGC had allocated £125,000 for **inclusive play equipment** in Garries Park and she was seeking the CC's support for the project. RH thanked her for her for raising this and said that the project would be progressed by DGC in consultation with the local community which, so far as he was aware, had not yet been formally initiated and she was welcome to come back to the CC to make a short presentation.

<https://dumfriesgalloway.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s47237/SG%20Play%20Park%20Funding%20Report%20-%20Final.pdf>

3.2 HM gave a presentation on behalf of local residents on the proposed **MUGA** which they supported in principle if sited in Garries Park not at Gatehouse Primary School given the proximity to a residential area.

3.3 JD said that there was evidence of MUGAs impacting negatively on local communities and that this should be investigated.

3.4 After discussion and questions RH confirmed that the CC was not taking a position at this stage beyond support for the facility in principle and suggested a meeting for the CC, the GDI and local residents (*see also 4.1 below*)

3.5 AF raised concerns about access in the town during **The Gralloch**. RH advised that his understanding was that all arrangements had been made by the organisers in liaison with DGC with all necessary risk assessments undertaken but he would pass on her comments.

4 Minutes of meeting on 11 April 2023

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2023 amended in line 2 of paragraph 12.2 by the addition of the words in bold below was proposed by FP seconded by RD and agreed unanimously.

12.2 *information on the proposed MUGA at Gatehouse Primary School; he considered it appropriate for the Council to offer support in principle **for the facility** at this stage whilst recognising that individual concerns would arise.*

5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Launch of Legacy Fund at the Community Liaison Meeting- 17 June 2023

5.1 It was agreed that the event would take place on 17 June 10 – 12 in the Community Centre and that the Fund would be administered by AM with RD, RH and AM forming the decision making panel.

6 Appointment of Secretary

6.1 It was agreed that AM be appointed temporary secretary until the next AGM and that responsibilities and tasks associated with the role be allocated/delegated to the chair, the secretary, treasurer and Susan Miller in an arrangement to be agreed.

7 Stewartry Community Council Network Membership

7.1 It was agreed to remain a member with representation at meetings agreed as set out in 6.1 above.

8 Dumfries and Galloway Council Report

8.1 JD said that as he had only just returned to work after a period of illness he had no specific report but he was happy to be contacted with any enquiries.

9 Police Report

9.1 CE reported various incidents including speeding on the A75, damage to a vehicle at Skyreburn and Mill on the Fleet and possession of cannabis; that there would be drop in sessions at Kirkcudbright Police Station on 19 May 9.30 to 11 am, 28 June 1-2.30 pm and 28 July 9-10.30am

10 Review of Planning Applications

FP reported that since the last meeting

10.1 there had been decisions made since the last meeting:

- (a) permission had been granted conditionally for alterations and erection of extensions to the front, side and rear elevations of the dwellinghouse at High Auchenlarie Cottage, nr Gatehouse;
- (b) permission has been granted conditionally for the formation of a first-floor extension over the existing flat-roof extension and the erection of a detached double garage with domestic annexe accommodation on the first-floor level at Barchuil, Memory Lane, Gatehouse;
- (c) listed building consent had been granted conditionally for the erection of a flue to the rear elevation of 29 Fleet Street, Gatehouse;
- (d) listed building consent had been granted for the installation of an automated defibrillator cabinet on south-west side elevation of 52 High Street, Gatehouse; and
- (e) permission had been granted unconditionally for alterations to an attached garage including enlargement of window opening to form bi-fold door opening and installation of a new window on the front elevation, formation of two window openings on the side elevation, installation of a new door and building up of the garage door opening to form two window openings on the rear elevation, replacement of a flat roof, repainting of exterior and internal alterations to enable garage to be used as habitable domestic accommodation at Boreland Of Anwoth, Gatehouse.

10.2 there had been four new planning applications:

- (a) for the erection of a replacement extension to the rear elevation, blocking up of a window opening, reglazing of the existing porch and insertion of a roof light, removal of one

rooflight and replacement of six rooflights and installation of a glazed canopy at 29 Fleet Street, Gatehouse;

(b) for alterations and extension to a guest house to bring about change of use to a dwellinghouse, including erection of extension to rear elevation, reinstatement of chimney, installation of roof-mounted photovoltaic panels, replacement of windows and external doors, formation of door opening, raising of the boundary wall and painting of external walls and internal alterations including installation of a new staircase, removal of modern partitions, formation of wc and associated works at 36 High Street Gatehouse;

(c) for the use of land for campsite, siting of 30 touring caravans and siting of toilet facilities without compliance with conditions 3, 4, 5 and 9 and at variance with conditions 1, 2 and 8 of planning permission 16/P/2/0179) (Section 42) at the Caravan Site, Newton Farm, Gatehouse;

(d) for the erection of a cycle shelter at Gatehouse Community Centre.

10.3 Notice had been received from Scottish Woodlands regarding an application to be made to Scottish Forestry for a planting scheme on a site north of Laggan Farm/Outdoor Centre. It was agreed that discussion of this should be deferred until the CC was approached formally by DGC and/or Scottish Forestry as a statutory body.

11 Treasurer's Report

11.1 PC reported that the Admin Fund stood at £654, the Common Good Fund at £1,627 and the Legacy Fund at £19,414.

12 Report from Gatehouse Development Initiative

12.1 Deferred to next meeting in absence of FZ.

13 Correspondence

13.1 NHS Consultation – Bed Based Intermediate Care

The formal consultation was now in progress until 7 July with a consultation session at Kirkcudbright Parish Church on 29 May 3- 7 and a consultation document available to be completed on line or downloadable

<http://dghscp.co.uk/rcrp-consultation/>

13.2 Gralloch Community Event Licence

RH confirmed that there was now no live music event as part of The Gralloch.

13.3 Big Lit 2023

A donation of £200 was agreed.

13.4 DGC Shoreline Management Plan

The revised plan was noted.

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/SMP>

14 AOB

14.1 RH reported an enquiry about responsibility for grass cutting at a small piece of land behind The Old Brewery which was being investigated

14.2 AM enquired about the status of traffic cones on Fleet Street outside the caravan site. RH confirmed the status was unknown and the cones were no longer in place.

14.3 RD said he hoped the removal of scaffolding from Cardoness Castle indicated imminent reopening.

14.4 HK reported on (a) the coronation picnic, thanked those who had helped and reported the costs as less than £160; and (b) on the installation of the Banting Memorial Bench.

14.5 The CC noted the current shortage of GPs at Gatehouse Surgery.

The meeting ended at 8.29 pm

Next meetings 10 June, 11 July, 8 August