



**Meeting held on 25 July 2023 at 7 pm**

**Attendees**

**Councillors:** Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Francois van der Zee (FZ), Nigel Scott (NS)

**Dumfries and Galloway Council:** Cllr Andy McFarlane (AMc)

**Associate Member:** Susan Miller (SM)

**In attendance:** Suzette Harris (SH), Mark Laird (ML)

**1 Welcome and apologies**

1.1 Apologies were received from Amy McCreath (AM) and Fiona Power (FP)

**2 Declarations of Interest**

2.1 None

**3 Public Forum**

3.1 SH asked if the CC had voted/planned to vote on the MUGA proposals and what support there was for the project within the membership. RH advised that no vote had taken place or was planned at this stage of the project and no discussions had taken place to determine support or otherwise. He hoped that following the tripartite meeting with community representatives on 10 July all parties would work together to try and achieve consensus.

3.2 SH asked for an update on the status of the Community Resilience Plan and was advised that lead now sat with someone outside of the CC.

3.3 ML confirmed that following the tripartite meeting on 10 July a community representative would now join the GDI MUGA Steering Group

**4 Minutes of meeting on 13 June 2023**

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2023 was proposed by PC seconded by FZ and agreed unanimously.

**5 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

5.1 **3.5** meeting with community representatives regarding the MUGA dealt with at 3.3 above; a summary note of the meeting had been circulated to attendees and CC members

5.2 **13.5** RH confirmed that the Hamish MacInnes plaque had been ordered

**6 Dumfries and Galloway Council Report**

6.1 AMc advised that DGC was in recess but he was keen to learn of any issues of concern in addition to those relating to works by Open Reach and Scottish Water. He asked if there was any information available on the forthcoming Raiders Gravel race and RH said not so far as he was aware. There was some discussion of the arrangements for the Gralloch in particular problems with communication. RH said he had contacted the organisers with feedback and a reply was expected shortly. AMc stressed that arrangements for communication lay with the organisers and it was essential that a public feedback meeting with both DGC and CC members in attendance was held before any future event of this type.

**7 Police Report**

Police Scotland reported in writing

7.1 an attempted theft of/damage to a bicycle in High Street on 10 June for which positive lines of enquiry were on-going and an attempted housebreaking at Spar, High Street, at approx. 0230 hours on 5 July with 2 arrests made and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

7.2 Stewartry Community Drop In days would be held as follows

**Friday 28 July 2023**

Kirkcudbright 9- 10 30 and Castle Douglas 1.30pm - 3pm

## **Saturday 23 September 2023**

Kirkcudbright Fire Station 10 – 11 am

7.3 the need for an urgent update (16.5.1) to Apple devices to address critical security flaws

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/install-the-latest-software-and-app-updates>

7.4 7 probationers for Dumfries and Galloway had started training in June and as an interim measure a number of Community Policing Officers would need to be deployed on operational response between August 2023 and December 2023. During this period attendance at CC meetings would be constrained but a written report would be available for each meeting. Constable Alison Blacklock ([StewartryCPT@scotland.police.uk](mailto:StewartryCPT@scotland.police.uk)) was now the community contact with Sergeant Colin Scott remaining as Community Sergeant.

7.5 HK said she would attend the Drop In on 28 July to raise the issue of a Neighbourhood Watch Group

## **8 Review of Planning Applications**

FP reported in writing that since the last meeting

8.1 there had been four decisions

- (a) permission had been granted conditionally for the formation of two dormer windows on the south-west elevation of the dwellinghouse at Drumshangan Cottage, Gatehouse;
- (b) permission had been granted conditionally for the installation of an automated defibrillator cabinet at The Kiosk, Car Park, High Street, Gatehouse;
- (c) a certificate of lawfulness had been awarded for the construction of earth-banked slurry lagoon with associated 2-metre-high fence at Littleton Dairy, Gatehouse; and
- (d) no objections had been raised to the felling of 1 beech tree at Inglewood, High Street, Gatehouse.

8.2 there had been three new planning applications:

- (a) for the siting of a chalet for use as permanent dwelling (partially retrospective) on land to the rear of the Murray Arms Hotel & Clermiston, High Street, Gatehouse;
- (b) for the erection of a two-storey extension to the rear elevation of the dwellinghouse and erection of a replacement domestic garage at Newton Bungalow, Gatehouse
- (c) for alterations to the north-west elevation to form a new door and window opening and the formation of two dormer windows at The Gatehouse, Ann Street, Gatehouse.

## **9 Treasurer's Report**

9.1 PC reported that the Admin Fund stood at £372, the Common Good Fund at £1090 and the Legacy Fund at £19,414.

## **10 Report from Gatehouse Development Initiative**

10.1 No meeting since 13 June.

## **11 Correspondence**

RH reported that

11.1 one of the braziers at the entrance to Garries Park needed repair. RD said the costs would be approx £50 and it was agreed to fund the work from the Common Good Fund to be ready for Gala Week.

11.2 he had visited Knocktinkle and was unable to find a BT pole so it was assumed it had now been removed.

11.3 information and a survey on a Gatehouse of Fleet to Kirkdale Active Travel Route had been received and on available at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/513fce43773d41c7b36d9b228c761a8d>

for completion by 31 July

## **12 AOB**

RH advised that

12.1 CC elections would take place in October; advice was awaited from DGC and would be circulated as soon as received; and depending on timing and number of nominations the date of the AGM might need to be changed.

12.2 SM was liaising with DGC regarding a presentation on the Local Place Plan with a view to arranging for once the new CC was in place.

12.3 ML raised the condition and position of plinth by the noticeboard adjoining the Spar car park. RH said that DGC had already been advised and undertaken some minor works. RD said he try and carry out a temporary repair before Gala Week and RH and AMc agreed to make a site visit after the meeting so that AMc could take up the matter directly with DGC officers for a long term solution.

The meeting ended at 7.32 pm

**Next meetings 19 September, 10 October (AGM) (subject to confirmation), 14 November**