



Meeting held on 11 April 2023 at 7 pm

Attendees

Councillors: Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Amy McCreath (AM), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (MS) Francois Van der Zee (FZ)

Associate Member: Susan Miller (SM)

1 Apologies

1.1 John Brown (JB) Police Scotland

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 None

3 Public Forum

3.1 None

4 Minutes of meeting on 14 March 2023

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2023 was proposed by FP seconded by FZ and agreed unanimously.

5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

Review of Resilience Plan

5.1 NS reported that David Richmond (DR) was willing to rejoin the Resilience Group. RH expressed his thanks to DR for his support.

Launch of Legacy Fund at the Community Liaison Meeting

5.2 RH updated on plans for the Fund and the Community Liaison Meeting at which it would be launched. After discussion it was agreed that further consideration be given to a date to avoid clashes with other events and to approaching the GDI asking if they would like to contribute to the Fund; and that the draft documents underpinning the Legacy Fund be circulated to all members for review.

Action: SM to circulate draft documents

5.3 Coronation Celebrations

HK updated on the proposed arrangements which included a fancy dress parade for children and prizes for best decorated table and cake. Associated estimated costs of £250 were approved. The event would be publicised on Facebook, the Community Council website and on noticeboards.

6 Chair's report

6.1 RH reported that he had thanked Colin Frame for his work on the defibrillator planning applications and that DGC were planning to upgrade the play facilities in Garries Park.

7 Dumfries and Galloway Council Report

7.1 No report.

8 Review of Planning Applications

FP reported that since the last meeting

8.1 there had been three decisions made since the last meeting:

(a) permission had been granted conditionally for the installation of a top-up tap in High Street, Gatehouse;

(b) permission had been granted conditionally for the erection of a detached domestic garage and boundary fence at Medstead, Garden Street, Gatehouse;

(c) permission had been granted conditionally for alterations and extensions to the sports bar at Auchenlarie Holiday Park, Gatehouse.

8.2 there had been three new planning applications:

(a) for alterations and erection of extensions to the front, side and rear elevations of the dwellinghouse at High Auchenlarie Cottage;

(b) 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) for the erection of a dwellinghouse with roof-mounted solar panels and installation of a septic tank and soakaway at Dalavan Bush Moss, Gatehouse.

9 Police Report

9.1 JB submitted a written report as follows

(a) driver charged for speeding on A75 near Sandgreen turn

(b) minor road traffic collision at A75 eastbound at the end of the bypass

(c) prayer flag cut on Riverbank Court

(d) minor road traffic collision at High Street and driver reported for careless driving.

(e) driver charged with speeding and vehicle in a dangerous condition due to window tint.

(f) window damaged in Community Centre

9.2 the next Stewartry Drop In date was 29 April 9 – 10 30 am at Kirkcudbright Police Office

9.3 information and advice on livestock worrying was available at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/livestock-attacks-and-worrying/>

9.4 information on ATM distraction theft was available at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/personal-safety/theft>

10 Report from the Gatehouse Development Initiative

10.1 FZ reported that

(a) thanks to the assistance of RD, the plinth had now been installed at for the lights at Cardoness Castle; the documentation was now in preparation by the GDI for signature by RH on behalf of the Council. RD advised the order of works for installation of the electricity and the lights.

(b) Wheels of Fleet had received £7.5 k funding from Paths for All

(c) there had been a discussion of the proposed MUGA at the school (*see also 12.2 below*)

(d) contributions were sought for the next edition of Gatehouse News

(e) funding had been approved for a feasibility study of the proposed A75 Gatehouse to Auchenlarie cycle route

10.2 Funding for a feasibility study for community housing at Woodside Terrace had been approved and a public consultation to gauge interest was in progress. No decisions had been taken as to the number/size of the properties and no planning application had yet been submitted but it was noted that smaller units would facilitate downsizing thus releasing larger properties for family occupation.

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 Correspondence

RH reported the following had been received

12.1 an enquiry about local recycling of plastic carrier bags; he would investigate and reply

Action: RH to investigate possible arrangements for plastic bag recycling locally

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.

12.3 an email raising concerns about HGV parking in Fleet Street outside Anwoth Caravan Park; this was a matter for Police Scotland and individuals concerned about obstruction should report it via 101.

13 AOB

13.1 AM advised that regrettably due to other commitments, she was unable to take up the post of secretary.

13.2 HK advised that the Banting memorial bench would be dedicated on 29 April pm.

The meeting ended at 8.01

Next meetings 9 May, 13 June, 11 July