



Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 January 2020 at 7pm

- 1 **Sederunt** David Richmond (Chair), Robert Dodds (RD), Suzette Harris (SH), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH) Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Fiona Power (FP), Francois Van der Zee (FZ) PC John Brown (JB) **Minutes Secretary:** Susan Miller (SM)
Not present Jonathan Henderson
Apologies Danny Alderslowe, Peter Cailey, Nigel Scott, Councillor Pauline Drysdale
In attendance Simon Green
- 2 **Police Report** JB reported as follows:
 - 2.1 (a) attempts to pass fake £50 notes were ongoing.
(b) 2 men in a white van had been trying to sell rugs and mattresses for which a licence is required; no registration details were available to allow checks to be made.
(c) a drop-in session would be held at Kirkcudbright Police Station on 2 February.
(d) it was hoped to run pop-up sessions with the community safety team including in GoF
 - 2.2 JP reported that a car and bicycle had been seen in Ramsay Wood about 3.30/4 00 am on 8 January. JB suggested further sightings be reported.
- 3 **Public Forum** There was no public forum.
- 4 **Dumfries and Galloway Report** HK reported on behalf of Councillor Drysdale as follows: (a) grant funding had been secured for KTBFEST starting on 7 February and continuing the 1st Friday of the month for 6 months; there would be a bus pick-up in GoF and it was hoped that local teenagers would participate. (b) Various funding sources were available (Coastal Communities, Borderlands Growth Deal, Tackling Poverty through Participatory Budgeting) (c) School roll numbers were an issue and meetings were ongoing to ensure the best outcome for the area's rural schools. (d) Meetings on waste management, communities, planning and the budget were continuing.
- 5 **Minutes of meeting on 10 December 2019**
 - 5.1 Agreed. The formal proposal was made by FP and seconded by FZ.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 DR reported that he had received a letter from Parton CC Council thanking the CC for its letter on the National Park.
 - 6.2 DR would liaise with Peter Cailey regarding the article on the Common Good Fund for the next issue of Gatehouse News.
- 7 **Correspondence** HK reported that the Scottish Civic Trust had invited nominations for its
 - 7.71 My Place Awards. Following discussion DR said he would take a detailed look at the arrangements and criteria and report back if appropriate to the CC.
 - 7.2 DR raised the Tackling Poverty campaign and it was agreed to publicise via the CC Noticeboard.
 - 7.3 HK said that she had been given copies of the laminated posters which vulnerable people had been able to display in their windows. SH thought that these would now be out of date and therefore suggested that one of D and G's community resilience officers be invited to the next meeting to provide up to date advice and, in the meantime, HK would pass a copy to DR.

8 Planning Applications FP reported as follows:

- 8.1 (a) planning permission had been granted (i) conditionally for the manager's house and associated groundworks at Laggan (ii) unconditionally for front doors on front elevation at 12-14 High Street.
(b) applications had been received for (i) a change of house type from that approved in 2017 for a dwelling house at Plot 2 adjacent to Clachan Cottage, Clachan of Girthon.
(ii) the installation of 12 ground source heat pumps and associated works within an existing agricultural building at Littleton Farm. (iii) alterations and erection of 2 storey extension at Mansewood, Planetree Park. (iv) 2 single storey extensions to the east elevation of 13 Baker's Dozen (v) erection of an 8 meter telecommunications pole under permitted development.
- 8.2 There was some discussion of 8.1 (b) (v) and what constituted permitted development and DR asked FP to forward him a copy of the application for information.

9 Treasurer's Report

- 9.1 HK reported on behalf of the Treasurer that there had been no change to the Admin account or the Common Good Fund since the last meeting.

10 New Year Clock Tower gathering and Citizen of the Year

- 10.1 Following discussion and review of the arrangements it was agreed that (a) the Citizen of the Year award would next be made in Gala Week 2021 and would be processed as in 2018
(b) further consideration would be given to the CC's role, if any, in the New Year Clock Tower gathering.

11 Coastal Communities Fund

- 11.1 There was discussion of DR's and other proposals for possible submissions for funding including lighting for Cardoness Castle.
- 11.2 FZ had researched costs for Cardoness Castle and it was agreed that (a) **DR, RH and FZ** would develop costed proposals for a submission of approximately £5k to cover capital, contingency and some ongoing revenue costs, liaise with Historic Scotland, Scottish Power and other interested parties regarding access, insurance etc, seek advice and input from the GDI and plan a doorstep campaign to sign up community support for approval by the CC before the submission date of 23 March 2020.
- 11.3 **DR** said he would contact Community Energy Scotland to discuss the possibility of a microgeneration scheme on the Fleet. SH suggested **DR** also contact Andrew Ward from the Creetown Initiative who was a very experienced fund raiser and project manager.

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- 12.1 DR reported that Nigel Scott had been alerted to problems with repair and maintenance and dog fouling on the footpath from the tennis court to the war memorial and with dog fouling on the path from the care home to Cardoness Castle. **HK** undertook to raise these matters with D and G CCES.
- 12.2 Given the date of Easter this year it was agreed to consider cancellation of the April meeting at the meeting on 11 February.
- 12.3 JP raised the condition of buildings on the MUF site by the RC church. RH advised that the MUF were in the process of considering long term proposals for the site.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Next meetings: 11 February, 10 March, 14 April (tbc), 12 May