



**Meeting held on 9 November 2021 at 7 30pm in the Community Centre and by Zoom
Unapproved Minutes**

Attendees

Councillors: David Richmond (DR) (Chair), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Ruiradh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Francois Van der Zee (FZ)

Minutes Secretary: Susan Miller (SM) by Zoom

Apologies: Jonathan Henderson (JH), Fiona Power (FP), Nigel Scott (NS), Cllrs P Drysdale (PD) and J Maitland (JM), PC John Brown (JB)

In attendance: Nick Nickson (NN)

Leave of Absence

DR reported that JH was unwell and was unlikely to be able to resume his Council role for some time. The Council endorsed DR's suggestion that JH be given leave of absence until April 2022.

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 Public Forum (Agenda item 2)

3.1 NN attended regarding this matter. Members discussed the issue of the pathway behind the High Street by the Bobbin Guest House and specifically a complaint of fly-tipping apparently made by a member of the Council to D and G Council who subsequently visited the area. DR confirmed that no complaint had been made by any serving member of the Council and that discussions with D and G Council had confirmed that no enforcement action was to be taken. It was agreed by all parties that the garden waste in question be removed in an appropriate way.

4 Police Report (Agenda item 3)

4.1 JB had reported 3 incidents by email

(a) a scam involving a large order for ice cream from Cream o Galloway from someone giving his business address as the Community Centre;

(b) an elderly man in Castle Douglas agreeing to works to his driveway by men claiming to be D and G Council workers who subsequently sought to charge him significantly more than the agreed price;

(c) four men charged with wildlife crime offences

5 Dumfries and Galloway Report (Agenda item 4)

5.1 There was no report. DR said he would ask the 3 local councillors to provide a written report where no one was able to attend.

6 Minutes of meeting on 12 October 2021 (Agenda item 5)

6.1 The minutes of the meeting on 12 October were agreed by those present. Approval was proposed by HK and seconded by FZ.

7 Matters Arising (Agenda item 6)

7.1 DR reported that Historic Environment Scotland (HES) had confirmed that they planned to reopen Cardoness Castle in spring 2022.

8 Chair's report and Correspondence (Agenda item 7)

DR reported that

8.1 there had been a number of short power cuts in and around the town on 6 November. SPEN had confirmed they were due to a problem with an overhead cable which had now been resolved.

8.2 he had contacted D and G Council regarding the works to the war memorial railings and was awaiting a reply

8.3 the Community Resilience Team had met, and he would be attending online training on 17 November. There was discussion of the feasibility of storing and operating pavement salt spreaders. Secure but accessible storage would be required, together with people available at short notice to undertake the spreading. DR said he would

seek further guidance at the training session.

9 Planning Applications (Agenda item 8)

9.1 FP reported as follows:

(a) there had been eight decisions made since the last meeting:

- (i) permission has been granted unconditionally for the erection of an extension to the east elevation at Killeron Mill Cottage, Gatehouse;
- (ii) permission has been granted conditionally for the erection of a detached domestic annexe at Disdow Cottage, Gatehouse;
- (iii) permission has been granted unconditionally for the erection of a detached garden outbuilding at 14 Fleet Street, Gatehouse (retrospective);
- (iv) permission has been granted conditionally for the erection of a dwellinghouse and detached domestic garage at 36 Bracken Wood, Gatehouse (retrospective);
- (v) permission has been granted conditionally in principle for the erection of two dwelling houses at Honey House, Gatehouse;
- (vi) permission has been granted conditionally for the erection of a class 4 industrial buildings and part demolition of an existing industrial building at Unit 1 Fleetside Enterprise, Fleetside, Gatehouse;
- (vii) permission has been granted conditionally for the erection of three holiday chalets, installation of a septic tank and soakaway system and formation of parking at Drumwall Farm, Gatehouse; and
- (viii) no objections have been raised to the felling of 5 ash trees, 8 western hemlock conifers, crown reduction of a rowan and lopping of a yew tree at Roseville, Ann Street, Gatehouse.

(b) there had been no new planning applications.

10 Treasurer's Report (Agenda item 9)

10.1 PC said that he would submit the audited accounts to the December meeting, and he suggested that funds should now be transferred to the GDI as agreed and ring-fenced for the defibrillator and Cardoness Lights.

11 Cardoness Lights (Agenda item 10)

11.1 DR reported that he had now submitted a pre-planning application to D and G Council; HES had forwarded the bat survey to Nature Scotland; the electrical contractor had previously advised there would be less light spillage from the new lights; he was still awaiting amendable copies of the agreements from HES; the GDI had agreed to be co-signatory; and that he had updated the Murray Usher Foundation and the Galloway Association of Glasgow as to the current position. DR asked **RD** to update SPEN similarly.

12 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (Agenda item 11)

12.1 HK reported that the picnic in the park was planned for Sunday 3 June 2022. (On checking after the meeting, this should, in fact, be 5 June 2022)

13 AOCB (Agenda item 12)

13.1 DR reported that a wreath had been donated by D and G Council to be laid at the remembrance event on 14 November, one would be laid by HK as Provost and an alternate would lay the other. NS was a possible candidate and DR would check with him. DR, RD and FZ would act as traffic marshals in the absence of officers from Police Scotland.

13.2 PC reported that the bollard had been replaced at the western entrance to the town from the A75, but it was not illuminated or reflective. DR asked **HK** to report this again to CCES.

13.3 JP asked about progress with pothole repairs. DR said that in recent discussions D and G Council had indicated that a number of works in the town would be completed before Christmas and he would keep this under close review.

The meeting ended at 20 40 pm

Next meetings: 14 December, 11 January 2022, 8 February