



Draft Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th February 2020 at 7pm

1 Sederunt: Councillors David Richmond (Chair), Danny Alderslow (DA), Peter Cailey (PC), Robert Dodds (RD), Suzette Harris (SH), Ruaridh Hesketh (RH), Helen Keating (HK), Jack Pickthall (JP), Fiona Power (FP), Francois Van der Zee (FZ).

Councillor Pauline Drysdale (PD) PC Chloe Ellis (CE) Minutes Secretary: Susan Miller (SM)

Apologies: Fiona Power Not present: Jonathan Henderson

2 Police Report: CE reported (a) that there are still attempts to pass fake £20 Clydesdale Bank notes. (b) 6 corrugated pipes had been stolen from the roadside adjoining Forestry Commuissionland between 12th and 18th December. (c) A Drop-in session will be held at Kirkcudbright Police Station on 3rd March. (d) An arrest had been made in connection with wildlife offences in the Stewartry area. (e) A campaign targeting hate crime against people with disabilities is about to be launched.

3 Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

4 Dumfries and Galloway Report: 4.1. PD reported as follows:(a) KBTFFEST had got off to a good start although take-up from the Glenkens area was affected by bad weather. PD would liaise with DA regarding future travel arrangements. (b) Various funding sources are available (Coastal Communities, Regionwide Community Fund, Regional Coastal Benefit Fund). (c) The Shoreline Management Fund Plan is being updated via a series of consultation events across the D&G Council area in February. (d) Transformation meetings on the budget, waste management and communities are continuing with a focus on flooding issues following recent bad weather.

4.2: PD stated that Council Tax rates for 2020/21 have not yet been agreed.

4.3: There was some discussion on possible inconsistencies in planning decisions. PD advised contacting the Duty Officer (available 3 mornings a week) and liaising with her as necessary.

5 Minutes of meeting on 12 November 2019: With the amendments (a) 8.1 (a) (ii) should be 'unconditionally for two timber doors on front elevation at 12-14 High Street (listed building consent) (b) 8.1 (b) (v) should be 'erection of an 8-metre telecom pole under permitted development at Sycamore Cottage, Ann Street, Gatehouse of Fleet', (c) 10.1 should be 'Citizen of the Year' award will be made in Gala Week and nominations will be processed as in 2018, the Minutes were approved proposed by FZ seconded by HK. .

6 Matters Arising: 1: DR said that the next Gatehouse News will contain an article on the CC which will refer briefly to the Common Good Fund (CGF). A longer article specifically on the CGF would be desirable. There was some discussion of arrangements for administering the CGF, the need to increase funds available and to find ways to target it at local groups. RD suggested liaising with other Community Councils and HK undertook to do this, in particular with Kirkcudbright CC. **6.2:** HK reported that the reprint of 'Gatehouse Memories' is now available and being sold in local outlets to raise funds for the CGF. **6.3:** There was a discussion as to whether or not the laminated HELP posters could/should be revised or reprinted. Neither option was agreed and HK was instructed to dispose of existing copies. **6.4:** It was agreed that the April meeting will go ahead.

7 Correspondence: (1) DR advised that information on the Shoreline Management Plan referred to at 4.1 (c) above had been received but too late to allow attendance. PD undertook to arrange for information presented at the meeting to be sent to the CC. **7.2:** At DR's suggestion it was agreed that the response to the recent consultation on Consultation on Guidance on the Provision of Licensing of Sexual Entertainment should be to support licensing.

7.3: FZ reported that he had been contacted regarding the placement of a defibrillator to the side of the Post Office and that, although he had no objection, D&G Council would have to give permission.

7.4: There was a discussion about the town maps, one of which is outside the Murray Arms and one in the main car park. The latter would benefit from being moved to a more prominent position. HK undertook to find out who was responsible for provision/maintenance.

8 Planning Applications: DR reported on behalf of FP as follows:

(a) Planning permission has been granted: (i) conditionally for erection of Reception/Office/Bistro and associated works at Laggan Outdoor Centre, subject to conditions regarding external finishes and car parking (which has to be within the boundaries of the site and has therefore had to be moved from a site north of the bistro to a site downhill of the new building). (30 spaces, 2 of which to be for the Disabled)

(ii) unconditionally for alterations and the erection of a two-storey extension at Mansewood, Planetree Park.

(iii) unconditionally for the erection of two single-storey extensions to east and south elevations of dwelling house at 13 Baker's Dozen. (iv) unconditionally for the installation of 12 ground-source heat pumps within an existing agricultural building and associated works at Littleton Farm. (v) conditionally for the erection of a dwelling house on Plot 2 on land adjacent to Clauchan Cottage, Clachan of Girthon - subject to conditions requiring further approval of Surface water drainage and sustainable Drainage Systems (Suds) scheme;

compensatory flood storage works; bridge design; tree and shrub planting; and parking and access visibility works. (b) an application has been received for the installation of three replacement windows with UPVC sash and case windows on front elevation (first floor) at 23-25 High Street (this is the house next door to the Jardine shop on its east side).

9 Treasurer's Report: PC reported that there has been no change in the Admin account or the Common Good Fund since the last meeting.

10 Cardoness Lights Report: DR updated members on progress since the last meeting and in particular the response received from Historic Environment Scotland. FZ updated on further discussions with contractors and on the response to the community support campaign, There was discussion on making an application to both the Regionwide Coastal Benefit and Regionwide Community Funds and it was agreed that FZ would seek to firm up costs and DR, RD and FZ would then draft the application to both funds with advice and support from Ingrid Gemmell.

11 AOCB: (1) HK reported that two trees were down in Garries Park and there are still problems at the recycling point in the car park and she has reported both via CCES. **11.2:** NS suggested that the CC should mark VE Day on May 8th in some way. After discussion it was agreed that NS, FZ and HK would draw up proposals for a day at the Mill on the Fleet, talks for the children from people who had direct experience of the war and a social event for adults in the evening. **11.3:** JP reported problems with potholes and PD suggested using all available avenues, to contact D&G Council via CCES, the website and local councillors. **11.4 :** SH reported that there had been a complaint about feather flags at the Crafty Crow causing obstruction which she has reported via CCES. **11.5:** DA reported that the initiatives in which he is involved (Wheels of Fleet, Drop-in Centre) are progressing well and a job-club has started at the latter and was already proving helpful. **11.6:** DR reported that the noticeboard at the Clock Tower appeared to be leaking, possibly likely to be rain ingress when the door is opened. HK to investigate. **11.7:** DR reported that the seat on the bridge needs to be refurbished (reported via CCES) and has received a list of benches the responsibility of D&G Council.

11.8: HK reported on the Stewartry CC Network meeting she and FP had attended (for attendance at which the CC gets £100) at which there was a presentation by Galloway National Park Association representatives.

11.9: DR raised the question of how conflict of interests should be dealt with. PD suggested that it should be raised at the beginning of a meeting according to items on the Agenda.

The meeting ended at 9.11 pm

Next meetings: March 10th, April 14th, May 10th June 9th.1