

**ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN,
ON MONDAY 14 JULY 2014 AT 7.30 PM**

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PRESENT		
Brian Vogan	Nick Walker, <i>Convenor</i>	Matt Kitson
Willie McCartney	Robert Harford	Robert Richmond
Agnes Cluckie	Jak Kane	Lynn Drysdale

IN ATTENDANCE		
Cllr Jim McColm	Louise Kerr, <i>Galloway Gazette</i>	Joe McKeown
June Robinson, <i>Mins Sec.</i>	David Moran, <i>Treasurer</i>	Alistair Speedie, <i>D&GC</i>
David Greggan, <i>D&GC</i>	Micky Collins, <i>D&GC</i>	Becky Eastham-Buckley, <i>D&GC</i>
Shona Heaney	Bill McClure	Robin Thomson
Alan Wykes		

APOLOGIES		
Betty McGowan	John McDowall	David McAdam
Fiona Marshall, <i>Whauphill CA</i>	Cllr Graham Nicol	Nicola McFadzean, Police Scotland
Cllr Alistair Geddes		

1 WELCOME

Nick Walker welcomed all to the meeting and introduced D&GC staff in attendance to give presentation.

2 Presentation on WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING by Alistair Speedie, D&G Council

Main points of presentation as follows:

Three streams of waste will be collected in the form of food waste, recyclable waste and general waste. Households will be contacted by letter during August and given details of how to present waste and collection times. New recycling containers will be distributed shortly after. Wheeled bins will still be used for general waste. Collection of food waste starts in the week beginning 25.8.2014 and dry recyclable waste 15.9.2014. Question about disposal of oils and fats will be looked into and response to CC as soon as possible. Extra assistance will be given to households in need or seeking exemption from part of the multi-bin proposals. Please contact D&G Council – web www.dumgal.gov.uk/kerbsiderecycling, Tel. 030 33 33 3000, email pe.waste@dumgal.gov.uk, Environment Team, Planning & Environment Services, D&GC, Militia House, English Street, Dumfries DG1 2HR.

3 APOLOGIES & CALL FOR URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Apologies were noted. No other Urgent Business.

4 POLICE MATTERS

Report left by Police – offences in past two months in CC area: one drink driving and one assault. In addition in the area, there have been several break-ins at farmhouses, and shops in small towns and villages. Please report any suspicious activity, vehicles, etc. to Police Scotland, tel. 101.

The Police control room move is reported to have gone smoothly. Local Police are involved in youth programmes over the summer with Comm. Learning & Development.

Feedback to be requested on van break-ins from earlier in the year. Matt to chase up.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (9.6.2014)

Adopted, prop. Robin Richmond, sec. Agnes Cluckie.

6 TASKS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Youth Representation – Rob Harford reported there was no interest from Kaos Café. New school year may offer opportunity through youth groups or via Douglas Ewart High School. Rob Harford and June Robinson to pursue.

Martyrs Stake Info Board – Scottish Covenanter Memorials Association has agreed grant of £1000. Community Shop granted £500. All funds sought have been received. David Moran and Andrew Wilson to finalise quote once final content for board agreed with relevant parties.

Machars Area Partnership – Volunteering Project – Matt Kitson to chase up Donna Hoodless, CLD, about attending CC to discuss MAP, and Comm. Safety which we had asked about previously.

WW1/VC Commemoration – D&GC asking CCs to consider vigil to recall start of WW1 at 11.00 pm on 4.8.2014 at local war memorials. Agreed CC wishes to be involved, but question over what support D&GC will provide, such as candles, arranging dimming of street lights, etc. Nick Walker to update Fiona Ritchie, D&GC. Matt Kitson & David Moran to lead for Wigtown, Jak Kane & Agnes Cluckie for Kirkinner. Links to Kirkinner CA and local churches would be appropriate. Once sorted out, flyers will needed; time is of the essence.

7 UPDATES AND REPORTS

7A Festival Committee

Community Festival well underway. Chairs used at Community Festival were stored at Bladnoch Distillery, but its closure and sale mean that this is no longer possible. Alternative storage is being sought. Agnes Cluckie looking at options, and she will discuss with Betty McGowan (who is responsible for the chairs).

7B Consultations Working Party

Report previously circulated.

Scotland's Electoral Future response submitted per previous meeting.

Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on Councillor numbers draft response will be circulated for consideration at August CC meeting.

Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Offshore Renewables will be considered also for a decision at August CC meeting.

CC agreed not to consider Scottish Government consultation on Scottish Independence Bill but individuals may respond for themselves. There will be time to consider this consultation depending on the outcome of the Referendum.

7C Planning Working Party

Cllr McColm was present but did not contribute to discussions.

Report previously circulated:

Current applications

14/P/1/0301 EXTENSION TO WEST, ORHARDTON HOUSE, ACRE PLACE, WIGTOWN

Recommend no CC submission.

14/C/1/0025 DEVIATION OF 11,000 VOLT LINE, SLOEHABBERT FARM, WHAUPHILL

Recommend no CC submission.

14/P/1/0350 EXTENSION TO NORTH, BARLAE FARM, KIRKINNER

Recommend no CC submission.

14/P/1/0307 ERECTION OF HOUSE WITH GARAGE, SEPTIC TANK & REED BED, MAIDLAND FARM DOWN HARBOUR ROAD (just past sewerage plant)

Appears to be above level that tends to flood, and is back from the road; presumably an alternative to earlier plan for house right at harbour itself. Land is agricultural green belt, so justification for house should be based on agricultural workers or succession in farming, etc. business which seems likely the case here.

Recommend CC submission "no objection assuming development in agricultural land justified by applicant".

14/P/1/0344 CONVERSION OF STEADING TO 4 DWELLINGS. ALTERING ACCESS. SEPTIC TANK & SOAKAWAY, CARSEGOWAN FARM WIGTOWN

Appears to be restoration and development of disused buildings to provide one large dwelling (4 bedroom), and 3 smaller units (1x 2-bedroom, 2x 1-bedroom) within existing building layout. New access is proposed on the Newton side of the property looping in behind the buildings.

Recommend CC submission "no objection".

Several retrospective applications from DGHP for air source heat pump installations in Whauphill and Kirkinner. And a retrospective application for a stable block at Tahall, Kirkinner.

Recommend no CC submissions.

Update on proposals

Nil.

Windfarm proposals

Millairies, Shennanton, Airriequhillart, Mindork, Auchleand – no update.

California wind park, scoping application due in soon, for 7 turbines of 126m to blade tip, generating up to 21MW, above Carsluith across Wigtown Bay. Public exhibition 14.7.2014 (immed. before CC meeting).

Recommend CC consider info. in anticipation of scoping consultation.

Solar panel proposal

Lark Energy meeting Cree Valley CC on 7.7.2014. Public exhibition Wigtown County Bldgs, Weds 16.7.2014 from 2.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Harbour development ideas

As requested by Alan Wykes, we have sought informal feedback from a selection of local residents suggests that people prefer the harbour not to be developed significantly, but sluicing the harbour to improve its utility for small boats would be welcome.

Recommend agree to feed this info. back to resident.

Recommendations

CC provide additional feedback and agree response to Alan Wykes.

CC decide on California wind farm scoping opinion.

Otherwise approve report.

CC approved report.

It was agreed unanimously to oppose the California wind park proposal on several grounds but Nick Walker to check with D&GC about timing and arrangements for scoping consultations, which may or may not allow CCs to make submissions. If a formal planning application is made, CC will certainly be able to respond but this will be several months in future.

Alan Wykes proposes to plant trees to help prevent further soil erosion at the harbour. He will make CC aware of his proposals once he has a plan prepared.

Note that Scottish Plannign Policy and National Plannign Framework revisions are finalised and have been published by Scottish Government.

7D Finance and Resources Working Party

David Moran reported account balances:

Admin. £158.00; Action Fund £2550.00; Festivals £3057.58; Christmas lights £1435.99;
Community response £50.25.

7E COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, etc

Design logo required for new CCs web site. Information available for anyone interested.

Funding Roadshow- Matt Kitson attended. D&GC grants information now available on web site.

Feedback on A75 dualing near Newton Stewart was generally positive and has been submitted. m road users generally good.

8 COUNCILLORS' ISSUES

Cllr Jim McColm:

Local Development Plan – approved by D&GC but now with Scottish Government for sign-off. Significant changes in local area as discussed previously – housing area below Windy Hill omitted; Harbour Road playpark now a designated open space; housing area behind Main Street, Kirkinner, also omitted.

Street lights in Wigtown - need light sensitive switches added now that Scottish Power line upgrade completed. Recent power cut linked to street light fault near County Building, being addressed at present.

9 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

10 NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 August 2014 at 7.30 pm in Wigtown County Buildings.