

**Royal Burgh of Wigtown & District Community Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in the County Buildings**  
**9<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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**Present**

Matt Kitson Convenor	Jak Kane Secretary	Ann Gray
Kerr Inger	Robin Richmond	Nick Walker
Willie McCartney	Jock McDowall	Joe McKeown

**In Attendance**

David Moran	Louise Kerr,Gazette	Bob Templeman
Kevin Witt		

**Apologies**

Cllr Graham Nichol	Cllr Alistair Geddes	Cllr Jim McColm
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**1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES:**

Matt Kitson welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Councillors.

**2. CALL FOR OTHER BUSINESS:**

Urgent business, Core Path, Mercat Cross, McGuffie Memorial and Christmas.

**3. POLICE MATTERS:**

No Police in attendance.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016:**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were adopted, proposed by Robin Richmond and seconded by Jock McDowall.

**5. Co-Option of New Community Councilors:**

A discussion was held as to how to proceed and it was agreed that proposals for secondment as voting members would be undertaken in order of correctly submitted proposals and not as a call for public vote. David Moran and Sandra McDowall were correctly proposed and elected. Bob Templeman although proposed correctly was not elected. It was agreed that he be co-opted as an associate, non-voting member at the next meeting when there would be vote as to whether Kevin Witt and Cora Sharp be additional councillors.

**6. TASKS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**a. Derelict properties**

24 North Main Street .The costs have been now approved and the contract can proceed.

24 High Street. Contact has been made with the owner, who would be repairing the front with intention to sell. Due to the time it was taking and the fact that the Council would not issue a formal notice, the Community Council would write to the MSP. The neighbours should issue a formal complaint to the Council. ACTION: Matt Kitson.

**7. THE RIDING OF THE MARCHES:**

Nick Walker advised the council that The Riding of the Marches was going to be held next year on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 and A Ball on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Wigtown week would be linked to that date.

**8. UPDATES AND REPORTS:**

**a. Planning WP**

A report was previously circulated by Nick Walker. No action required.

**b. Louis McGuffie VC Commemoration Working Group.**

A meeting of the working group was held in July and Nick Walker issued a report.

**9. COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Jak updated the council on recent communications.

**10. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES:**

No Councillors present.

**11. URGENT BUSINESS:**

**a. CORE PATH**

The Community Council were advised that the Core Path No. 378 had been blocked by locked gates at the Distillery Courtyard and the signage for the path removed. It was agreed that the Convenor would write to Dumfries and Galloway Council to request that they contact the Distillery to determine the reason for the blocking of the path. ACTION: MATT KITSON.

**b. MERCAT CROSS.**

The state of the Cross was raised and Jock McDowall agreed to arrange for necessary work to be carried out. ACTION: JOCK McDOWALL.

**c. THE GARDENS.**

Berberis bushes were causing problems in the garden near the Bowling Club Building. It was agreed to apply to DG First to cover the cost of removing. ACTION: MATT KITSON.

**e. CHRISTMAS.**

A working party was required and David Moran agreed to chair the group with the help of Nick Walker.

**12. NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30p.m, Wigtown County Buildings