

Royal Burgh of Wigtown & District Community Council
Minutes of Meeting held in the County Buildings
12th September 2016

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Present

Matt Kitson Convenor	Ann Gray	David Moran
Robin Richmond	Sandra McDowall	David McAdam
Willie McCartney	Joe McKeown	

In Attendance

Cllr Jim McColm	Bob Templeton	Kevin Witt
Marie McCann	Kenny Hope-Scottish Power	
Bryan Scott –D and G		

Apologies

Cllr Graham Nichol	Cllr Alistair Geddes	Jak Kane	Nick Walker
Kerr Inger	Jock McDowall		

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND Call for Other Business.

Matt Kitson welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Councillors Nichol and Geddes. Urgent business, Core Path and Road closures. Matt specially welcomed Sandra McDowall as a new member of the council

2. Police Matters.

No Police in attendance.

3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting Monday 8th August 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were adopted with one alteration to the spelling of the name of Bob Templeton; proposed by David Moran and seconded by David McAdam

4. Bryan Scott

Bryan Scott was invited to speak to the members regarding core paths. He said the closure of path at the Distillery was illegal. The lock should be removed. It could only be closed with permission and notice should have been given and approved. He agreed to arrange a meeting with the Distillery Manger. David Moran, Joe McKeown and Robin Richmond would represent the council.

5. Kenny Hope

Kenny advised the membership about work being carries out to the power cables and the fact that the road to the Harbour would have to be closed. He agreed to postpone any work until after the Festival.

6. Election of additional councillors.

This could not take place as there were not enough voting councillors present. Matt Kitson agreed to take up instructions as to what they could do next. Matt admitted there had been confusion as to the elections and apologised to those awaiting co-option voting. He pointed out there were more candidates than places and that election would be held at the next community council after advice had been obtained. ACTION MATT KITSON

7. Finlay Carson MSP

Finlay Carson would be invited to attend a meeting. ACTION MATT KITSON.

8. Tasks from previous meeting

Derelict properties

24 North Main Street. The costs have been now approved and the contract was being proceeded with.

24 High Street. No news from the owner of the property. Matt would write to the MSP. ACTION MATT KITSON.

Changes to the hours of the doctors' surgery were noted and Councillors were asked to provide feedback at the next meeting of any impact.

Road Closures for the Festival.

A question was raised whether the Bus Company had been notified of the changes

Notice Board

The notice board is the community councils' responsibility. So community council will have to cover the costs. ACTION MATT KITSON.

Lorry Park

The question about getting the trailer removed and the shed. The bins needed to be emptied before the Festival. Action Matt KITSON

9. 7. UPDATES AND REPORTS

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

Market Cross. Work to the Market cross had been carried out.

The Gardens. - Berberis bushes were being removed.

Christmas - The Christmas tree to be ordered. Lights are expected to be switched on Friday 25th Nov. David Moran to arrange a meeting.

10. Councillors' Issues

Councillor Jim McColm . The head teacher of the primary school will be appointed early in October. There were no more class room assistants but no jobs lost. Support for learning would continue. There was a shortfall of 1.4 million in the Council's budget.

Next meeting

Monday 10th October 2016 at 7.30p.m, Wigtown County Buildings