



ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN
ON MONDAY, 8 MAY 2017

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PRESENT

Matt Kitson <i>Chair</i>	Rob Harford	Kerr Inger
Jak Kane <i>Secretary</i>	David Moran	David McAdam
Willie McCartney	Sandra McDowall	Joe McKeown
Robin Richmond	Nick Walker	Kevin Witt

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Jim McColm	Louise Kerr, <i>Gazette</i>	Tamsin Tyeson, <i>Free Press</i>
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APOLOGIES

Jock McDowall	Billy Dodds, <i>Police Scotland</i>	Cllr Katie Hagmann
Cllr Graham Nicol	Emma Harper MSP	

1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND CALL FOR URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Kitson welcomed everyone and congratulated Cllr McColm on his re-election as local authority member. There was no other business raised.

2 POLICE MATTERS

Billy Dodds had sent apologies for his absence and consequently there was no police report.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Monday, 10 April 2017)

The minutes of previous meeting had been circulated. The minutes were adopted, proposed by Nick Walker and seconded by David McAdam.

4 UPDATES & REPORTS

1: Consultations WP

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting along with the draft response to the Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, having been drawn up by Jak Kane and agreed with Nick Walker and Joe McKeown. It was agreed that the response should be submitted to the Council. **ACTION: Jak Kane**

Jak explained that the only other current consultation was the Scottish Government's 'Consultation on Improving Parking in Scotland'. It was noted that the proposals were generally more directed at urban rather than rural areas. It was agreed that Jak would draft a response with any community councillors with a view providing input. **ACTION: Jak Kane**

2: Planning WP

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Nick explained that there was a new planning application in connection with installation of a 300m footpath and seating on the RSPB Moss of Cree reserve. The Working Party recommended no response but it was proposed that the Community Council should send a reply indicating support for the application. The proposal was carried 7-5 in favour. **ACTION: Nick Walker**

The report also highlighted that a Proposal of Application Notice had been submitted in relation to 3B's development of Southfield Park and provided updates on other applications.

Cllr McColm did not participate in the consideration of the subjects of the report.

3: Resilience WP

Joe McKeown confirmed that he had met with one of the Council's Clerk of Works but would need

to arrange to meet another to formally discuss what would be involved in using the Primary School for resilience purposes. He had not received notice of decisions on the applications for funding from Wigtown Common Good and Community Safety Funds but Cllr McColm confirmed that the Common Good Committee had approved the funding requested.

4: Wigtown Week

Matt Kitson reported that the organising committee would next meet on the evening of 18 May. Stuart Anderson had agreed to organise another Potted Sports to be held at the Primary School on the proviso that sufficient volunteers could be identified beforehand. Community Councillors were asked to encourage volunteer participation.

5: Parking at Market Cross

Matt Kitson had circulated a draft flier that invited members of the public to submit design elements for the review of the North/South Main Street junction that would enable buses to negotiate the turnaround. Douglas Kirkpatrick at SWestrans has confirmed their support for the public consultation. The design and content of the flier was approved. **ACTION: Matt Kitson**

5 TASKS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Derelict Properties – Work on the North Main Street property continued but the work, with connected barriers impinging on the road outside, seemed to be taking an inordinate time to complete and it was agreed that Matt Kitson should contact DGHP to ascertain the expected finish date. **ACTION: Matt Kitson**

Robin Richmond advised that the front of the property at 24 High Street property had been painted and the rhones replaced. The Council was due to inspect the property for progress on the list of works detailed on the Maintenance Plan some time in May 2017.

Bladnoch Core path – Matt was able to advise that the Distillery had been in contact with Brian Scott to put forward proposals re a Core path alternative to be presented to the Access authorities. Brian expected to be in a position to give details at the next meeting of the Community Council. It was agreed that he should be encouraged to attend the AGM. **ACTION: Matt Kitson**

McGuffie Memorial – Nick Walker had circulated a copy of the minutes of the latest committee meeting. The question of who owns the flagpoles at the Bowing Green remained unresolved although Nick was pursuing it. The Planning Application for the archway and memorial plaque had been submitted and the draft of the McGuffie publication was with a Book designer. An application had been submitted to Wigtown Common Good committee but had not been considered at their recent meeting. Wendy Jesson was still to provide copies of the funding applications that she had drafted.

Sandra McDowall said that she had noticed there were typographical errors on the McGuffie Information boards within the museum room. Cllr McColm undertook to raise the issue with the Museum service. **ACTION: Cllr McColm**

6 COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC

Bank of Scotland closure Matt Kitson had written to BofS re closure and asking for closure at least to be postponed until after the Book Festival. Jak Kane had written to New Wave Installations (Cashzone) asking them to reconsider their proposal to instal a Co-op ATM. Jak had also written to BofS re its Review document and future consultation exercise. Richard Arkless MP had written to all major banks re closures across Dumfries & Galloway. As there had been no response to the Bank of Scotland letters, it was agreed that the correspondence should be escalated to the Chief Executive of the Bank. **ACTION: Jak Kane**

R Potter & Partners - confirmation of 3B Southfield consultation event scheduled for Thursday, 18 May.

Wigtown Riding of the Marches – Use of CC Coat of Arms on ROM bannner

Planning Enforcement Team - Station Yard, Kirkinner re planning permission for containers following complaint from Kirkinner resident.

DGC Road Network Team – advice of Shell Road closure for the week commencing 15 May

Third Sector D&G – contact re renewal of CC Volunteer Youth Representative entry in their database of volunteering opportunities.

7 COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Jim McColm said that no party had gained a majority in the recent Council elections but it was hoped that negotiations would see an administration formed by the end of the week. He advised that a number of minor roads were due to be resurfaced in the local area and he recommended care when driving through the surface dressing.

8 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other business to consider

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be the Annual General Meeting to be held at 7:30pm on Monday, 12 June 2017 in Wigtown County Buildings. This will be immediately followed by the normal monthly business meeting.