

larger than the old hopper. It was recommended that the Community Council should also enter a formal objection to the secons application on basis of the visual impact on listed buildings and a distinctive local landmark as it obscured the view of the pagoda tower. The recommendations were agreed.

ACTION: Nick Walker

Cllrs Hagmann and Inglis did not participate in the consideration of the subjects of the report.

3: Resilience WP

Joe McKeown advised that he had received confirmation that the grant from the Common Good was being paid and, once the matching grant was received from the Community Safety Fund, the resilience equipment could be bought. It had been agreed that it could be stored within the School's gym hall. It was proposed that there would be school pupil involvement through projects on resilience. He had met with the Council's Electrical Clerk of Works to identify the best site for the generator and the power output required. It was estimated that the internal electrical works required would cost £2,300-3,000 and, along with the cost of the generator itself, the total project cost would total c£20,000. He confirmed that it had been agreed that the Resilience Group would have a key to access the school if necessary and advised that he hoped to identify a community partner that would provide ongoing maintenance for the generator once installed.

4: Wigtown Week

Matt Kitson outlined the latest version of the draft programme but it would not include the Potted Sports at the Primary School as sufficient volunteers had not come forward. He explained that it had been suggested that former Wigtown Ranger Elizabeth Tindal should provide two and a half days of children's events @ £250 per day. It was agreed that this should be restricted to one day with Road Runner already booked at a cost of £300. Cllr Inglis suggested Newton Stewart Bike Club were eager to promote its proposed bike track in Newton Stewart and it was agreed that Matt would investigate the possibility of a training event.

5: Parking at Market Cross

The draft flier that invited members of the public to submit design elements for the review of the North/South Main Street junction had been circulated throughout Wigtown. Jak Kane advised that he had collated the responses to date and would circulate a final version following the closing date for the consultation, Friday 16 June.

ACTION: Jak Kane

5 TASKS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Derelict Properties – Matt Kitson advised that he had not been notified by DGHP of the completion date for the North Main Street property but with the barriers removed it appeared the work was nearing completion. Details of the May progress report from the Council on 24 High Street had not been received. This would be chased up.

Bladnoch Core path – Bryan Scott, DGC had arranged to attend the meeting to provide an update but had not turned up.

McGuffie Memorial –The Planning Application for the archway and memorial plaque had been submitted but the drawings had not been deemed sufficient for the planners. As the designer was not currently in a position to amend the drawings, the Council would be asked to extend the deadline for submission of replacements. The funding application to Wigtown Common Good committee was due to be considered at the Area Committee's meeting on 21 June. Nick said that he continued chasing Wendy Jesson for the draft funding applications that she had started.

6 COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC

Bank of Scotland closure Jak Kane had written to the Group Chief Executive of Lloyds Banking Group. Acknowledgement had been received from the Complaint Manager, Executive Complaints.

R Potter & Partners 3B Southfield consultation had been held on Wednesday 24 May. Jak had attended the earlier session but no additional information was given and Stuart Barr had been delayed. Kevin Witt advised that Stuart Barr had been at the later session.

Cllr Jim McColm - had contacted the Council re the McGuffie Bible boards to be corrected.

Karen Brownlie, DGC Community Assets Manager –The flag poles had been repaired and Community Assets had agreed to take responsibility for the two flag poles closest to the County Buildings in terms of maintenance and repair. However, once they get to a state where they need replaced, DGC would be looking to the Community Council and community to contribute.

Graeme McKie, DGC Ward Officer – Graeme had sent a letter re role of Ward Officers and suggested that he meet with representatives of the community council over the coming weeks/month to get an overview of projects and priorities. It was agreed that Graeme would be invited to attend a Community Council meeting, **ACTION: Jak Kane**

Andrew Wilson – Had written re the proposed reintroduction of a Halloween Bonfire & Fireworks display. Nick advised that, following advice from Police Scotland, it had been decided that it would not be feasible to take the proposal forward.

DGC Planning Enforcement Team – A letter had been sent to the owners of Station Yard, Kirkinner asking them to contact Planning to discuss the site and what will require planning permission. (4 containers)

CCs Federation – Nick had circulated the Minutes of the Federation Meeting of 1 June and had given details of the AGM to be held on Friday, 30 June @ 7:30 in St Couan's Hall, Kirkcowan. All Community Councillors on councils in membership of the Federation were welcome to attend

DGC Partnership Support – had given details of a Developing a Community Food Growing Strategy. Meeting at Threave Gardens on Thursday, 22 June 9:30 – 1 pm followed by lunch.

Gordon Jack PhD intern with Scottish Sentencing Council had written looking for Focus Group participants on research looking at public perceptions of youth crime and offending. Rob Harford had indicated an interest in taking part.

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

Drones – Matt had raised this issue on behalf of a resident and was content that the Police would be providing further information that he could pass on.

Martyrs' Stake Path – Willie McCartney reported that a paramedic had experience difficulty using a wheelchair on the path to the stake. It appeared that the remedial work on the path following SPEN's work on the power lines had deteriorated in some places with large stones spread across the path. It was also reported that areas of the path were uncomfortable to walk on because the stones used were too large and sharp-edged. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Council.

ACTION: Jak Kane

County Buildings – Kerr Inger said the he had noticed that there was some degradation in the stonework below the two windows behind the central balustrade. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Council.

ACTION: Jak Kane

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, 10 July 2017 in Wigtown County Buildings.

Cllrs Hagmann & Inglis apologised for their absence from the July meeting in advance.