

**ROYAL BURGH of WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, WIGTOWN,  
ON MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019**

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**PRESENT**

Sandra McDowall <i>Convenor</i>	Willie McCartney <i>Vice Convenor</i>	Jak Kane <i>Secretary</i>
Kerr Inger	Matt Kitson	David Moran
David McAdam	Jock McDowall	Robin Richmond

**IN ATTENDANCE**

PC John Jamieson

**APOLOGIES**

Nick Walker

Kevin Witt

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received Nick Walker and Kevin Witt..

**2 POLICE MATTERS**

Pc Jamieson reported recent significant local incidents that included:

- An historical assault had been reported and an investigation commenced
- A road traffic collision at the Trammonford crossroads for which the driver had been reported in connection with Road Traffic offences
- There had been a minor dispute between dog walkers at the Martyrs Stake
- An incident of threatening behaviour in Seaview.

The Treasurer of a Dumfries and Galloway Community Council had received a scam email which appeared to be from the Chair of the Community Council. The email appeared completely genuine with good literacy and requested transfer of funds by BACS into an account. The recipient realised it was not authentic and did not act on the request. Other Community Councils were being asked to be vigilant.

Mid Galloway Community Police staff will be holding Spring surgeries in the Newton Stewart and Machars area between Tuesday, 19 and Thursday, 21 March 2019. They hope to use the County Buildings as a venue. The time and date of the visits to Wigtown and surrounding villages will be advertised in advance via posters, local press and social media. The predominant crime prevention message during the Spring surgeries will relate to telephone and online/internet fraud.

PC Jamieson spoke about the "Herbert Protocol" Missing Vulnerable Person Incident Form which is designed to make sure if someone goes missing, the police can get access to important information about that person as soon as possible. The form should be completed by the individual(s) who are most familiar with the person named in the document and, once completed, it should be kept in a prominent position. There is no need for the police or anyone else to have access to this information unless the person to whom it refers goes missing. The form should be handed over only when the police need it – it will be used to help the police find the missing person as soon as possible, and nothing more. The form can be downloaded or printed from the NHS website on [http://www.nhsdg.scot.nhs.uk/Departments\\_and\\_Services/IDEAS/IDEAS](http://www.nhsdg.scot.nhs.uk/Departments_and_Services/IDEAS/IDEAS).

PC Jamieson was told about damage to the boundary wall and metal railings surrounding Wigtown Bowling Club that appeared to have been the result of a Road Traffic Collision potentially caused by a motorist failing to stop at the New Road/North Main Street junction opposite the damaged wall/railings, and discovered in and around Tuesday, 5

February 2019 during the last large fall of snow. Constable Jamieson undertook to visit the locus following the CC meeting, and check Police records to establish whether or not it had been reported to the Police. The result of enquiries will be provided to Wigtown CC at the March meeting..

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The 2019 Summer Festival was added to the Agenda at Item 6. Update and Working Party Reports.

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Monday, 14 January 2019)**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved, proposed by Willie McCartney and seconded by Kerr Inger.

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

**a. Thomas Wheatley Gravestone**

The Secretary had spoken to David Cluckie and asked him to provide an estimate of how much it would cost to renovate the memorial.

**b. McGuffie VC DVD**

Nick Walker had confirmed that the Community Council owned the copyright to the DVD and he had the master DVD and associated files. The DVD ran for 44 minutes and he suggested that he could provide any copies required on an ad hoc basis rather than paying for a bulk order elsewhere. He suggested that the CC could profit a little if they were sold for something like £5 locally or £8 posted to a UK address.

**c. Community Defibrillator**

The Secretary had approached Wigtown Community Shop (WCS) with the suggestion that they take over responsibility for the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD). While they could not commit to this responsibility, they agreed that, if the Community Council checked the PAD, made the returns to the Scottish Ambulance Service and ordered any spares/ replacement parts needed, the Community Shop would cover any costs for the next five years. The CC would submit invoices to WCS as and when required. Jak Kane had met with Dr Dunn to learn how to check the PAD and arrangements would be made with Scottish Ambulance Service so he was able to submit online the relative monthly returns. The CC agreed to the proposed arrangements and the Secretary was asked to advise the Galloway Hills Medical Group and ask if they could help organise an awareness raising/training event. It was also suggested that signage to the PAD could be improved.

**d. Agnew Crescent Streetlight**

It was confirmed that the missing streetlight in Agnew Crescent had been replaced and the lamppost in Potato Mill Road had been realigned.

**e. Pavement outside All Souls RC Church**

The Secretary confirmed he had raised the issue with Roads Department as agreed.

**f. Station Road**

The Secretary had written to Roads Department asking that, if there were no immediate plans for the proposed wholesale improvements to Station Road, an inspection be carried out to identify those parts of the road that could be patched temporarily in the interim. A response had been received advising the road had been identified for resurfacing in February 2019. However the cold spell had set the department back a few days, but they were still proposing to have the work completed this financial year, or early next financial year. In the meantime, they would inspect and temporarily repair any defects.

## 6 UPDATES & REPORTS

### a: Financial Report

Jak Kane had circulated the updated report prior to the meeting. From the Administration Account £57.90 had been paid to Machars Action. He had also paid £46.53 for five bags of white salt in the hope that it could be utilised with the salt spreader provided by DGC. The facility would be advertised as being available once it could be tested following the next freeze or heavy snowfall.

The Treasurer had collected a cheque for £600 from Wigtown Community Shop representing its annual contribution towards the Christmas Festival. Payments had been made to Wigtown Bowling Club for electricity for the Christmas lights, DGC for hire of the County Buildings and to the Forestry Commission for Kirkinner's community Christmas tree. The final payment of £250 was in respect of the payment to Purplebox who had edited and produced the McGuffie VC DVD.

### b: Planning WP

Nick Walker had circulated a report prior to the meeting. The report included a retrospective application for Change of Use of the former Grapes Inn which had been converted to a bookshop. It was agreed that a submission in support of this application be made, noting disappointment at the application's retrospective nature. Updates on earlier applications were noted.

### c: Christmas Lights Working Party

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Working Party would be arranged for Monday 25 March starting at 7:30 agreed. Initial membership: Sandra McDowall, Willie McCartney, David Moran, Kevin Witt, David McAdam and Jock McDowall.

### d: Community Festival (Civic Week)

It was agreed that a meeting be convened for Monday, 4 March in the County Buildings from 7 pm. The Secretary would book the room and compile and distribute a poster inviting volunteers to attend and asking for suggestions for events and activities for the 2019 programme. The proposed start date for the Festival would be the Saturday after the Wigtown Riding of the Marches and it was suggested that the Secretary also provisionally book the County Buildings for that date.

## 7 Dog Fouling Campaign

Andrew Hay, DGC's Community Safety Enforcement Officer had written asking that the Community Council support/sponsor a project concentrating on dog fouling to be run by the Eco Group at Wigtown Primary School. It was agreed that the CC would support the school's Eco Group with their project and Community Councillor, Matt Kitson would act as the liaison with the school. Other additional Community Councillors would be available when the pupils were putting up the posters produced by the pupils. It was also agreed that a donation would be made towards future eco projects at the school and that Andrew could attend a CC meeting along with some of the older pupils to deliver a presentation on the project.

## 8 CORRESPONDENCE, ETC

**Wigtown Bowling Club** – A letter of thanks had been received from the Club in connection with payment for electricity for the Christmas lights.

**Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway** – The Third Sector interface scheduled regular monthly roadshows in Wigtownshire and the February event would be held in Wigtown County Buildings on 18 February from 1pm – 4pm.

**Community Assets for People and Place** – COSS (Community Ownership Support Service) was organising an event around community asset transfer of public buildings. The free event would be held in the Creebridge House Hotel on Friday 22 February.

**9 COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

There were no DGC Councillors present.

**10 OTHER BUSINESS**

***South Main Street*** – Similar to the situation at All Souls RC Church, The paving slabs outside the Post Office had also dropped causing a depression that collected rainwater.

***Number of Community Councillors*** – Matt Kitson was looking to update the CC's website with number of Community councillors following the earlier discussions. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Anne Gray and Rob Harford to explain that the CC's constitution invalidated Community Council membership should a member fail to attend at least half of the scheduled Community Council meetings in any financial year (with or without submitting apologies).

**10 NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7.30pm, Wigtown County Buildings.**