

Glencairn Community Council

Minutes for meeting held on 06/01/2020

1. Sederunt and Apologies

Jimmy Mensdorf (Chair), Moira McCrossan (Vice Chair), Marcus Hogan (Secretary), Adrian Doyle (Treasurer), Scott McMillan, Robin Edgar, Constable Lee Smith (Police Scotland) Members of the public: Hugh Chamberlain, Lindsay Dunse, Fiona McMillan, Hugh Taylor, Georgia Watson and 2 others.

Apologies from Stephen Sparrow and Councillor Wood.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting 09/12/2019

Moira requested 3 changes - 4.4 Mochrum Fell was not agreed, 4.5 "hospitality" to be clarified and this then inserted and the seconder from the decision to award a grant to the Carpet Bowling Club was to be recorded. These changes are to be made and the minutes approved next month.

2.2 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report has been written and is to be put into the Gazette unedited.

3. Reports

3.1 Police

Nothing to report from this month. In November a speed check was carried out in Kirkland in the morning as residents had concerns about speed of vehicles travelling through the village however no significant problems were found. Police are looking to do an evening speed check in the area. Members of the council raised concerns about speed on North Street and particularly Dunreggan. The police requested information on cannabis cultivations. They also raised concerns about the congestion on bonfire night and addressed the fencing and potential for a skip on the high street after the fire. Members of the council raised to the police that a manhole cover in Dunreggan near the bowling club is at risk of collapse, and police are to investigate this.

3.2 Secretary Report

Financial Governance Review update: Only three responses were received which were deemed not relevant to the current council.

The Wallaceton phone box now belongs to GCC.

The defibrillator has been ordered in the basic form and is to be stored in a residential property until a more suitable location is found.

3.3 Treasurer's Report

Moira proposed Adrian be reimbursed for his purchase of outdoor electric equipment for the Christmas tree and Jimmy for his purchase of the Christmas trees. Scott seconded and it was agreed but to wait until the discretionary grant arrived before making the payments. Adrian raised the fact that it has proved impossible to locate all the missing windfarm grant feedback forms that he had listed at the last meeting. Scott proposed that Adrian write to Scottish power, ANCBC and D&GC to seek their guidance so that a line could be drawn under this issue and the council can move forward. It was noted that windfarm feedback and ANCBC were separate

issues. These letters to be circulated via google group to other council members for approval. Jimmy seconded and this was agreed. Adrian had been asked to consider setting up a petty cash facility but after a discussion regarding the difficulties of this it was agreed not to do so.

3.4 Windfarm

Adrian proposed that GCC write to ECU and Dumfries and Galloway Council to confirm previous objection to Troston Loch on the basis of visual, noise (leaving out detail) and lack of community engagement. This was seconded by Scott.

and agreed. Adrian and Moira to go to meeting about Windy Rig. There have been no changes in the windfarm allocation process. The closing date for applications was decided to be 21/02/2020 at 5pm. The pre-allocation meeting is to be held on 02/03/2020 before the usual GCC meeting. The allocation meeting is to be held on 16/03/2020. Marcus to book rooms.

3.5 ANCBC

Nothing new to discuss.

3.6 Resilience

Marcus proposed that Tim and Graham be reimbursed for the use of their fire extinguishers. Adrian seconded and it was agreed and decided they would be reimbursed from the resilience fund. Moira proposed that Marcus liaise with the resilience team to organise a meeting. Jimmy seconded and this was agreed.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Financial Governance Review update

The review is available, and the council want to follow its advice and suggestions.

4.2 Item 12 from AGM agenda – Assets and Liabilities handover

The handover is not complete but should be this week.

4.3 Handyman Update

It was raised that the phone box corner at the cherry tree needed cleaning. BT is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the phone box, but surrounding area is not their responsibility. Jimmy proposed that the handymen be asked for quotes on cleaning the cherry tree area and Marcus seconded. This was agreed. To be funded from windfarm. Concerns were raised about the cleanliness of the carpark but CCES is in the process of sorting this.

4.4 Planters Update

Planters have been planted. Nicole is to be asked to redraft the summer quote based on the 6 additional planters which have been found in Macara park.

4.5 GCC Community Development Plan meeting report

This meeting was overshadowed by the recent fire and flood alert which had to be discussed as a priority. There have been no changes to the windfarm allocation process. Another CDP meeting is to be held soon. Concerns were raised about the safety of the building on the High Street affected by fire. It has been inspected by the Dumfries and Galloway Council and is apparently safe, but it was decided that Dumfries and Galloway Council must be challenged whether the building was safe as broken slates and glass were clearly visible and high winds are forecast. Marcus to write to D&GC stressing how concerned the community was over this!

4.6 Snow Plough/Snow Blower

Jimmy to take course to be qualified to use the snow blower. Dunscore are to be consulted as to whether they would like to purchase the snow plough, and another suggestion was to list it on eBay.

4.7 Surgeries

A surgery is to be held at the end of the month on 25/01 in the Hive.

5. CCES

The manhole at risk of collapse in Dunreggan has been reported and police have been notified. A pothole has been reported at Crawfordton and a landslip at Craigharroch. The signs in the carpark are to go up in January. Concerns were raised about gritting of the roads; not all areas were gritted. Potholes were reported on the Clone due to poor roadside drainage. Scott reported that since the last heavy rain gravel has washed onto the road at Dardarroch road end.

6. Planning

Whiteside windfarm is too far away for GCC to have an input. Planning has been put in for an extension and garage at Beech Drive.

6.1 Earth Lodges Project Update

There have been no final decisions made on the project. Any decisions they do make will be passed on and they are now considering alternative sites.

7. Business

7.1 CVCT Appointment of Trustee

No result.

8. Correspondence

Email from D&GC regarding an Independence March in Dumfries

Thank You card regarding the Older Persons Christmas Party

Poster for the shop about community money for poverty

Email regarding a possible flood prevention project at Holmhead.

Email from Graham Watson about an article to be published in the Gazette regarding Business Sustainability in the Village

9. AOCB

None.

Meeting closed at 10:15pm

Next meeting Monday February 3rd, 2020