

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 3rd May 2011

In Town House

| |
|--|
| Present: |
| Cllr Martin McNair (Chair) |
| Cllr Clare Short (Minute Secretary) |
| Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chair) |
| Cllr George Connelly |
| Cllr Jeanie Carwardine |
| Cllr Diane Mackenzie |
| Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer) |
| Cllr Roy McCormack |
| Scott McMaster (NTS/Member of Community) |
| Liz Crawford (Member of Community) |
| Shirley Teggins (Member of Community) |
| Duncan Wood (Member of Community) |
| |

Apologies Submitted: None

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr Willie Ferguson

The meeting started at: 7.30pm

Cllr Martin McNair in the Chair and opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

| Agenda Item | Narrative | Action & Owner |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Approval of Previous Minute | Approved subject to Research Constitution & Scheme to be added onto <i>Table of Actions</i> for 21 st March 2011. Proposed: David Seconded: George | CS to update |
| Housekeeping | Resignation from Andrew Brown received: two positions available (as Isabelle Jeffrey has not been replaced). Martin asked for Diane MacKenzie & Roy McCormack to fill these two vacant positions. Proposed: Jeanie. Seconded: David. George confirmed his research into Scheme 2011 should be ready for discussion by next meeting. | MM to update FC website GC & Future Agenda |
| Liz Crawford: Resident at Sandhaven | Sandhaven: so congested residents were not able to get their bins past the parked cars. Liz thanked Cllrs for re-positioning planters which has left enough space to get the bins out. Liz observed that at busy times, pedestrians (including pram and wheel chair users) have resorted to using the road because cars are parking on both kerbsides. Culross has become one big car park and CCC needs to do something. Martin thanked Liz and asked for her patience: a sub-committee has been formed and advice has been sought from FC. | MM to keep Liz informed of progress |
| Planning Proposals: Garage @ The | Martin recommends that CCC should seek <i>Statutory Consultee status</i> for all developments that are at a central location in the village and/or propose to alter the | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| House at West Green | <p>appearance of the village. Martin explained that the village was angry at planning procedures & outcomes for the former Dundonald Arms and wants CCC to prevent a repeat of people's frustrations so CCC needs to encourage community's engagement.</p> <p>CCC had applied for SCS when in fact already been granted the status_ - reason unknown_ - suspect due to central location of proposed site. SCS allows CCC time to gauge and then submit the consensus of public opinion. Public planning consultations have happened in the past. CC's role to ensure residents are aware of development and to encourage community engagement and discussion. CCC must be objective in process of gauging opinion. Publicity flyers to be posted through doors to advertise public display of proposals. Public have till Thursday 26th May to submit views to FC: To ask FC if CCC can have the same deadline (as Teggin's unavailable 13th-21st May). At Consultation evening residents to submit comments in writing and put in a sealed box. CC to provide comment slips.</p> <p>Tues 24th & Wednesday 25th May 7pm-8pm: Applicant to display plans at Garage opposite <i>The House at West Green</i> and be available to answer questions from public.</p> <p>Robert asked for Shirley to display actual dimensions of buildings (widths not on plans we have). On Wed 25th May after 8pm CCC to meet at Town House (or Bessie Bar if Town House unavailable). Applicant to be present for analysis of comments. CCC will collate its response to planning (based on feedback received) in time for 26th May deadline.</p> <p>Martin confirmed that he had received a letter from <i>The Pottery</i> which gave opinion that another cafe would add no economic improvement to Culross and would only reduce revenue for the existing outlets. However, <i>The Pottery</i> would support the establishment of holiday let space.</p> | <p>DM to ask FC for extension 26th May</p> <p>DM to produce leaflet.</p> <p>MM to devise areas for delivery.</p> |
| Dougie Vipond's Letter Grass at West Green | <p>Jeanie explained that she had called Parks Department at FC and they came and replaced the grass. Jeanie insisted she only organised restoring the grass. Martin spoke to Dougie who confirmed that he would not have produced the letter if he had been given all the correct information. David apologised for misleading Dougie. David to reply to Dougie and apologise.</p> | <p>DA to write apology letter</p> |
| CAP: 'Quick Fixes' update | <p>See attached Table (appendix 1) for update on actions.</p> | |
| Table of Actions | <p>See attached Table (appendix 2) for update on actions.</p> | |
| Fife Councillor Report: Willie Ferguson | <p>(Eventually) pot-holes filled by entrance to East Car Park. David asked Willie about large bin on other side of Station Path_- agreed at previous Ash Lagoon meeting with Scottish Power that bin needed to be bigger and emptied weekly. Willie is resolving.</p> | <p>WF</p> |

| | | |
|----------------------|--|---|
| WFVF | Martin & Clare unable to attend last meeting. Willie said nothing major to report. | |
| Ash Lagoon Committee | No meeting. Next meeting provisionally planned for Thursday 9 th June. RN & DA to attend. | RN & DA |
| Correspondence | <p>The correspondence list is 3 pages long and took hours to produce. Committee agreed this was a waste of Diane's time and no correspondence list is necessary for future meetings. DM only to bring our attention to what needs action/replies.</p> <p>Martin read-out Babs Hendry's letter about parking/abandoned properties (CS to reply).</p> <p>CS to complete appraisal form for Floral Enhancement Grant.</p> <p>CS will complete change of name for Entrust Forms.</p> <p>DM to write to planning requesting extension till 26th May.</p> | DM CS CS CS DM |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>Linda Purdie replied to VAT query. Linda explained that as CC's are not VAT registered VAT cannot be claimed back. Robert unhappy at this response as it is effectively taxes voluntary work and organisations. FC is encouraging CC's to take on environmental projects for their communities and CC's are being stung with VAT. Willie said in the past Fife Council (who is VAT registered) has purchased on behalf of a CC to prevent funds being wasted. Willie will speak to Peter Howden at Community Services to see if he would consider purchase of solar lights, for example, as huge savings to be made.</p> <p>Due to payment of Floral Enhancement Grant, current account is healthy. Robert asked Derek Burns about Aitkin Mortification, who explained that it is available as a hardship fund for people in need (it was applied for last year).-</p> <p>Scottish Power cheque (£200.00) received but not paid into account. Robert will prepare accounts and arrange independent auditor.</p> | WF to consult Community Services. RN to deposit Chq RN to arrange audit |
| Chair Report | Martin said he was happy at the progress the committee was making. | |
| AOCB | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rotary Fund: GC reported their aim for funding more in line with Youth Club/Toddlers etc. GC to forward info. 2. Aitken Mortification: Trust & Legacies. Martin to ask Derek how he used to operate. 3. Diane asked for more information to be displayed about who we are and how we can be contacted. Names, numbers and emails on NB and in Newsletter. 4. Jeanie said she is just about to plant out for summer. Cannot do all watering. MM agreed to do watering at Square. 5. Committee agreed Martin to complete insurance & risk assessment forms for Gala. 6. DM: Community garden Committee has emailed groups in village to ask for feedback on what the community wants the garden to have/be. 7. Clare informed committee that West Fife Village Forum AGM is Thurs 26th May 6pm in Comrie | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GC 2. MM will see Derek 3. GC to submit to Duncan and display on NB 4. MM 5. MM 6. All Cllrs to encourage community groups to |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|----------|
| | Centre. CS & MM unable to attend. | respond. |
| Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting | Next meeting Monday 6 th June at 7.30pm Town House. Also Wednesday 25 th May at 8pm after Public display of Plans for 'Boathouse' meeting to collate comments. (<i>Minute Sec note: Minute from Wed 25th May (see Appendix 3)</i>) | |

The meeting ended at: 10.15pm

-

This minute was APPROVED by the Council at the meeting on Monday 6th June 2011.