

Culross Community Council

Minute of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7th February 2011

In Town House

Present:
Cllr Martin McNair (Chair)
Cllr Clare Short (Minute Secretary)
Cllr David Alexander (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Robert Nelson (Treasurer)
Cllr Isabelle Jeffrey
Cllr Jeanie Carwardine
Cllr George Connelly
Cllr Diane Mackenzie
Alison Watson (Police)
Scott McMaster (National Trust & Member of Community)
Duncan Wood (CDT & Member of Community)

Ex Officio Present:
Cllr Willie Ferguson

Apologies Submitted:
Cllr Susan Bell
Cllr Andrew Brown
Cllr Roy McCormack

The meeting started at: 730pm

Cllr Martin McNair in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action & Owner
Housekeeping	Martin announced Susan had decided to resign as Secretary and from CC, as does not have the time. As a place had opened up George was invited to join as a full member. A Correspondence Secretary was needed. Debate ensued about the role and Diane said bulk of information received was not necessary. Diane said council should decide what correspondence they want so role could be reduced. Robert said should only be local issues that are distributed. Martin suggested we set up a community council group for emails that all members could access and read/print what they wanted. George was asked if he would do outgoing correspondence. Funding, planning environment. Robert & Jeanie were asked what information they wanted. Printing expenses were discussed and it was said that if printing costs	

	<p>continued at present rate 75% of our annual budget would be spent on printing so a solution needed to be sought. Martin suggested that he would consult his son, Ryan so he could set-up an email address so he could receive. Jeanie was asked to think about what information she would like.</p>	
Police Report	<p>Community Police representative, Alison Watson attended the meeting to warn us of housebreakings in neighbouring villages, particularly Kincardine. Incidents were happening in daytime. She told us to warn people to be security aware, advised to leave lights on, lock all doors and windows etc. Alison handed out information leaflets. Duncan gave Alison the Newsletter email address so information can be included. Martin thanked Alison for attending.</p>	CS to display on NB & in Shop.
Scott McMaster, National Trust Scotland	<p>Martin thanked Scott for accepting invitation to attending the meeting. Scott said he wanted relations between NTS & Culross community to improve. Scott reported that NTS surveyor had previously written to Fife Council about wall to the left of Stone Doorway that NTS insists is structurally unsound. NTS said they will do work to Doorway and wall to the right which is theirs but needed FC to work on wall to the left first. FC had not replied. Scott has asked NTS to resend to FC. Willie suggested that a site meeting should be arranged between Iain Jones of FC, NTS & CCC to progress.</p> <p>Scott said there was the possibility of future filming in Culross and would keep us posted of any developments.</p> <p>Diane suggested Scott should consider joining CCC to increase community relations, and provide a clear method of communication. Scott agreed to attend meetings as an ex-officio member (when he could).</p> <p>Diane told Scott that in recent survey many residents' raised NTS' lack of investment in properties. Scott said he had plans to re-develop but being new to role needed time to assess.</p> <p>Asked if he could consult surveyors about land at back of Sandhaven as many had raised this in the Survey as possible area for parking. Scott said he would look into documentation from development of Square from 1990s. Diane insisted legal agreement should be traceable. Scott said plans for garages next to palace to be shop, and plans for gardens also.</p> <p>Scott stated NTS is a charity and most properties cost more than income from them to maintain. Plans for 6 & 7 to be possibly sold, with money raised being reinvested in other properties within Culross. Committee insisted that whatever property the NTS does sell off should be sold on the open market.</p> <p>Martin asked Scott if any plans for office under Town House as could be beneficial for community use. Scott said plans for a small NT office.</p> <p>Scott was asked about Cunningham Bequest which rumour has it money was left to NT for properties solely in Culross. Scott said he will investigate but was aware of money. Money is invested and a small interest is only spent. Diane said no evidence of any spends on properties and perceived lack of investment was not well received.</p> <p>Robert asked Scott how many properties NTS had empty at present, Scott informed us 3, with one likely to be filled in coming weeks.</p> <p>Martin asked Scott if he would join Diane & himself on a walk about the village to assess NTS housing which Scott agreed to.</p> <p>Diane suggested Scott should use the village Newsletter for PR for NTS.</p>	
Duncan Wood, CDT	<p>Duncan reported CDT AGM in January was poorly attended. Duncan proposed that CDT would probably run as a fundraising body in future and would re-advertise AGM so that future could be decided.</p>	

	<p>Duncan updated us on planters, said there are four large planters. Duncan said he was happy to hand planters back over to CCC as Isabelle had requested but he would continue to help. Planters on Square need replacing. Martin confirmed that Gordon Hynd had verbally confirmed £500 Floral Enhancement Grant had been granted and should follow. Isabelle reported that for land to be used for growing at Cala Home need to ask Roberta Black. Duncan said he was able to buy bulbs at trade price. Jeanie suggested a gardening sub-committee should be set up for planting which was agreed to but discuss further at meeting on 16th February. Diane asked for whatever is bought could have longevity. Willie advised that FC need to be informed/permission sought if on Green/Square for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Duncan was asked about CDT finances. Duncan said as not treasurer unsure of exact figures but about £1500 in bank but once installation in The Stables completed not much would be left. Duncan said in past CDT has committed to funding particular project that beneficial to village for that year , i.e., Pier & The Stables but as AGM unsuccessful this year's project undecided. Diane suggested CDT should inform village of future AGM and priorities in Newsletter.</p>	
Approval Of Previous Minute	<p>"Clarification from 13th Dec 10: at AOCB, para 5), line 4, should read 'Diane' asked if in letter of support for Orchard View ..".</p> <p>Clare asked committee to discuss proposed amendments. Committee agreed to transpose Clare and Susan's roles and include Martin's request to be omitted from correspondence list. Clare raised issue of lighting request for Orchard View and action for letter of support to include request for lighting of East Car Park. Committee confirmed this was agreed to and Diane agreed to submit online. After amendments were agreed to David proposed and George seconded.</p>	DM
Matters Arising:	<p>1. Survey Results</p> <p>258 were delivered and 56 completed forms were returned (about 22%). Three prominent issues: Environmental, Cars/Parking and Housing (private & NT properties). Some members were concerned about low turnout but other members said we had tried to communicate with community and this was to form the basis of our future agenda. We could not interpret non-returns. Committee agreed to get some quick results, i.e., doggie bags, poo bins etc</p> <p>Agreed need to source bags before dispersers (so fit).Willie will ask FC for more bags and raise possibility of using brown bin bio-degradable bags. Willie also stated money available in locality budget for bins/benches and warned that if we did not ask we will not get. Also notified us that could apply to SP for some funding. Diane reported that she had contacted our Dog Warden, Doug Allen, who had advised that locations of bins relevant to if FC will empty (50 metres from road). Willie said dog waste can be used in general waste. Willie & Diane will communicate to progress with possible funding solutions.</p> <p>Isabelle reported bins by Kirk never emptied and still no bin by The Abbey. Willie proposed compiling a map of where bins need to be installed & emptied for FC. David, Martin & Jeanie to create map for bins/dispensers/salt bins. Diane said Environmental Dept in Elgin Industrial Estate will give us bins for free if we ask for them.</p> <p>Lighting on Path: Diane said issue in survey and she had conducted some online research for prices into solar lighting. Agreed to discuss at meeting on 16th.</p> <p>Jeanie asked about Climate Change Fund: Diane potential</p>	

	<p>sources of funding would be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Cars/Parking: Robert said disrespectful parking. Diane said although huge issue on Survey it is a huge issue which would require a village wide public meeting with Transportation & Police present to discuss options. Speeding: George agreed to write to Stagecoach as they are biggest offenders.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16th February at Town House at 730pm for analysis of Survey Results. Community Action Plan to report outcomes and plans for Newsletter.</p>	
Councillor Report: Willie Ferguson	As previously stated, money left in Locality Budget for seating/bins and he will get 1 page form for us to complete (if less than £1000). Money available from SP if apply and will get forms. Will research whether funding available for Safety which could apply to solar lights on cycle path. Advised Robert to raise issue of SP funding at Ash Lagoon Committee on Thursday.	Willie will email Diane forms for funding.
Table of Actions	See attached Table for update on previous Actions (Appendix 1)	
West Fife Village Forum Report	Martin attended Thursday. Container base at Rosyth, Crombie & Rosyth are against. George raised issue of infrastructure, if Bridge could handle more traffic. Split vote. RAF Leuchars: online permission (has already been sent out). Police said neighbourhood watch system may be reinstated and Martin asked if anybody was interested. D.Press Ardroy outdoor centre at risk of being closed.	
Treasurer's Report	Robert said all sorted. Will look into how transfer funds from Environmental to Current for projects on 16 th Feb. David to be paid for bags, Susan expenses, CDT for Farmers Market, Gala firework insurance (£89.25).	
Chair Report	Meeting with John McBride based at Cala Home. Explained we pay for supervisors wages and get the labour from trainees free. Martin said we can discuss further on 16 th February. Green Bins in Erskine Brae not emptied on 25 th January. Martin has arranged with Environmental Services for uptake to take place on Wednesday 9 th February and will display posters informing residents. Parking was given as reason. Derek Abbot, Countryside Ranger wants to attend a meeting. Martin said he will invite him to next meeting.	
Correspondence Received	For full details see Appendix 2 Jeanie & Robert wants to attend CC Training. Rotary Club offer of assistance. Agreed to discuss on 16 th February and then we will reply.	
AOCB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toddlers enquired about available funds. Ask then to formally apply in writing. 2. WFV Planning Group: to decline invitation. John Duffy reports back to WFVF so get update there 3. David asked Willie who responsible for cycle path as leaves all over place. Willie advised FC so see Angus 4. Session Green transformed. Every Tuesday 11am Village Tidy Up 5. Community Garden: email from Dick if covered with our insurance Martin will discuss policy details with FC and report back to Dick. 	
Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held on Monday 7 th March in Town House at 730pm. (NB: Meeting actually held Monday 21 st March)	

The meeting ended at: 10.15pm

This minute was approved by the Council at the meeting on 21st March 2011.