

## KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Kirkcowan Community Council held on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Lesser St Couan's Hall.

**Present:** Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair, Mrs W Baird, Cllr J McColm, Mr G McKie, Mrs J Mortiboy, Mr D Harper, Mrs J Sommerville, Miss C Wilson, Mrs R Rudd, Mrs M Cripps, Mr P McAllister, Mr K Tinker, Mrs W Wood, Mr R Drysdale, Mr D Conduit, Mr M Gumersell, Mr M Marsh, Mr M Godfrey, Mr M Marsh, Mrs S Gray, Mrs C Adams, Mrs K Andrews, Mr G Mortiboy, Mr T Wilson, Ms Karen Bevan, Ms Kate Bevan, Mr G McShane, Mrs J McShane, Mr C Marshall, Mrs E Jack, Mrs M McCulloch, Mrs G McNeil, Mrs A Dabner, Mr R Paterson.

1. Mr Paterson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Mr D McKenzie, Cllr G Nicol, Cllr A Geddes, Mrs J Taylor

### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Mrs W Baird called for an amendment - item 6 Montpellier are currently used not E U Bell.

Accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed - Mr P McAllister. Seconded – Mr M Gumersell.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2016.

Accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed - Mrs W Baird. Seconded – Mr G McKie.

### 4. POLICE MATTERS:

No police present at the meeting.

Mr J Paterson had a telephone conversation with the Police Constable, informing him that a house was broken into in Newton Stewart, a lot of expensive items of jewellery were stolen – people to ensure property is secure. Also mentioned was the accident on the B733.

A vehicle hit a dog and being walked on the B733 opposite the bowling green in Kirkcowan. Due to the severity of the injuries to the dog it had to be put down. Police were not called to the scene, but have been contacted since.

The parties involved were informed they should not have been walking on the road and to use the pavement. There is no pavement in the location.

No MOT –A resident of Kirkcowan had been caught for not having any MOT.

Mr J Paterson stated it is very easy to forget with having the Car Tax process now online.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Balance £ 832.63.

### 6. CORRESPONDANCE

Mrs W Baird received the following:-

- i) Review of Planning Discussion Forum

<https://ideas.scotland.gov.uk/independent-review-of-planning>

ii) Strategic Police priorities - D&G Response to review.

iii) Wigtown Area Committee meetings - 11th February Dental Services

25th February 3rd sector D&G Business Plan Douglas Ewart 6.30pm

Mr M Gumersell reported that he attended the meeting on the 11th, which was well attended.

He felt that the decision to close the NHS Dental Surgery at Newton Stewart Health Centre had already been decided.

Several points were put forward, such as access to, and parking at, the existing dental surgeries, Smile and Hunters. Mr G Haste stated he would take these points to the NHS Health Board, but felt there was an indulgence of dentist in the area and the £70,000 saving could be put to better use.

Mr P Mr P McAllister pointed out that Mr G Haste has been given the authority to make the decision he does not need to report back to the NHS Board.

iv) Consultation for Leisure & Sport - <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/11548>

Libraries & Registration - <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=15067>

v) Scottish Community Council Website relaunched - [www.communitycouncils.scot](http://www.communitycouncils.scot)

vi) Climate Challenge Fund - [www.climatechallengefund.org](http://www.climatechallengefund.org)

vii) Update Spittal Bridge-

Mr M Gumersell reported there have been slight improvements such as repositioning sign and cutting back foliage.

He had a meeting with Inspector Campbell Moffitt and an email from Michael McDonald – Traffic Management Officer regarding options to reduce vehicle speeds.

They felt speed restriction and priority to oncoming traffic signs not suitable for this isolated location, however they will monitor it.

There needs to be at least 3 reported accidents for the relevant parties to look at introducing safety measures.

Cllr J McColm pointed out that there have probably been numerous accidents on the bridge but not reported to the police.

## **AOCB**

Phone Box Dirnow – Damaged beyond repair.

At present it is lying down to prevent any injuries to anybody.

Need cost for removal and disposal from site. Possible scrap value.

**Recycling** – Local paper stated that the council had overspent on the current recycling budget of £450,000. They drafted in consultants from Ireland to review the current system and

make savings. It is proposed that in the Newton Stewart area (not sure if Kirkcowan is included in that) that one visit each week will be made to pick up cardboard, paper, plastic, glass and food waste with the wheelie bin rubbish being collected fortnightly.

There will be a driver and one other operative on the recycling vehicle.

Those involved in this trial will receive a letter.

**Access to School for Generator** – Mr J Paterson asked Mrs K Andrews if the Community Council could have a key to

the double gates to the school grounds, for access to the generator. Mrs K

Andrews did not see a problem with this and will get a key for Mr J Paterson.

Next group to set generator running –Mrs W Wood, Mr K Tinker and Mr J Adair.

**Defibrillators** – There are possibly 2 defibrillators ordered for the village.  
Need to decide where to site them.

**Summary of Suggestions for Community Funding** - Over 50 suggestions had been received from the community in relation to spending the donations from the windfarms. Mr J Paterson briefly ran through some of them - Sound System for school, Fishing Club Gala Day, Bike/Scooter Park, Sports and Leisure Centre At the moment the cost of a project can only be in the region of £20,000.

**Roads** – Mr Colin Forbes Head of Dumfries and Galloway Roads Department attended the meeting to answer questions and advise on the traffic calming measures the Community wish to carry out.

**Q.** The pavement stops at the Bowling Green (B733) and starts again at Braden. Could the pavement be made continuous?

**A.** The Council has no plans to put in a pavement in this location. The network manager would need to be asked to see if they could find alternative funding to carry out his work.

**Q.** Parking on the corner of Beechgrove (B733) is a problem could double yellow lines be painted in this location?

**A.** A consultation would be needed - report back at next meeting.

**Q.** A deer had been hit near Killiemore and left could more deer signs be put up in this location?

**A.** Similar requests have been made and carried out, providing the funds are there this is a possibility.

**Q.** Problem with vehicles speeding in and out of village at each entrance (B733 and B735) could permanent driver feedback signs be installed?

**A.** This work could not be carried out using the Council's revenue budget. Money donated from the windfarms could be used to provide these signs.

Colin Forbes will discuss the questions with the Network Manager below and report back to next meeting :-

**Q** - Could speed bumps be installed?

**Q** - Could advisory speed limit signs for milk tankers be installed on B733?

**Q-** Could countdown markers be installed at each village entrance (B733 and B735)?

**Q** - Could traffic lights be installed at spittal bridge?

**Q** - Can rumble strips be painted on red tarmac either side of spittal bridge?

**Q** – Can zebra crossings be used at various locations on the safe route to school?

Colin Forbes will look to sorting the following maintenance issues :-

- Blocked road drain outside 41 and 43 Main Street be cleared?
- Fill pothole at Johnstone Bridge.
- Icy footpath outside hall and 47,49 and 51 Main Street.
- Flooding water B735 near Barhoise Farm.
- Reposition advance direction sign near Jacaranda B735

Mr Paterson thanked everyone for coming - The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Mrs W Baird reminded the meeting that minutes are displayed in the Post Office and

on Kirkcowan website.

The next meeting of Kirkcowan Community Council will be held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Lesser St Couan's Hall.

Jackie Mortiboy (Minutes secretary)

## **AGENDA**

Wendy Baird (secretary)

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRPERSON
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
4. POLICE MATTERS
5. PRESENTATION by John Thomson secretary of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks
6. TREASURERS REPORT
7. CORRESPONDENCE -
  - i) Wigtown Area Committee meetings -  
Zero Waste/Recycling 23<sup>rd</sup> March Douglas Ewart 7.15pm
  - ii) Stranraer Marina & Waterfront Regeneration - Full Business case  
22<sup>nd</sup> March at Harbour Masters office 5 - 7pm

## **AOCB**

Community Benefit Fund update