

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Kirkcowan Community Council held on Monday 16th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Lesser St Couan's Hall.

Present: Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair, Mrs J Mortiboy, Cllr J McColm, Mr D Harper, Mr K Tinker, Mr G McKie, Mrs W Wood, Mr P McAllister, Mr R Drysdale, Mr D Conduit, Mr M Gumersell, Mrs R Rudd, Mrs J Taylor, Mrs M Cripps, PC P Tusichz,

1. Mr Paterson welcomed everyone to the meeting, and requested Proposer and Seconder for Position of Temporary Secretary. Proposed - Mr M Gumersell Seconded - Mr D Harper.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs W Baird, Cllr Nicol, Mrs J Sommerville, Mr D McKenzie, Mrs C McAllister,

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Mr R Drysdale informed meeting that on page 2 - Fishing it should read Killiemore and not Kirkchrist.

Accepted as true and correct record. Proposed - Mr M Gumersell Seconded - Mrs R Rudd.

4. **POLICE MATTERS:** Nothing to report in Kirkcowan. PC P Tusichz informed the meeting of the new Crime and Violence Reduction Officer - Billy Dodds, he will be carrying out road shows throughout the area and will also have a stand at the up and coming agricultural shows.

Mr J Paterson asked PC P Tusichz if Billy Dodds could attend the next Community Council meeting on 21st Sept 15.

With regard to traffic issues the police have several schemes in place in and around Kirkcowan and also have a workshop at a Garage in Newton Stewart that will involve an exam. Prizes will be given; date has yet to be confirmed. There is an online pub watch scheme, complaints can be lodged via Police Scotland website. Mr M Gumersell queried if the teething problems with the 101 number have been sorted. PC P Tusichz stated calls are always answered at the call centre in Glasgow and then forwarded to the relevant station. Calls used to go through to each handset, now they don't. Newton Stewart reception is manned 3 days a week from 8am – 4pm, but if you are at the station and it is locked just call the 101 number and a Police Officer would come to the Newton Stewart Station. Mr M Gumersell asked if there was a specific team that dealt with burglaries. PC P Tusichz clarified that the Community Officer Billy Dodds would deal with burglaries, there was no specific department or team. All burglaries are dealt with by a Police Officer in Newton Stewart. CID not involved as they are based in Stranraer and Dumfries. Speed sign – Mr J Paterson informed the meeting that we are due to have the speed sign again in September 2015. There is a rolling programme for installing a permanent speed sign Cllr J McColm stated Kirkcinner and Stoneykirk most recent to get permanent sign. Criteria based on number of vehicles through village every day and what speed they are travelling.

5. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Balance £ 1,045.47.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Funding and Information Road show – to be held on 2nd July 2015 at McMillan Hall Newton Stewart from 2 – 8pm, free entry - opportunity to meet major funding bodies eg Cash for Kids, Big Lottery and many more. Mr J Paterson has informed the village school about this event.

Community Resilience Training & Emergency Planning Partners Evening – to be held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at Stranraer Academy at 6.30pm – advice from Red Cross, Scottish Fire

and Rescue and more to help and support Community Resilience Teams.

William Mainus Stagecoach Service Bus X75 Stranraer - Carlisle – Emailed Mrs W Baird informing her that this service has been running at a loss for some time. He will review the current connections to see if there can be any improvement on the links but will not guarantee any changes. A suggestion of just a Saturday Service was discussed as this was well used. Cllr McColm suggested contacting them again with regard to the Saturday Service to see what response that would get.

DGC Road Closure Notice – St Couans Crescent, outside the surgery will be closed on Tuesday 16th June 2015 from 9.30am – 3.30pm. No alternative routes available – vehicles will be escorted past the work

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Turbine Trophy 16th Aug 2015 - Mr J Paterson requested everybody to attend a meeting on 29th June 2015 at 7.30pm at Ballgreen Park to set out the field, get organised and jobs for the day allocated – if it's wet meeting will be in Village Hall. Need to sort out how many set of Dominoes will be needed. Rounders - Mr J Paterson suggested using an independent bowler. Caroline's Catering needs to be invited as need to peg out marquee. Craiglawn Hotel will do the bar. Portable WC's from Caroline's Catering if they can't provide them then WC in Fields will. Bouncy castle has been ordered from the Council. Seating and tables from the hall will need to be taken to Ballgreen. Mr J Adair has got the generator working well and has fitted 4 x 13amp sockets. Mrs M Cripps asked if Caroline's Catering needed any help with teas and coffees – this would be asked at the meeting on 29th June 2015.

Weeds - Mr J Paterson asked if anyone had seen the Council spraying the weeds on the footpaths – Mrs M Cripps informed the meeting that she had been speaking to a lady pulling out weeds next to the Hall who had given her a Stranraer number to ring – DG First 01671 707500. She phoned and they informed her that they are in Newton Stewart at the moment and will be working their way round the area.

Transport Planning – Janine Watson a Transport Planning Consultant phoned Mr J Paterson to get his view on the Barlae road improvements - dual carriageway. Mr J Paterson reported that it is good going East but the road going West should have been re-surfaced and the white chevron lines are too far up the road before the dual carriageway ends. Mr R Drysdale also stated there had been one incident of a car going the wrong way on the wrong side. A mile further on and there is an accident area sign – this area should have been dealt with first.

A75 near Plantings Inn is single lane where it should have been dual lanes both sides.

Public Pathways - Mr J Paterson asked if anyone knew who was tidying up the footpaths, fitting gates and putting bridges over the stream in Jenna Morra woods. Mr G McKie stated the posts had DG Public Pathways sign on them. Mr J McColm stated it would have been courteous to let the Community Council know this work was going on.

School Holidays – Village School closes 2nd July 2015 and opens again Thursday 20th August 2015.

Slow sign - Mr Gumersell asked Colin Forbes to repaint the slow signs at Johnston bridge, he confirmed they had been done and Mr Forbes was very quick in organising this work.

Cemetery - Mr R Drysdale stated he had three complaints about dog fouling in the cemetery. A lady with a white westie dog walks in the graveyard letting the dog off the lead. This dog also bit the trousers of a carer walking down the street - the incident was not reported. Sign to keep dogs on leads has gone from gates Mr J Paterson said he contacted Council regarding putting a sign back but was informed they no longer do this. Cllr J McColm asked if the Community Enforcement Officer would speak to the lady in question. Mr M Gumersell queried what the procedure was for fining the relevant person if it was reported anonymously, Mr J Paterson suggested getting the Dog Warden to attend the next meeting to explain procedure.

Willowind – Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair and Mrs J Mortiboy went to meeting at John Niven Centre in Stranraer along with other members from local Community Councils, Newton Stewart Initiative, Wigtownshire Business Association, Local Contractors and Turning Point. Discussions about training and apprenticeships in Stranraer for maintenance of the wind turbines as there are 248 operating turbines at the moment and 300 turbines approved to be constructed. Willowind's application is at the Planning Committee Meeting on 16th July 2015. Shennanton have re-sited 2 turbines so planning application has been deferred until a survey of how the new positions affect the wildlife/birds.

Quarry – Mr R Drysdale informed the meeting that the rock was being tested at Boreland Fell Quarry. Mr J Paterson stated that the quarry was not opening again.

High Speed Broadband – Mr D Conduit asked when Kirkcowan would be getting high speed broadband as Newton Stewart now have this facility. Mr J Paterson asked a BT Engineer who told him that we haven't even got a cabinet yet. Mr J Paterson also asked Wendy Jesson to speed thing along, recent reports in the paper suggest end of September 2015.

Mr Paterson thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Jackie Mortiboy
(Temporary secretary)

The next meeting of Kirkcowan Community Council will be held on Monday 21st September 2015 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRPERSON
 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
 4. POLICE MATTERS
 5. TREASURER'S REPORT
 6. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFO -
 - Disabled parking spaces
 - Footway Parking & Double parking Bill
 - Digital Engagement Workshop
 - Wigtown Area meeting 5th November
 - Dog bins.
- AOCB - Halloween**