

MINUTE

**The first meeting of
Kirkcowan Community Council
Monday 16 November 2015 at 7pm
in Kirkcowan Village Hall**

PRESENT

Present	James Adair, Community Councillor Wendy Baird, Community Councillor Martin Gumersell, Community Councillor David Harper, Community Councillor Peter McAllister, Community Councillor Derek McKenzie, Community Councillor Gordon McKie, Community Councillor Jaqueline Mortiboy, Community Councillor John Paterson, Community Councillor Keith Tinker, Community Councillor Caroline Wilson, Community Councillor Wendy Wood, Community Councillor Alistair Geddes, Elected Member – Mid Galloway Jim McColm – Elected Member – Mid Galloway
Apologies	Graham Nicol – Elected Member – Mid Galloway Janice Sommerville, Community Councillor Robert Drysdale, Community Councillor
Officials	Stephen Jack, DGC, Returning Officer

Stephen Jack chaired the meeting.

- 1. SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (See above)**

Decision

Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

1.1 PROCEDURE – AGREED THAT THE POLICE REPORT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA

- Lead had been stolen from a vacant property in the surrounding area and the Police in attendance reminded people to be vigilant
- Police also reported a “sneak in” type theft in an outlying rural area;
- Both these thefts had taken place within the last month;
- There will be festive campaigns both locally & nationally in the lead up to Xmas and New Year;
- John Paterson advised that they were hoping to receive the results from the speed indicator monitor shortly;
- Police were advised of two telephone scams that Community Councillors had been made aware of in relation to “Tax Rebates” and “Shares Accounts” – both require you to submit bank details;
- Police advised that Constable Dodds was hoping to present to the Autumn Club on same subject at their next meeting.

2. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Decision

AGREED that John Paterson be appointed as Chairperson, proposed by David Harper

3. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Decision

AGREED that James Adair be appointed as Vice-Chairperson, proposed by Derek MCKenzie

4. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY

Decision

AGREED that Wendy Baird be appointed as Secretary, proposed by John Paterson

4.1 CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES SECRETARY

AGREED that Jaqueline Mortiboy be appointed as Minutes Secretary, proposed by David Harper

5. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER

Decision

AGREED that Gordon McKie be appointed as Treasurer, proposed by James Adair

6. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL INDUCTION

Decision

NOTED the Induction Training given by Stephen Jack and the Welcome Folder given to the Kirkcowan Community Council

Secretary of the Community Council for reference which gave information on all issues covered by the Induction Training.

7. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXAMINER(S) OF ACCOUNTS (See Note 6)

Decision

AGREED to defer to next meeting.

8. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY OFFICE BEARER OR EMPLOYEES (See Note 7)

Decision

AGREED to defer to next meeting.

9. CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF VOTING & NON-VOTING MEMBERS IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 4.1 (C) OF THE SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY (See Note 8)

Decision

10. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY COMMITTEES (See Note 9)

Decision

AGREED to defer to next meeting.

11. CONSIDER THE PRODUCTION OF CERTIFIED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF FORMER COMMUNITY COUNCIL (See Note 10)

Decision

AGREED to defer to next meeting.

12. CONSIDER PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE COVER (See Note 11)

Decision

NOTED that Public Liability Insurance was already provided by Dumfries and Galloway Council.

13. CONSIDER REQUEST TO DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COUNCIL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH (See Note 12)

Decision

NOTED that the Discretionary Grant for Kirkcowan Community Council for 2015-16 had been paid on 4 June 2015.

14. CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAWING UP A CONSTITUTION IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 12.1 OF THE SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY (See Note 13)

Decision

DEFERRED to a future EGM of the Community Council and **NOTED** that the signed constitution should be returned to Dumfries and Galloway Council by 22 January 2016. **AGREED** to try and schedule the EGM for 14 December 2015 with an ordinary meeting to follow immediately afterwards.

15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

15.1 CCES REPRESENTATIVE

Decision

AGREED that Wendy Baird would be the Council's contact for the Community Council in relation to any Community Council Enquiries (CCES).

The Chair AGREED other items of Business as follows:-

- Appointment to Machar's Action – Martin Gumersell
- Appointment to Federation – Gordon McKie (others may also attend as required/available)
- John advised that he was attending a meeting shortly to sign the contract in relation to Kilgallioch Windfarm
- John was also due to attend another Windfarm related meeting on 23 November
- Agreed that Xmas lights should be put up around 14/15th December
- John suggested that a Public Meeting could be held in the New Year to consult with the community on ideas for use of Windfarm Funds. **AGREED** that this would be a good idea and would be progressed.
- 5/6 Community Councillors registered interest for the Red Cross Training Sessions being held on Thursday coming. Numbers to be confirmed with the Area Framework team.
- Cllr Geddes raised concern over the letter that had been sent to patients from the NHS in relation to potential Dental Services changes in the Newton Stewart area. Stephen Jack advised that Head of Primary Care, Linda Bunney had contacted him earlier in the day to advise that a proposal by an independent Dental Contractor was being considered at the NHS Board meeting on the 7 December, however stressed that no decisions had been taken. Both Cllr Geddes and McColm raised concern over how quickly this issue appears to have moved on since the Area Committee (Community) Meeting held in September 2015. The public in attendance and Community Councillors were encouraged to attend the next Area Committee (Community) Meeting being held in Stranraer Academy on 10 December at 6.30pm where a consultation session was being held on the Wigtownshire Health & Social Care Integration Locality Plan.
- Santa's Sleigh organised through the Round Table would be visiting Kirkcowan on Wed 16 December 2015.
- It was noted that the Halloween Children's Party had went well and a request was put forward to ask if more decorations could be purchased for next year.
- Concern was raised by the public in relation to an article in the Broadcast magazine on broadband roll-out with Kirkcowan mentioned, yet no high speed Broadband is available.

SJ agreed to look into the matter.

- It was clarified by John Paterson that the Car Park attached to the hall can be used by any member of the public.
- Concern was raised in relation to an incident on Wed 11 November where a glass bottle fell from a re-cycling lorry and smashed on the ground but hadn't been cleared up by operators. SJ agreed to raise this with DG First.

FIX DATES, TIMES AND LOCATION FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Decision

AGREED that meetings of Kirkcowan Community Council would be held on the Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Kirkcowan Village Hall.

It was AGREED that the next meeting would incorporate an EGM and would be brought forward to avoid clashed with the Xmas week. Date of next meeting would be Monday 14 December 2015

Meeting closed at 7.50pm