

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Kirkcowan Community Council held on Monday 18th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Autumn Club.

Present: Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair, Mrs W Baird, Mrs J Somerville, Cllr Geddes, Cllr G Nichol, Cllr J McColm, Mr R Drysdale, Mr K Tinker, Mrs C McAllister, Mrs W Wood, Mr D Harper, Ms A Longos, Sgt L Steel, R Anderson and C Wilson (RES)

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs K McKie

2. Mr Paterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanked the Autumn Club for the use of their hall again, due to work in the village hall.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Accepted as correct. Proposed - Mr D Harper
Seconded - Mr K Tinker

4. POLICE MATTERS

No problems in Kirkcowan.

1 housebreak in, in area dealt with.

5. GLENCHAMBER WINDFARM

Rachel Anderson and Carolyn Wilson from RES updated us with the proposed wind farm. Consultation period coming up. Submitting application re access roads. We suggested there was a public meeting when plans are concrete with Jane Bridge in attendance. Information meeting is planned for 18th March.

The mast which has been onsite at Derskelpin has shown that a wind farm will be a good idea. The initial 27 turbines proposed have been reduced to 14. This will now be called Annabalglish.

Scoping will commence in the next week or so. There was a suggestion that there could be a local electricity discount scheme set up as part of the community benefit money.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT £1073.91 Administrative Grant received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE for information- Strategic Police Plan. Funding News D&G. Scottish Water Public meeting 13/3/13 Dumfries. Nomination for Honours. Welfare Reform seminar. 8/3/13 Stranraer library 11am-1pm. Scottish Woodlands Scoping Process Mindork Forest. (available online until 21/2/13)

8. CORRESPONDENCE for discussion-

i) **Planning** - DGHP. Air source heat pumps in village.

ii) **Wind farms-** Scoping Shennanton Wind farm.

iii) **Community Benefit Agreement** - update.

iv) **Community Councils 4th Periodic Review** 21/2/13 Wigtown. Drop in sessions 2pm - 8pm Dave Harper will try and attend.

v) **Kirkcowan Hall-** work to install disabled toilet is taking place. It was agreed that the arrangements to commence work was badly handled as no-one appeared to know it was going to take place. Other jobs needing done in the hall will be done at the same time. John will find out when work will be finished and the hall is fit for use again.

vi) **Data protection registration** - previously the Council paid the annual fee, but have added this money into administrative grant for us to arrange ourselves.

vii) **Youth club** - Mrs McAdam gave us a cheque following the closure of the Youth Club Fund. It was agreed to let youth groups know it is available and distribute the money among them.

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Emergency Planning - agreed to put out leaflets on what to do in an emergency. Discussion took place on various aspects of what needs to be done. Still not managed to get the generator from Newton Stewart to try.

Lights- Mr Paterson was told if we wish to report light failures we have to give the number of the pole instead of road and house number. Agreed this could be difficult as the number is quite high up.

Litter- is collecting at the sides of the park. Concern was voiced as to what will happen in the summer when the grass is left long at the edges.

Poultry - concern has been raised regarding the keeping of hens and ducks in gardens as far as the attracting of rats go.

Phone box - the door is completely off. Wendy to contact BT.

Fence spikes- up to Dickie Wood are marked.

Mr Paterson thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 9pm.