

KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting Kirkcowan Community Council held on Monday 20th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Lesser St Couan's Hall.

Present: Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair, Mrs W Baird, Cllr Nicol, Cllr J McColm, Mr D Harper, Mr K Tinker Mr G McKie, Mrs W Wood, Mr P McAllister, Mrs K McKie, Mr D McKenzie, Mr D Conduit, Mr M Gumersell, Mrs R Rudd, Mrs J Mortiboy, Mrs M Cripps, Mr J Wright, Mrs S McCall, Mr M Marsh, Mr C McEwan, Mr N Ward, PC R Mitchell, PC K Shields.

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs J Sommerville, Cllr Geddes, Mrs C McAllister, Mr R Drysdale, Mrs H Hyslop, Mrs J Taylor

2. Mr Paterson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct. Proposed - Mr P McAllister Seconded - Mr D Harper.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Nothing to report in Kirkcowan. Be aware of scam calls from banks. The banks will never ask you to phone them back. Just hang up. Rural crime is a big issue with the theft of quad bikes, land rovers, heating oil etc. Keep belongings secure.

Mr Paterson mentioned the speed sign that was fitted after the last meeting. Unfortunately it has been removed twice as not working. The police will contact traffic dept. There is a rolling programme for installing a permanent speed sign.

Concerns about the length of time it can take to get through using 101. All calls are centralised to Glasgow and then forwarded to correct area.

Comments on speeding and careless driving in the village.

Problems with fraud will be dealt with by contacting the same 101 number.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT - books at auditors.

6. PRESENTATION - Kirkcowan parish church. Martin Marsh-

A gardening group has been set up to engage with the larger village community. The initial plan is to start an allotment behind the war memorial and have a Harvest Supper later in the year. The Church of Scotland and those responsible for the War memorials have no concerns. It was mentioned that the closeness to the memorial may be found disrespectful to some and a fence to separate the two may be appropriate. The group is trying to inform as many people as they can before they start work.

7. CORRESPONDENCE -

DG First Saving Measures - asked if Kirkcowan would like to take over the care of the flower bed off Neilson Place. Ask gardening club.

Spittal Bridge - Fishing sign repositioned. Mr Gumersell also requested that the slow signs at Johnston bridge be redone.

Area Committee meeting – NHS, 28th April, Ryan Centre, Stranraer.

AOCB

Service Bus X75 Stranraer – Carlisle - change of timetable. No straight through journey. Wendy write to Stagecoach and Swestrans.

Winter Resilience - council electrician will check school connections in summer holidays.

Litter pick - last week. 40 bags, 2 wheel trims and a car seat were lifted.

Patient Participation Group Merrick practice - After registering your details on line it will be possible to book appointments and order prescriptions.

Cemetery - dog fouling in the cemetery. Need new notice to keep dogs on leads. The tree in the middle of the cemetery has a dead area in the middle. John will contact the council to cut out dead wood but leave the tree.

Accounts - request for our Accounts. Agreed under no obligation to show them.

DGHP - house vacated and furniture left in the garden. Wendy contact DGHP.

Mobile Cinema - Driftwood cinema will out on film on Thursday 30th April.

Community Services - offered services in the village. Suggest strim inside park where council don't cut.

Fishing - Mr Godfrey from Kirkchrist has Fishing Rights on the Bladnoch River and is offering youngsters and pensioners an opportunity to fish. Contact him if interested. Only request is that youngsters are accompanied by adult and all fish are put back.

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

The next meeting of Kirkcowan Community Council will be the AGM held on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm

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Wendy Baird
(secretary)