

## KIRKOWAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of first meeting Kirkcowan Community Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Lesser St Couan's Hall.

**Present:** Mr J Paterson, Mr J Adair, Mrs W Baird, Mrs J Somerville, Cllr Nichol, Cllr J McColm, Mr R Drysdale, Mr K Tinker, Mrs H Hyslop, Mr D Harper, Ms A Longos, Mr C Marshall, Ms D Hoodless, PC L Steel, Mr R Bodle, Mr P Sutherland.

Donna Hoodless (DH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as Chairperson acting on behalf of the returning Officer Stephen Jack.

**Apologies** were received from: C. McAllister, W Wood, K. McKie, Cllr Geddes.

**Nominations** were invited for the role of Chairperson. Mr John Paterson was proposed by Jim Adair and seconded by Helen Hyslop.

DH reminded the members that clause 11.2 in their current constitution stated that the Chair should hold the position for no longer than 6 years. However no-one else present was willing to accept the role of chair so all members present agreed that Mr Paterson should carry on in his role as the Chair. Mr Patterson accepted the role, thanking members for their support and intimated he would continue to work with community councillors to provide the best service to the residents of Kirkcowan.

Vice – Chairperson – Jim Adair was proposed by John Paterson and seconded by Helen Hyslop. Mr Adair accepted the role of vice-chairperson.

Secretary – Wendy Baird was proposed by Helen Hyslop and seconded by Robert Drysdale. Mrs Baird accepted the role of Secretary.

Treasurer – Janice Somerville was proposed by Robert Drysdale and seconded by Keith Tinker. Ms Somerville accepted the post.

Before handing over to the newly elected Chairperson and Secretary for the rest of the Business meeting DH informed community councillors that their current constitution was not the format that Dumfries & Galloway Council now recommends. Copies of the new model of constitution were presented for discussion and it was agreed to adopt the new constitution at a further EGM or AGM within the required three month schedule.

Funding – Treasurer was reminded to apply to Area Management for Xmas lights funding and Administrative Expenses annual grant.

DH thanked everyone present for their contributions and handed over to Chairperson and Secretary and left the meeting.

### **POLICE MATTERS**

Nothing in Kirkcowan. Youths misusing 999 has been addressed. Youth Citizens is running in Newton Stewart over the holidays. Asked to watch out for poachers, and to check on neighbours with the coming winter months.

Mr Paterson mentioned speed in the village again. When it has been checked there have been very few speeding. Will check when van may be available. Concern was also mentioned regarding young cyclists. PC Steel will see about safety on bikes been mentioned in the school.

### **AOCB**

**Kirkcowan Primary School** - request for a member of the council to speak to them on what we do.

**Round Table** - Paul Sutherland asked for our help regarding Santa Sleigh visit in December. They are low on members and Santa's visit round all the villages takes up a lot of time. Agreed that we would have helpers available to help collect the money when in Kirkcowan.

**Minimum Income Standard for Remote and rural Scotland.** Request for members of the public

to join a local focus group for research. To be held in Newton Stewart 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Winter Resilience equipment** - update records.

**Armistice Day** - hope to have a member from Douglas Ewart and possibly scouts also laying wreaths that day.

**Halloween** - Mothers and toddlers organising.

**Grass Cutting**- meeting in Wigtown. Margins of parks are being left as wild area.

**Potholes** - hole top of Newton Stewart Rd. Report to pothole number.

**Road sweeper** - missing out some areas when in village.

Mr Paterson thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

The next meeting of Kirkcowan Community Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

Wendy Baird (secretary)