

## **COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 1st October 2020 AT 7:30pm via zoom video conferencing.**

**PRESENT:** D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, S. Gourlay – Secretary, M. Parry - Treasurer, T. Roan, M. Pennell, J. Coates, M. Pumphrey, K Coltart, K. Filer, Cllr Ian Blake, S. Robertson

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** J. Rowland, R. Aston, C. Sinclair, T. Nicol

**APOLOGIES:** D. Stitt

### **POLICE REPORT:**

The police report was sent just before the meeting started and will be circulated afterwards

There was a mention of a break in at the local shop in Colvend which is indicative of professional thieves. Police Scotland have appealed for witnesses.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING 03/09/20:**

A section was removed from the woodland consultation section as the section was not included in our response. It was also noted that minutes should say 'DRAFT MINUTES' until they are formally approved at the next meeting. The minute secretly was not present at the start of the meeting due to a car breakdown and S. Pain confirmed he would send a document listing the specific section to be removed.

Approved: Signed:

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- **Woodland Plantations**

The letters we sent were circulated to Council members prior to being sent out. The response to Southwick Estates was sent to Robert Thomas who acknowledged receipt and will contact us in due course to address the points raised. The response regarding Glensone was sent to Carlotta Souto, although we haven't had a response as yet. We have sent copies of both documents to Mr Vic Dunlop and the Southwick Estates response to Colin Bartholemew at RSPB.

S. Gourlay circulated a document received from Corsock Community Council who have experienced problems with the handling of the proposals, and have asked for our support. As we have not experienced any issues during the consultation process ourselves we will respond showing general support while making it clear our own experiences have been quite different.

- **Recognition Awards**

A selection of suitable gifts have been purchased. Specific details are not being minuted until the gifts have been presented so that it remains a surprise.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The balance as of today shows a balance of £10,258.32

We've made various payments over the last few months including £150 to the Colvend Hall Committee for the hire of the hall. £105 was paid to S. Robertson for secretarial services. £180.36 was paid to S. Pain for payments in reference to the recreational field, and £100 to Heathfield Garden Centre. We purchased waistcoats for £32.40 and McNab Sports received £768 for top dressing. We paid Imperative Training £253.44 for Defibrillator cases. Our new Zoom account costs £14.39 per month and has been paid.

We've received payments of £158.15 from LEADER and an administration grant of £490.60. A payment of £1063.24 was from D&G Council as a grant for the railings.

Our IT registration payment was denied due to our account change and so this will be paid.

It was also noted that our change of bank account should have been noted in our AGM. This is a significant change as the CC account is now available for the account holders to view online and make payments immediately via bank transfer. The minute Secretary will make a note of this, and that it was discussed during the ordinary meeting, for reference purposes in the AGM minutes.

## **PROJECTS**

The information centre has had new railings installed as well as the new Defibrillator cabinets. Unfortunately there was an issue installing electricity for the Defibrillators and S. Pain asked to seek a quote to have this done professionally. S. Pain asked if the quote could include an automatic system that would enable the video feed to start automatically. Members agreed that S. Pain could obtain a quote and arrange to have the works completed.

The Crannog Interpretation Board. Following our expression of interest, the Southwest Environmental Action Trust has formally offered to support the funding of the interpretation board. The Community Council indicated that we should proceed to complete the full application and accept the offer from SWEAT.

The Recreational Field has had a final claim submitted however LEADER has advised they need further information from us.

The Robin Rigg fund needs proposals submitted by 5th November. T. Roan was inspired by an idea from the Borders that makes a village 'Bike Friendly' and has suggested that we could install a bike repair box in the hall for the cyclists that use our village. This idea was very well received by those present and T. Roan will find out some additional information about this and will report back.

T. Roan has also noticed that the coastal path is being used more regularly during lockdown restrictions and yet there is no information about it along the route. It was proposed that a noticeboard giving local information and details of wildlife present could be installed.

We can only apply for one project and there was some discussion about which would be the best. There is also the replacement of the Southwick bus shelter to consider and while we have done some preliminary work on this further enquiries will be made regarding ownership and ensuring we've up to date quotations for the work, with the intention of submitting that project to the Robin Rigg Community Fund for financial support.

## **E COMMUNICATIONS**

Unfortunately Finlay Carson was unable to attend tonight's meeting and so this item will be added to a future meeting. There was some discussion about the current situation and we hope that our MSP is able to provide some clarity on the issue. T. Nicol will chase up some responses to MSPs Claudia Beamish, Colin Smyth and Paul Wheelhouse regarding our letters of 15th June 2020. Cllr Blake has noted the discussion from tonight and will pass our comments onto Finlay Carson. D. Roan appreciates the efforts undertaken by T. Nicol and J. Rowland in regards to this issue.

## **CORE PATH 20 & RIGHT OF WAY**

This agenda item was held over from the previous meeting. D. Roan asked that interested parties have the opportunity to add any new relevant information.

Mr Gordon Webster read out a prepared statement. His main concern is that the ROW has been diverted for some considerable time and that the construction and demolition work that required restrictions on access have ceased. Section 35 of the Countryside Scotland Act 1967 provides that in

order for a ROW to be permanently diverted a path diversion order with mandatory planning permission is required by the landowner. As this has not been obtained by the landowner it is G. Webster's belief that the current diversion in place is illegal. As the CC have previously recommended that the ROW remain open G. Webster is formally requesting that the CC actively pursue restoration of the ROW.

Mr Clive Sinclair agreed with the statement given by G. Webster.

Mr Robin Aston was provided with an opportunity to respond. The current pandemic situation has slowed the process considerably and it was again reiterated for safety reasons during construction access must be restricted to the general public. The Astons have not yet received a completion certificate for the house therefore they are still living under a 'Licence to Occupy' until the works are officially completed. Mr Aston responded directly to some individual comments and would also like it noted that he has never asked for the old route to be relocated. He referenced a communication from D&G Council to the CC which states that the ROW would follow the Core Path route.

D. Roan read out a response from Richard Masters of D&G Council which states that an "evidence of use" survey must be carried out, but the timing of this is dependent on the availability of resources. The CC members were then given the opportunity to present their views, and they took the time to clarify some issues. The Chairman confirmed with both parties that they would be happy with a decision regarding the ROW from D&Gs Access Officer. They confirmed this is acceptable. The CC can understand that this is a divisive issue for the community and are keen to have it resolved. The handling of the surveys conducted by the CC on members of the community about the proposed diversion of the Core Path was again criticised by some members of the public present at the meeting. The CC will contact Richard Masters again and stress the importance and urgency of the matter, and ask that some progress is made with the issue. Cllr Blake is also going to contact Simon Fieldhouse and reiterate that the issue needs to be progressed urgently.

## **PLANNING:**

### *APPLICATIONS:*

- 20/0000/ Name - Springstone, Rockcliffe - RAISING THE HEIGHT OF THE ROOF
- 20/000/ Name - Anchorage - EXTENDING THE GARAGE AND RAISING THE HEIGHT OF THE ROOF
- 20/000 Colvend Gold Club, Colvend - SITING OF FOUR HOLIDAY CHALETS ON REDUNDANT LAND

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Solway Coast Webinars
- Reviewing the Scheme of Establishments
- Woodland Developments
- Info Centre Railings

**Anyone wishing to see a comprehensive list of correspondence should contact Mrs Sue Gourlay: [suegourlay@me.com](mailto:suegourlay@me.com)**

## **AOCB:**

1. **Proposed Planning:**  
J. Coates gave further information on the planned chalets for the Golf Club which will be sited out of view.
2. **Defibrillator at Kippford Holiday Park**  
This should be completed by Christmas with installation and appropriate training.
3. **Meetings:** The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER due to the 5th of November possibly being quite busy with fireworks.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY THE 4TH OF NOVEMBER VIA ZOOM

JOIN US ON ZOOM  
MEETING ID - 631 158 8515  
PASSWORD - Colvend7

We encourage people who live in the area to attend these interesting meetings! Find out what is going on in your community.

[www.colvendcommunity.co.uk](http://www.colvendcommunity.co.uk)

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