

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 3rd December 2020 AT 7:00pm via zoom video conferencing. (not recorded)

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair (Minute taker), S. Gourlay – Secretary, M. Parry - Treasurer, M. Pennell, J. Coates, G. Webster, K Coltart, H. Rowe, T. Roan, K. Filer A. Jack, Cllr Ian Blake, Cllr R. Davidson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: J. Rowland, C. Sinclair, J. Stanning

APOLOGIES: D. Stitt, M. Pumphrey, S. Robertson,

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

i. Minutes of 1st October 2020

A proposal by M. Pennell to amend line 8 of the minute on “Core path 20 & Right of Way” to insert “it is Mr Webster’s belief that...” was adopted. The amended minutes were adopted. (Proposed by M. Pennell and seconded by J. Coates)

ii. Minutes of 4th November 2020

S. Pain apologised to the C&SCC and to the Minute Secretary in particular for his error in inadvertently pasting the wrong text into the section about the Core Path & RoW. He emphasised that this error was entirely his mistake and not that of the Minute Secretary. The error was remedied immediately prior to the meeting and communicated to all Community Councillors.

Following a minor correction to the figures in the Treasurer’s report, the minutes were adopted (Proposed by S. Pain, seconded by J. Coates)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

- i. A response has been received from Paul Wheelhouse regarding the letter sent by the C&SCC on the subject of our request to be considered for the Scottish Infill Programme for mobile phone coverage. The response is not encouraging and the C&SCC agreed to submit a further letter (as drafted by T. Nicol) to Mr Wheelhouse. **Action: S. Pain to send.**
- ii. There has been no progress on the enquiries to Scottish National Trust about the future of Auchenvin at Rockcliffe. **Action: J. Stanning to pursue.**
- iii. Cllr I. Blake reported back on his meeting with the D&G Outdoor Access Team regarding the RoW situation by Core Path 20. The Evidence of Use survey has now been launched and will run for a period of 12 weeks. If a right of way is established any action to be taken will need to be approved by the D&G Council Policy & Resources Committee. This response is expected in May 2021.

The Chairman expressed his concern about the recent problems relating to the getting the minutes approved and indicated that the Core Path / Right of Way issue had taken a disproportionate amount of the Community Council’s time. It should now be removed from the agenda until there is a response from the D&G Council regarding the outcome of their survey.

POLICE REPORT:

No crimes have been reported. Police Scotland have created a website where information & guidance about the latest cyber scams can be found. The website details are

<https://cyberscotlandweek.com/news-database/bulletinonovember2020>.

Action: S. Pain to put on the WhatsApp groups & website. There is also a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme run by Murdo MacLeod that provides similar information direct to your e-mail address.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance as of today shows a balance of £8,112.13p. The C&SCC have received notification from LEADER of settlement of the final claim for a total of £771.05p

ACCESS TO MEETING RECORDINGS:

G. Webster asked that access be allowed to the Zoom meeting recording as this could help remind themselves of what had been said and avoid some of the work associated with later amendments.

KF, SG, HR & KC all disagreed and the Chairman summarised that the majority feeling was not to release the recordings.

RESILIENCE PLAN:

Julian Stanning confirmed the information that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The D&G Council has proposed a revised format for our Resilience Plan. The revised plan does not cover all the requirements of the C&SCC area and is considerably longer.

Action: J. Stanning - Send copy of plan to H.Rowe

Action: J. Stanning – revise our existing plan & circulate to C&SCC

PROJECTS : (Report by S.Pain)

i. Colvend Recreation Field

The final payment from LEADER has been notified and the project is now officially complete. Some of the dead & damaged trees in the landscaping have been replaced with a total of 45 new saplings provided by the Woodland Trust.

Special thanks go to D. Roan and his team for the recent work done with top dressing of the football pitch, which is now showing much improved drainage.

It was noted that the project has been of particular value to the school during the recent months of the Covid Crisis as it allowed the children to spend more time outside.

ii. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board

A decision on our application for grant aid of £1,422 from the South West Environmental Action Trust is expected later this month.

iii. Core Path 20 Cycle Repair Box

A request has been submitted to the Wilko Helping Hands Scheme in Castle Douglas for equipment for the emergency repair box.

iv. Southwick Bus Shelter

A grant application for £1,473 has now been submitted to the Robin Rigg Community Fund to replace the shelter. The results of our application should be available in February 2021.

v. Coastal Path Visitor Interpretation Boards

The first 3 quotations for the boards put the costs at between £5,498 (excluding installation) - £8,832. A quotation from Sign Right Dumfries is awaited. There was some concern expressed about the cost of this project. If we are to be able to justify the project it may be necessary to keep costs down by the C&SCC doing the graphic design & installation, or by reducing the number of boards (currently 4). A decision will need to be made on whether to submit a grant application to the D&G Coastal Community Fund before 22nd January 2021.

Action: S. Pain to circulate a proposal to the C&SCC once the final costs are known.

vi. Defibrillator Heating supplies

S. Pain has been unable to contact the electrician who quoted for the work on the Colvend Defibrillator cabinet. A alternative electrician (D.Gibbs) has quoted £70 to do the work next week if we can provide help with cable pulling. It was agreed to go ahead with this work. The D&G Council have finally agreed to the installation of a supply to the Rockcliffe Toilets Defibrillator cabinet, but it looks as though the C&SCC will have to arrange & pay for the work.

It was agreed to try and get D.Gibbs to do this work at the same time as the Colvend work.

Action: S.Pain to arrange

vii. Hardship fund

At the beginning of the lockdown, the D&G Council provided funds to support the resilience work of the C&SCC for such things as PPE & volunteer expenses. A further contribution may be available soon which is aimed at maintaining resilience work and resources. It was agreed that if this funding is forthcoming that it should be used for the defibrillator power supplies.

PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS:

- 20/1819/FUL - Renewal of Planning Permission for erection of retail unit / 1st floor residential accommodation & erection of 3 dwelling houses. – Mr A. Clark, Kippford Slipway

Action: S. Pain to copy details of this application to D. Jamieson at the Kippford Association.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Report
- Letter from Mr P Wheelhouse

Anyone wishing to see a comprehensive list of correspondence should contact Mrs Sue Gourlay: suegourlay@me.com

AOCB

1. It was reported that the yellow “no parking” lines had been repainted at Sandyhills
2. S. Pain made a statement resigning his position as titular secretary to the C&SCC. The resignation was accepted. He will continue as a Community Councillor and as Vice Chair, External Funding Co-ordinator and as the administrator of the Colvend Information Centre.
Action: S. Gourlay to include an item on the next agenda about replacement for the Titular Secretary.
3. Cllr Ian Blake made a complimentary statement about the Minute Secretary Ms Susan Robertson. He indicated that she was minute secretary of a number of Community Councils that he attended and that in his experience she was much better in that role than most that he had come across. The Chairman reported that the Minute Secretary expected to attend the next C&SCC meeting.
4. S.Pain drew attention to the announcement that there is a plot of common good land in Mill Isle (near the old Doctors Clinic) at Dalbeattie that to be put up for sale. If anyone wishes to raise an objection they should send those to nik.lane@dumgal.co.uk

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 4TH OF FEBRUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

We encourage people who live in the area to attend these interesting meetings!

Find out what is going on in your community at.

www.colvendcommunity.co.uk

We also have a Facebook page & WhatsApp groups!

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