

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th February 2021 AT 7:00pm via zoom video conferencing.

PRESENT: D. Roan – Chair, S. Pain - Vice Chair, G. Webster - Secretary, S. Gourlay – Secretary, M. Parry - Treasurer, M. Pennell, J. Coates, K Coltart, T. Roan, K. Filer A. Jack, M. Pumphrey, Cllr Ian Blake, Cllr R. Davidson, S. Robertson - Minutes

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: T. Nicol, J. Rowland, J. Stanning, P. Shaw

APOLOGIES: D. Stitt,

WELCOME

The Chairman D. Roan welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly P. Shaw who is moving into the area with his wife.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

i. Minutes of 3rd December 2020

No issues. Proposed by J. Coates and seconded by G. Webster

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MINUTES

i. Titular Secretary Appointment - S. Pain has stepped down from this role although he will continue to act in the role of Vice Chairman and manage our various projects. A new titular Secretary must be appointed, A. Jack proposed G. Webster for this role which was seconded by J. Coates. G. Webster formally accepted.

ii. Communications with Paul Wheelhouse - We do not fulfil the requirements for the Scottish Infill Programme as it is believed we have an adequate signal. Those present do not agree with this statement, Rockcliffe in particular has no signal from any provider.

Action: T. Nicol to respond with consultation with J. Rowland and S. Pain.

iii. Auchenvin at Rockcliffe - Some works are being carried out on the property, and there are several people making enquiries. It was decided to give the National Trust time to allow matters to develop.

iv. J. Stanning gave an update on the Resilience Plan. There has been a change of wording which was approved by those present and the updated plan will be sent to D&G Council. Thanks were noted to J. Stanning for his work on this.

v. We received funds from D&G Council in relation to community resilience. These funds still need to be spent or returned, it was agreed to split the remaining amount of £300 on PPE and sanitiser for Colvend and Kippford Community Halls.

Action: S. Pain to arrange for PPE and sanitiser to be purchased.

The D&G Council's Regionwide Community Fund is available for applications until 23/4/21 which may be considered for flood defences at Kippford.

Action: D. Roan and S. Pain to discuss with Kippford Association and D&G Council.

POLICE REPORT:

No crimes have been reported. Police Scotland have sent a very long report and it was decided these should be circulated to members of the public via our website and WhatsApp groups. There are issues with dog napping in the area so please ensure that dogs are kept close to you when out walking. Scams are also on the rise again, please be vigilant when responding to phone calls or messages. Scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated and more information can be found on

<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

Action: S. Gourlay to contact S. King and arrange for police reports to be added to Colvend Connect.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance as of today shows a balance of £10883.52p. The C&SCC have received a payment from the Solway Firth Partnership of £1473 for the bus shelter. Another payment of £590.60 from D&G Council which is an Admin grant.

Some discussion took place regarding our zoom account and it was agreed to continue with a premium account.

Action: M. Parry to contact RBS to close our other account down. S. Pain and M. Parry to arrange future zoom payments to be made with the CC bank card associated with our account.

PROJECTS : (Report by S.Pain)

i. Defibrillator Cabinet

Replacement defibrillators and cabinets are fully completed and we send thanks to Cllr Davidson for his assistance with this.

ii. Barean Crannog Interpretation Board

The SWEAT have formally offered us a grant of £1375. The CC agreed for S. Pain to place an order for the Braen Cooking pot photo once the cheque is received. There will be a small contribution of approximately £300 from CSCC to cover the cost of VAT.

Action: S. Pain to place order for £130 with the National Museum of Scotland.

iii. Cycle Repair Box

This has been installed on the post nearest the forest entrance with some local information like location. Sincere thanks to Halfords in Dumfries for their donation of equipment.

iv. Southwick Bus Shelter

We have had this grant of £1473 paid to us. It was authorised that we could start placing orders and arranging for the installation of the shelter. This is a like for like basis, and residents have been consulted.

Action: S. Pain to place an order with F. Gourlay.

v. Coastal Path Visitor Interpretation Boards

QR codes are not viable on the boards, due to the mobile phone reception. S. Pain has submitted a grant application to D&G Regional Coastal Benefit Fund for £6000 on the basis that we will make a small contribution as the total cost is projected to be £7212. It is possible to make some changes later to reduce the overall cost if necessary.

Photographs could be provided in conjunction with local photography groups with a competition for entries.

Action: T. Roan to assist S. Pain with gathering information for the boards. J. Rowland to gauge interest from the Rotary Club.

vi. Castle Point Footpath

S. Pain is seeking how interested we would be in assisting with improving this footpath down to the beach. It will be added to a future agenda.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

S. Pain circulated a document regarding community involvement with a view to understanding how we could use our local resources more to encourage community involvement once lockdown restrictions have ended. It is possible to create a local focused group utilising many different areas of interest.

Action: S Pain to explore possible surveys and add item to next agenda.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Police Report
- Resilience Plan
- Overview of Projects
- Public Protection Newsletter
- Community Involvement

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

AOCB

1. Some correspondence was received from SeaChangers regarding the drinking fountains we explored last year. It is thought with current restrictions this is not something we wish to follow up. We have forwarded details to other interested parties.

[OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 4TH OF MARCH 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.

www.colvendcommunity.co.uk

We also have a Facebook page & WhatsApp groups!

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