

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th March 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, J. Coates, K Coltart, T. Roan, K. Filer, H. Rowe, S. Robertson - Minutes

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: J. Rowland, J. Stanning, J Withers

APOLOGIES: A. Jack, M. Pumphrey, M. Pennell, Cllr I. Blake, Cllr R. Davidson, Cllr D. Stitt, T. Nicol

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

i. Minutes of 4th February 2021

No issues. Proposed by J. Coates and seconded by S. Pain

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MINUTES

- i. Communications with Paul Wheelhouse - latest response has been sent - T. Nicol.
- ii. Auchenvin at Rockcliffe - the National Trust are no longer looking for tenants and it is now understood their preference is to prepare these properties for holiday rental.
- iii. J. Stanning confirmed the updated Resilience Plan was received by D&G Council.
- iv. Funds from Phase 1 of the D&G Council Covid-19 Hardship Fund have been used to purchase PPE & sanitiser products for both Colvend and Kippford Community Halls.
- v. The monthly Police Scotland report has now been added to the C&SCC website and Colvend Connect WhatsApp group .

POLICE REPORT:

Between 02/02 and 05/02 – report of some damage to a dry stone wall in Kippford (Jubilee Path) - enquiries ongoing.

An email was received from A. Grafton via M Pumphrey regarding the junction with the A710 for Southwick cemetery. Some visitors are parking irresponsibly at the junction making entry to, and exit from, the A710 difficult (and sometimes impossible) for residents and delivery drivers. An even more serious situation for any Emergency Services if required. A. Grafton is formally requesting that, at least, double yellow lines are painted onto the road to at least ensure access for Emergency Services. The possibility of making additional car parking available on some nearby ground was discussed but it was thought funding for the landowner would be an issue.

J. Withers recommends that as a CC we pursue this issue with both D&G Council and Police Scotland. It was agreed, after some discussion, that the residents should contact Police Scotland to report parking issues and the CC will write to Tony Topping at D&G Council.

Action: G. Webster to contact Tony Topping and H. Rowe to liaise with local residents.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The balance as of today shows a balance of £10,883.54p.

We have received a cheque for £2,000 from SWEAT which will be deposited in bank. Two payments for £157 each are due to be made to Colvend Hall and Kippford Hall. Another payment of £65.46p is to be made to S. Pain for his expenses of signage, Information Centre sanitiser & Zoom fees .

Efforts are being made to close our old RBS account, a signature is needed from J. Withers.

PROJECTS :

i. Borean Crannog Interpretation Board

A payment of £2,000 has been received from SWEAT. Any surplus should be returned when the project is complete, which must be within 6 months. Slight concern as S. Pain placed an order for the photograph of the cooking pot and both the museum and photographer are closed due to current restrictions. We will continue to keep SWEAT informed of our progress and any issues. The anticipated completion is mid-summer 2021.

ii. Southwick Bus Shelter

We have placed an order for the works with Frank Gourlay, with the aim to be finished by the end of April. The new shelter incorporates a concrete base and a new perspex notice board to display important local information.

J. Rowland also raised the issue that Colvend bus stop needs some attention, including replacement of the felt and some repainting and silicone, and possibly a new noticeboard. J. Rowland is requesting that we buy the materials and local residents carry out the work themselves. S. Pain is going to discuss this with SWTrans to see if in principle we can have some of these costs met.

Action: S. Pain to discuss with SWTrans.

iii. Coastal Path Visitor Interpretation Boards

Waiting to hear back from D&G Coastal Benefit Fund regarding the funding application.

In the meantime two issues have arisen;

1. Both D. Roan and T. Roan have spoken to the landowner (J Gourlay) regarding the board at Gutchers Isle (near to low Glenstocken). The landowner has indicated that they do not support the installation of free standing boards on their land and would prefer the board be situated on the building itself.
2. The proposed siting of a board at the monument near the rocks has been rejected. This presents a problem with how to display the information we planned to include on this board. A new location will have to be found or the information contained on the three remaining boards reviewed to accommodate the loss.

We will have to consider carefully the implications of the above as grant funding has already been applied for based on the original scope of four free standing boards.

iv. Flood Prevention at Kippford

The D&G Regional Wide Community Fund is open for applications until 23/4/21 and we were considering trying to obtain funds to mitigate the flooding issues in Kippford. Tidal flaps may help with the cause of the flooding, however there is also a gap in the wall and a cutaway for access to a small pier. Discussion took place on the specific details of the work required and projected costs. It was noted that all the above work is actually the responsibility of D&G

Council and J. Withers suggested we again contact the council to see if there is perhaps a potential to have assistance with this, although previous correspondence wasn't promising.
Action: S. Pain to contact D&G Council again

v. War Memorial

S. Pain has been looking into this after it was suggested it needs some renovation. The War Memorial Trust can help with grants up to 75% of the costs. Questions were raised about who leads the project, the local Church or the CC. D. Roan is going to speak about this with the Church and is suggesting that they may like to lead with this project.

Action: D. Roan to discuss with the Church

vi. Future Projects

S. Pain has circulated information on possible areas we can apply for funding.

K. Filer would like to install signs encouraging responsible behaviour towards litter.

After some discussion we are going to apply to see if we can apply for some signage. We also plan to include the school children and perhaps encourage engagement from younger people with a competition.

There's also a possibility we could look into repairing the wall at Kippford. G. Webster suggested we obtain quotes for both the wall and the gate in case we decide to proceed with the works.

J. Stanning also suggested we consider a generator for the hall.

Action: S. Pain to obtain quote for repair of wall. S. Pain / D. Roan to schedule an onsite meeting with D&G Council and Kippford Association.

vii. Castlepoint Footpath

Deferred until the next CC meeting due to time issues.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

S. Pain made some unsuccessful attempts to create a survey to find out community opinion, however the process can be quite difficult and expensive. There is a webinar giving information about setting up surveys and best practice that G. Webster is attending.

Action: S. Pain and G. Webster to work together on this.

PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS:

- Glenstocken - extension to current dwelling house. – R & A Gourlay

CORRESPONDENCE

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

AOCB

1. G. Webster is to be added as a bank signatory. This was proposed by S. Pain and seconded by M Parry.

2. A defibrillator has been installed at Castle Point Caravan Park and is available for all to use. It has been registered with the appropriate authorities and we will include this information in our Resilience plan.

Action: J. Stanning to add the Castle Point Defibrillator to the Resilience Plan

3. D. Roan brought up the number of potholes remaining within the community even after a recent and all present agreed they were a continuing nuisance. It was also discussed that repairs were no longer being sealed afterwards leading to a reduction in the life of the repair.

Any road defects can be reported to the council using the following link -
<https://info.dumgal.gov.uk/faultreporting/Road/Defect>

Action: G. Webster is to add this issue into his correspondence with Tony Topping.

4. J. Coates raised an issue from A. Jack to see if we could consider installing pipes under the road at Clonyard Loch as a lot of frogs are killed or injured trying to cross. After discussion it was felt that there was little the Community Council could do to provide a solution at the present time.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 1ST OF APRIL 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!

If further copies of these minutes are required please email colvendandsouthwick@gmail.com