

COLVEND AND SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 4th June 2020 AT 7pm via zoom video conferencing.

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: T & M Nichol, J. Rowland, David Henderson, J. Stanning.

APOLOGIES: M. Pumphrey, A. Whitby, Cllr D.Stitt.

POLICE REPORT: No police presence this evening. A police report was circulated prior to the meeting via email which detailed ongoing inquiries into a theft from a conservatory in Kippford between the 4th and 7th of May and a report of vandalism to The Ark tearoom between the 20th and 21st of May.

MINUTES OF MEETING 05/02/20:

D. Roan called attention to a section under Any Other Committee Business that was recently amended. This was to include more information regarding the discussions that took place after receiving an email of complaint regarding the handling of the situation by the CC.

Adopted: J. Coates Signed: D. Roan

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- **Zoom Meeting**

An agenda was circulated prior to the meeting giving greater detail about the decisions that would be discussed. Video meetings are a little different than face to face meetings and so it was necessary to prepare more in advance. Notice of the meeting was circulated via facebook and whatsapp groups as well as word of mouth and email. The meeting was recorded by the minute secretary after obtaining permission from those present.

- **TV Reception**

A copy of the letter drafted by T. Nichol and J. Rowland was circulated prior to the meeting and members were asked if there should be any amendments. One member objected to the inclusion of 5G due to health concerns however the majority voted to keep that in the content. It was also decided to remove the first section of the header, as there were two titles and keep just one. Copies will be sent to Scottish Rural Action, MSPs, D&G Cllrs and Alister Jack and Scottish Economic Agency. S. Pain and D. Roan will arrange to send the letter.

- **Overgrown Hedges Rockcliffe Road**

Cllr R. Davidson will pass this to D. Stitt. Council operations have been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis however staff are starting to return to normal duties.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Figures as follows February 2020:

Unrestricted Fund:	2,919.10
(includes £490.60 from D&G Council for Covid-19 support)	
Robin Rigg:	7,519.41
Recreation Ground Fund:	-764.09
(expecting £1452 refund from LEADER)	
Defibrillator Fund:	25.35
Total:	9649.07

Covid-19 Resilience Work

Volunteers in the area have set up 3 WhatsApp groups and 2 separate email networks. These serve Rockcliffe, Colvend to Southwick and Portling. These directly link to over 140 people within our area. The Kippford Association is managing resilience within Kippford. This provides mainly help with collecting prescriptions, shopping, newspaper deliveries and advice and assistance. S. Pain would like to thank Allison Forrest and Julian Stanning for the assistance with setting this up and leading the process.

A payment of £490.20 has been received from D&G Council to assist with volunteers expenses. Most of the volunteers are meeting their own expenses so only a small amount is needed to help with fuel costs. S. Pain had checked with the council and has proposed we use some of the money to purchase high-vis waistcoats for those volunteering, which will increase visibility and to also produce some laminated information handouts to go to every property in area with targeted information like radio frequencies, helpful websites and telephone numbers like D&G Council. This was approved. It was also mentioned that Colvend Shop has gone above and beyond with assistance in our local community and the members present were asked to think of ways this could be recognised to be presented at the next meeting.

PROJECTS AND GRANT FUNDING

DEFIBRILLATORS - All 4 new defibrillators have been installed. Cabinets to be installed once lockdown restrictions are removed. We do need electricity connected to the AED in the toilet block at Rockcliffe and R. Davidson has spoken to Robert Lowther and in principle there's no issue. A more immediate problem is the toilets are still locked due to hygiene concerns. J. Coates has illustrated to the Cllr R. Davidson that toilets being closed should be a priority for D&G Council as visitors are arriving once more and having closed toilets isn't ideal.

INFORMATION CENTRE RAILINGS - We have been offered 50% of the requested amount (£1063.24). As many further grant options are currently closed for applications until the lockdown is eased it was proposed and agreed to fund the remaining amount of £1063.24 from our Robin Rigg funding.

BAREAN CRANNOG INTERPRETATION BOARD - It is possible we may not be awarded the full amount for this. It was decided to apply for any available funding and, if not successful, funds would be allocated to make up any shortfall again from the Robin Rigg fund.

SCHOOL RECREATION GROUND - Our final claim to LEADER was submitted in February 2020 but no payment as yet. We are 8th in the queue for reviewing our claim. As the field has not been used as schools are closed some improvement is being seen. Top dressing has been spread on the football pitch whilst the school is closed due to the lockdown.

PLANNING:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions D&G Council have made changes to planning applications. Community Councils are still able to request formal consultations and submit representations about applications electronically but any objections received will be considered by officers only and the local (discretionary) opportunity to speak at Committee is temporarily suspended.

APPLICATIONS:

- 20/0661/FUL - M. Riding at Newbarns Colvend - Erection of hut / store & solar panels

CORRESPONDENCE

- TV Reception Letter
- Police Report
- Hosting Online Communities
- Cloud Networking

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

AOCB:

- Core Path 20
Findlay Carson has questioned the handling of the CCs handling of the Core Path 20 issue, and further discussions will take place once the covid-19 crisis has eased. As a CC we have reached a decision and further involvement in this issue is no longer required. We advise any members of the public that have further comments to address these directly to Richard Masters.
- We received a message from Marsha Marletta via facebook regarding the parking issues at Sandyhills. There used to be double yellow lines however now the road has been tarmacked the lines are not visible and so many cars park there it's presenting a safety hazard. J. Rowland has already spoken to D&G Council about this issue and they have confirmed that they are aware of the issue however current restrictions mean that the work has been delayed. It was also confirmed that illegally parked vehicles is a Police Scotland matter. D.Roan will contact Police Scotland to ensure that they are aware of the local concerns, and will encourage them to increase their presence in that area.
- The next meeting will be via zoom on the 2nd of July at 7pm. The Meeting ID is 850 378 2984 and the password is Colvend7. If you would like help joining a zoom meeting or checking your devices are compatible please email colvendandsouthwick@gmail.com.

**PLEASE NOTE DUE TO GOVERNMENT ADVICE ALL FACE to FACE MEETINGS
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WE ARE NOW HOLDING MONTHLY MEETINGS VIA ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
THE NEXT IS THE 2ND OF JULY AT 7PM.**

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 & 3 WhatsApp groups!

If further copies of these minutes are required please e-mail colvendandsouthwick@gmail.com