

KIRKMABRECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on 12th December 2022 commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre

1. Present:

Sandra Sainty (Secretary), Peter Sainty, Agnes Heron, Isobel Campbell, David Wright, Roger Cope

Attending:

PC J Jamieson, PC A Osborne

Apologies:

Jim McDowall, Peter Lupton (Treasurer)

Isobel Campbell agreed to Chair the Meeting.

2. LOCAL REPORTS

(a) POLICE

PC Jamieson informed the meeting that he would be retiring at the end of December and this would be his last meeting, PC Andy Osborne would be taking over and will be joined by Davy Broadfoot. He then gave his report for November a copy of which is attached.

The Community Council hoped that he will enjoy his retirement and thanked him for all his assistance in the past.

(b) ELECTED MEMBERS

No elected Members attended the Meeting.

(c) PLANNING

Application had been made to update the communications mast at Kirkdale.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting on 14th November 2022 were approved.

Approval of the Minutes proposed by A Heron and seconded by R Cope.

ISSUES ARISING

42 people will be attending the dinner on the 20th and the Gem Rock will be donating the shortbread.

The Chair said that she would organise a Santa for Christmas Eve, P Sainty said he would check with the Silver Band that they would be attending. A Heron said she would see if she could find someone to speak a few words. The sweeties for the children had been arranged.

"Paths for All" are not providing Grants.

R Cope said that he had attended the Scottish Rail Forum, but nothing was raised regarding the local area although they had said that trains would now be providing space for more bicycles for travellers.

A Heron said that she had heard a rumour that the Ellangowan had been sold but there has been no confirmation of this.

The Council had responded regarding the lighting in Creetown:

“Good Afternoon Councillor Hagmann

With regards to switching off lights during the night this is something that the Authority will not do. The switching off at night was debated at Policy and Resources committee back in 2011 prior to the LED street light project and was dismissed in favour of a dimming regime. This means that the lighting already dims by 30% from midnight to 6am. There is no clock within the lights so it fluctuates around midnight and it is actually the 'middle' of the previous 3 nights' that it starts to dim and it takes 5-10 minutes. It is therefore not apparent to the naked eye as our eyes adjust. We are allowed to dim by one lighting class (P4-P5) because there is less pedestrian / vehicle conflicts.

Other reasons why we wouldn't switch off are.....

1. The 30 M.P.H. speed limit is linked to the street lighting unless like where a specific traffic order and frequent repeater signs are installed.

2. The potential risk falling upon the Authority if an incident were to happen.

3. The unit (£/kwh) cost of electricity between midnight and 6am is only 5% of the cost at peak times. For this reason, we also trim the streetlights, so they come on a little bit later/darker and go of a little bit earlier.

I trust the above clarifies the authority's position but if you have any other questions please do not hesitate to get back in touch.”

R Cope said that he had passed this on.

S Sainty said that the letter regarding Newton Stewart Hospital had been sent to Mr Ace and Mr Yousaf. She had received an email acknowledgement from Mr Yousaf and a written acknowledgment from Mr Ace. Both will respond in due course.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

S Sainty had received an email from Senior Youth Worker at Creetown Initiative asking for funds to help with certain activities, this had been circulated earlier. Life Skills was suggested as something we should contribute towards.

It was suggested that if we were funding one Youth Group the other Youth Club at the Youth Hall should also receive something.

A figure of £250.00 each was suggested. It was agreed that P Lupton should be approached to find out if there were enough funds available to do this or whether it should be a smaller amount. S Sainty said that she would do this.

D Wright asked if the Community Council would contribute towards the small Christmas trees and lights that the residents are purchasing. The same figure as Carsluith was suggested. S Sainty she would ask P Lupton if this was possible.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice has been received regarding the Skimming Bequest. The forms have been printed out and will be available with a closing date of the 19th December 2022.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13th February 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre.

APPENDIX 1 - POLICE REPORT ATTACHMENT



<p>POLICE SCOTLAND</p> <p>DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT</p>
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Community Council – Kirkmabreck
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Date of Meeting - 12/12/22

Officer Attending / Report Prepared By - PC V0130 Jamieson

<u>Updates Required / Requested From Previous Meeting</u>
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None.

Crime Update (cover Performance / Issues / Trends)

A cross section of incidents (not all) in the Kirkmabreck CC area reported to Police since 14.11.22. Other reported incidents in the Mid Galloway area attended on a month to month basis by Newton Stewart section officers are contained within each respective Community Council report for the area each incident has occurred.

The incidents reported each month are an accurate representation of what's reported to ourselves via our crime recording platforms on a monthly basis which is in turn shared with yourselves at each CC meeting.

It is respectfully requested that members and attendees of the Community Council **do not** report personal and private non CC issues during the meeting, or wait until the monthly CC meeting to report any community related incidents or concerns that they have or reported to themselves. Please report same as and when they occur throughout the month to Police Scotland, and encourage others to do likewise in the normal manner via attendance at Newton Stewart Police Station, via the 101 system, the 'Contact Us' forum on the Police Scotland website, or in an emergency by the 999 system. This in turn creates an official record of the report, allowing it to be accurately graded/allocated, providing accountability, and prevents unnecessary delay giving the best opportunity for any timely investigation required. Avoid contacting individual officers to report crimes/incidents in the first instance as this could also create undue delay should an officer not be on duty due to weekly rest days, a period of annual leave, course/court attendance, training or sickness etc, and the matter not recorded.

1. 17.11.22 – Wallace Street, Creetown, Report of damage (minor) having been caused since 16.11.22 to the front door of a dwelling house. Enquiries instigated.
2. 19.11.22 – Harbour Street, Creetown. Report of damage having been caused to a chain link fence having occurred on 16.11.22. Enquires instigated and potentially connected to report No.1 of this report.

Significant Incidents / Occurrences - (Local / Divisional / National)

Community Issue

Let's Talk Financial Harm



We all think we're savvy at spotting scams, but criminals are always finding new ways to con us.

There's no such thing as a typical target, we can all be caught out by the right scam at the right time. Once someone is the victim of a scam once, their details will often go onto the criminals' 'victims list' and the scams keep coming. Prevention is better than cure, so use the information below to talk about scams with your family, friends or service-users. It only takes ten minutes, and could prevent someone you know falling victim to financial harm.

You can even do it over a cup of tea!

Common Scams

New scams are always appearing, but here's some common ones to look out for:

Doorstep Callers

Doorstep callers may try to sell you products, or tell you that urgent work is required on your property. Any work will probably be overpriced, poor quality, or maybe not even needed.

Impersonation Scams

You get a phone call or email from someone saying they are your bank, HMRC or Amazon, asking you to make a payment or give them your personal or bank details.

Investment Scams

You see a flashy advert online or receive a call or letter offering a good deal to invest in luxury goods or cryptocurrency. In reality, this is all fake and the goods don't exist.

Pension Fraud

Someone contacts you out-of-the-blue with an attractive offer to transfer your pension savings. Your money is then stolen, or transferred to non-existent or high-risk schemes.

Romance/Friendship Scams

You meet someone online and they quickly declare strong feelings for you. Criminals use fake identities to do this and will then ask for money, often saying this is to come and see you, or for a family emergency.

Catalogue Scams

You receive a catalogue in the post which sells health and beauty pills, home and garden items or clothes. You place an order and end up in a subscription trap, paying up to hundreds of pounds a month.

Fake Lotteries and Prize Draws

You receive a letter or e-mail telling you you've won a prize draw or foreign lottery which you don't remember entering. They ask for a fee to claim your winnings, which never arrive.

Purchase Fraud & Counterfeits

You see products advertised on websites or social media that seem like a good buy, often for designer goods. You pay, but they either do not turn up, or are counterfeit and possibly dangerous.



- **Don't buy goods or services from a trader on your doorstep** - remember you decide if you need work done to your property, not a stranger at the door. Ask friends and family for recommendations, shop around for three quotes and consider a Council Trusted Trader.
- **Banks or government bodies will never contact you and ask for personal or account details.** If in doubt, hang up and call your bank on a number you trust. Never phone a number the caller gives you.
- **Don't feel pressurised or rushed into making a decision about financial investments or pension transfer.** Always seek advice from an Independent Financial Adviser who is authorised by the FCA. Check any offers at: www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart
- **Don't ever send money to someone who you haven't met in person.** Speak to trusted family and friends about your new friend or love interest, and listen to them if they seem concerned.
- **Be wary of leaflets and catalogues offering magic cures or miracle products.** Always read the small print and make sure you're not being tricked into a subscription.

- **Don't reply to any letters or e-mails saying you've won a prize if you haven't entered the competition.** No real lotteries will ask for a fee to claim a prize. Genuine lotteries rely on publicity - if they ask you to keep your win a secret, then it's probably a scam.
 - **Only buy products from reputable retailers and well known shops.** Don't be tempted by designer goods that are much cheaper than everywhere else. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!
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Report It

Contact your bank quickly – they may be able to stop cheques or transfers.

Contact Police on 101 or report to Advice Direct Scotland on 0808 164 6000

Forward Scam e-mails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Forward scam text messages to 7726 (it's free to do this)

Prevent & Protect

Display a no cold-calling sticker – available from police stations, or contact Trading Standards at tradingstandards@dumgal.gov.uk
or 030 33 33 3000

Always use a Trusted Trader
for home repairs
www.dumgal.gov.uk/trustedtrader
or 030 33 33 3000

Telephone Preference Service to prevent marketing calls
www.tpsonline.org.uk
or 0345 070 0707

Mail Preference Service to stop marketing letters addressed directly to you
www.mpsonline.org.uk
or 0345 0700 705

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Christmas is a piece of cake.**



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Your top tips for a safe online Christmas.

You can find more information at www.getsafeonline.org



For many of us, the festive season is the most eagerly anticipated time of the year for adults and children alike. Traditionally a time of getting together with friends and family and giving and receiving gifts, Christmas and New Year now have a modern twist, thanks to online technology.

Whether it's shopping or socialising, playing games or watching a movie, the internet now has a major part to play in most people's Christmas. This makes it essential that we take precautions to protect ourselves, our families, finances and devices against online harms.



#OnlineChristmas

If you think you've been a victim of a scam, report it to Action Fraud, on 0300 123 20 40 or at www.actionfraud.police.uk In Scotland, call 101.

Buying online

Learn how to spot the difference between genuine and fake websites, secure and insecure payment pages and authentic and counterfeit goods. Before you visit a website, check if it's likely to be legitimate or fraudulent using our Check a website tool.

Beware of texts claiming to be from a parcel firm telling you there's a 'delivery fee'. If in any doubt, always call the organisation on the number you know to be correct.

Connected devices

Protect all new or second-hand internet-connected phones, tablets and computers with a reputable security app/software. Add a new PIN or passcode as soon as you power up. Ensure all devices are backed up automatically so you don't lose your precious documents and photos. Check privacy and location settings for new and existing devices ...that's yours and your family's.

Always set up new passwords on internet-connected devices like voice assistants, appliances, cameras, kids' toys and fitness watches, as soon as they're switched on. Using the factory-set default passwords could result in them being hacked. Always use different passwords for different devices, websites or accounts for the same reason. And remember ... voice assistants are designed to hear everything! Find more information about setting up connected devices.

Updates

Download updates to software, apps and operating systems on all your devices as soon as you get notified. Better still, set them to update automatically. Otherwise, they could get infected by malware, leading to fraud or identity theft.

Mobile apps

Download those new apps only from official sources such as App Store, Google Play or Microsoft Store. Getting them elsewhere could result in fraud or identity theft.

Gaming

Avoid oversharing, griefing, in-game overspending and pirated games. Keep track of how much time you're spending online. Keep an eye on your kids' gaming, check on games' PEGI age limits and talk to them about who they're or playing and chatting with.

Pre-owned mobile devices

Do a factory reset to erase your data if you're selling or gifting a computer, mobile device or console. You can find out how from the manufacturer's website. If you've bought or been given a used device, remove the previous owner's settings and data if this hasn't already been done.

Oversharing

Make sure what you share online is respectful and doesn't reveal confidential, sensitive or embarrassing information about yourself or others, including family

members and friends. If you're away from home, keep it to yourself, as social media is a burglar's best friend.

Out & about

Don't use Wi-Fi hotspots in cafés, pubs, hotels, on public transport and other public places for anything confidential as they could be either insecure or fraudulent.

Protecting your family

Talk to your children about being safe and responsible online, including what they share, who they're talking to and the type of content they access, including apps and games. Consider downloading a respected parental control app and using ISP content filters. Make sure your children aren't running up bills in games and other apps.

Video calls

Make sure video calls are safe and secure by using a service that needs a strong password, and don't share the call invitation or details outside the person or group on the call.



For more information on how to stay safe online this festive season, visit www.getsafeonline.org

Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of information and advice on online safety and security, for the public and small businesses. It is a not-for-profit, public/private sector partnership backed by law enforcement agencies and leading organisations in internet security, banking and retail.

For more information and expert, easy-to-follow, impartial advice on safeguarding yourself, your family, finances, devices and workplace, visit www.getsafeonline.org



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<u>Matters brought to Police attention by Council</u>
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| <p>1. CC member's Miss Heron and Mr Cope reported young persons (NFD) in the area of Adamson Square, Creetown at around 2200 hours on the evening of Friday 09.12.22 making some noise during freezing weather conditions. No offences disclosed but concern shown regarding the general wellbeing of the young persons concerned.</p> |
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<u>Response given to above points at the meeting</u>

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| <p>1. The area concerned will continue to be routinely patrolled by Police in an effort to deter any ASB escalating.</p> |
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<u>Further action to be taken regarding above points</u>

<u>Section Sergeant (Comments)</u>

<u>Area Inspector (Comments)</u>

Use overleaf if necessary