

# KIRKMABRECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre

### 1. Present:

Martin Armstrong (Chair), Sandra Sainty (Secretary), Peter Lupton (Treasurer), Peter Sainty, Agnes Heron, Isobel Campbell, Roger Cope

**Attending:** Susan Hearn

**Apologies:** Jim McDowall

### 2. LOCAL REPORTS

#### (a) POLICE

None

#### (b) ELECTED MEMBERS

None

#### (c) PLANNING

A preplanning consultation had been received from Cornerstone regarding the update of an antenna tower. This had been emailed and the meeting had no comments.

It was suggested that the Community Council should write to Dumfries & Galloway Council to ask them to improve the search access to the Planning Applications: unless the exact details are known it is very difficult to find a particular application. Also, it was suggested that we include the weekly listing of planning applications on our website or a link direct to the applications that concern Kirkmabreck.

Martin said he would write to the Council and looking into putting the planning application list on our website.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved by the meeting.

#### ISSUES ARISING

##### (a) Awards – Suggestion had been received via Facebook for:

- upgrading the playing fields with lights.
- to include a sensory area.
- build a skate boarding area.
- clean up all the dog waste in the playing fields.

Clean up the MUGA, this has been done but the timber around the MUGA needs replacing. It was agreed that this should be replaced as soon as possible. Martin to organise.

Repair the Town Clock Tower – the Cumbrian Clock Company engineer had recently come to reset the clock: whilst he was working, Martin had looked inside and found the bell is hanging from wood that is rotting, also the roof has water pooling which is getting under the lead and leaking into the tower. Sandra agreed to write to D & G Council to see if they had any plans to repair/restore the Clock Tower. If they had not such plans, it was suggested that we pay for the work to be carried out.

The Carsluith Village Hall had requested an award of £300.00 to purchase wood so that they can build benches outside the hall to provide seating. This was agreed. Peter Lupton to raise the cheque and Sandra to send to them with covering letter.

Community Fridge/Community Garden/Seed Swap was discussed regarding a suitable site.

It was suggested that if we repaired the Pavilion this could be used for all these suggestions, by providing raised beds outside for the community garden with the fridge and seed swap inside. It was also considered that perhaps the Charity Shop might like to move there.

The toilets would need to be repaired/replaced – Martin suggested having similar toilets to those in Girvan which you need to use a card to gain access. He would investigate this.

There is a water leak, and it was agreed that a plumber should be organised to fix this as soon as possible, and then the rest of the work to be assessed and organised.

- (b) **Holiday Project** – Martin had not progressed any further with this and Sandra also informed the meeting that Kilgallioch were not accepting applications for any funding under £5,000 and that applications for funding above this amount would not be closing until June 2023. It was decided that we could go no further with this.
- (c) **Coronation Weekend** – It was decided that Roger Cope would choose a suitable mug and let Martin know, he would then order them and arrange for them to be distributed at the Creetown School.
- (d) **Band Stand** – The Council had now responded that they would in future look after the band stand.
- (e) **Youth Hall** – Sandra had sent a link to Martin regarding Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway; he would contact them to ask for help in writing a full repairing/insurance lease. The Youth Hall must remain the property of the Community Council

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received asking if the Community Council could adopt the telephone box in Carsluith for a seed swap. Sandra had investigated this possibility, but the box had already been adopted by the landowner. This information had been relayed back.

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Lupton suggested that perhaps we could offer help to the school with reading or activities. Martin agreed to contact the school to see in what way we could help.

Martin also informed the meeting that the Headmistress was away now.

Agnes Heron had been approached by a resident in Creetown about the hedge between the Quarrymen's and the Youth Hall which overhangs the pavement. Martin said he would look at it and speak to the owner to get it cut back.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 commencing after the AGM at the Quarrymen's Art Centre.

The AGM has been set for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre.

The venue was discussed for future meetings, and it was suggested that we return to the school: no final decision was made.