

KIRKMABRECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on 10th May 2023 commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre

1. Present:

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

Apologies: Agnes Heron, Councillor Katie Hagmann

Public Attending: Susan Hearn

2. LOCAL REPORTS

(a) POLICE

Emailed previously, this report is in a new format that the meeting felt did not provide as much information as it used to. SS to email with these comments. (copy attached separately).

(b) ELECTED MEMBERS

None

(c) PLANNING

A planning application had been received for the repainting of a house in the same colour. This had to be done because the property is in the Conservation Area but the meeting felt that this was perhaps a complete waste of time for the Council and an extra expense for the applicant.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting on 10th April 2023 were proposed by Martin Armstrong and seconded by Isobel Campbell and were approved by the meeting.

ISSUES ARISING

Repair the Town Clock Tower – the Council had responded to our email with the information that they are responsible for the clock but not for the tower, this still belong to the Trust set up by the Barholm Estate. Martin is trying to track down who the are the Trustees now as it appears the previous ones have now died.

The plumber has now fixed the leaks in the Pavilion and the Council have announced that they intend to open up the toilets again.

It was decided to meet at the Pavilion at 10.00 am on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 to try and get rid of any rubbish and ascertain who actually owns what. There can also be a discussion as to the best use for this building. Martin to ask anyone who might be interested in joining us.

100 mugs had been purchased to celebrate the Coronation and these had been distributed at the School. The school now has a pupil roll of 101, one of Martin's children had not received a mug so that all other pupils would get one.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Funding requests had been received from:

Carsluith Exchange - £120.00 – this was approved.

Baby & Toddler Group - £150.00 – this was approved subject to receiving a list of the expenditure for the money they received last year.

The updated Resilience Plan has now been completed, Sandra Sainty to send to Dumfries & Galloway Council with a copy to Martin.

Creetown Initiative are commencing the Development Plan collection of data and asked for representatives to join the Focus Groups. Roger Cope and Peter Lupton both said they were interested in taking part in this.

BT had confirmed that the Community Council own the red telephone box at Loudon Place and that the telephone box by the car park was now an “emergency” phone only.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Church has reopened again (during the summer months) until a buyer can be found.

The flooding at St John's Street appears to be due to a blocked drain higher up the hill on Minipool Place.

During a litter pick at the lay-by on the A75 it was noted that there was no rubbish bin. It was agreed to contact Dumfries & Galloway Council to see if one could be provided.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th June 2023 commencing at 7.00 at the Quarrymen's Art Centre.

It was decided to put in an application for the hire of the Creetown Primary school for future Community Council Meetings from September 2023. The Secretary to deal with this.