

KIRKMABRECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on 9th October 2023 commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre

1. Present:

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

In Attendance: Gavin Campbell

Apologies:

2. LOCAL REPORTS

(a) POLICE

Report emailed previously. Crime Statistics – 2 separate vandalism reports enquiries ongoing.

(b) ELECTED MEMBERS

None

(c) PLANNING

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were proposed by Martin Armstrong and Seconded by Peter Sainty and approved by the meeting.

Cycle Pathway – a reply had been received from Sustran who are happy for us to apply for funding to survey the possible cycle path. They did not feel it could be added to the one Gatehouse Development Initiative were doing, but they suggested we talk to them. Creetown Initiative are including a question about a cycle pathway in their questionnaire.

In an e-mail, Mary Mitchell suggested that we await the response from the questionnaire before proceeding further but she would like to speak to GDI to discuss this if the Community Council were happy for her to do this. The meeting agreed for her to do this.

4. FINANCE

Sandra Sainty informed the meeting that all necessary forms had now been completed and sent to the bank and gave an update on the accounts.

A request had been made for funding from the Kilgallioch Fund, unfortunately all funds have now been allocated for this year. The meeting agreed to reply that at the moment no funds are available.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that Roger should invite the Biosphere organisation to come and talk to us about joining the biosphere family.

A proposal for Glenquicken Phase 1 Forestry grant had been received for consultation. It was agreed that there were no objections, but we would ask if an extraction plan was available and that the peat situation should be monitored.

Fields in Trust had sent us details of their new website.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The 3 R's Horse Rescue Centre had contacted Martin regarding available space for a walk-in centre. Martin would be showing them around the Pavilion later this month.

The proposed Windfarm at Blair Hill north of Newton Stewart was discussed and it was agreed that a questionnaire would be circulated to enable the Community Council to gauge the residents' reactions.

The flower tubs need to be replanting with spring bulbs, and new compost needs to be purchased. Agnes Heron will speak to the ladies and organise this.

Sandra Sainty is organising the Remembrance Day Service on the 12th November 2023 at 1.00 pm at Creetown War Memorial.

Agnes Heron to discuss with Ferry Friends if we are to have a joint Christmas Dinner, and she would also speak to Caroline to find a suitable date. Agnes will also organise the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

It was decided that the Christmas Lights would be switched on as close to December 1st as possible, on a Saturday; the date would depend on the availability of Creetown Silver Band.

The Silver Band to be contacted regarding their availability for the Christmas Eve Carol Service and the Christmas Lights switch on.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the 13th November 2023 at the Creetown Primary School commencing 7.00 pm.