

KIRKMABRECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting on 13th November 2023 commencing 7.00 pm at the Quarrymen's Art Centre

1. Present:

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

In Attendance: Katie Hagmann

Apologies: Jackie McCamon

2. LOCAL REPORTS

(a) POLICE

Report not received in time for the meeting, emailed the following day to Community Councillors.

(b) ELECTED MEMBERS

Katie Hagmann informed the meeting that £2.1M VAT Refund will be received regarding Sports and Leisure activities. This will be discussed at the next Finance Meeting, she hoped that it would be given back to the Sports and Leisure activities in particular the Newton Stewart swimming baths which require maintenance work to be carried out.

The Scottish Government have announced a Council Tax Freeze and it is hoped that the Government will reimburse any budgeted increase.

The Unions are balloting their members regarding the pay increase that has been offered.

The Youth Council are holding elections.

The Creetown school repair fund is still ring fenced, but no definite date when the work will be carried out.

A discussion took place about the maintenance works that had been requested around Kirkmabreck Parish but so far these had not been carried out although we had been told that they were being scheduled.

The junction into Creetown by the Garage is flooding during heavy rain (believed blocked drainage?). SS to contact the council.

Roger Cope mentioned the Adamson Square Car Park, now that the trees have been removed there is a possibility of cars sliding down into the garden below. He suggested that perhaps a barrier should be installed. RC to contact the Council.

(c) PLANNING

None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were proposed by Isobel Campbell and Seconded by Martin Armstrong and approved by the meeting.

The 3R's Horse Rescue Centre had viewed the Pavilion and had agreed that it was a suitable place if the necessary work could be carried out. SS agreed to speak to Kilgallioch about proposed funding for the project. The interior would need to be remodelled and all entrances be made suitable for disability.

The Christmas Dinner will be on the 19th December 2023 at the Waverley Hall with the same menu at last year. SS to produce paperwork.

The Biosphere organisation will attend the meeting on the 11th December 2023 to give a brief presentation.

The Christmas Lights will be switched on 1st December 2023 commencing at 6.00 pm with the switch on at 6.30 pm. The Silver Band will be attending.

4. FINANCE

Sandra Sainty informed the meeting that the accounts were now sorted out and she had handed over all the paperwork to the Treasurer Roger Cope.

The work on the path from the playing fields could now be carried out.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An anonymous complaint had been received about parking areas that were no longer available due to flower containers. D & G Council could not help in this matter as it does not respond to anonymous letters.

Ellangowan Hotel is now believed to be in an dangerous state of repair, Katie Hagmann will be taking this up with Council, they have already fenced off the collapsed canopy support.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the 11th December 2023 at the Creetown Primary School commencing 7.00 pm.